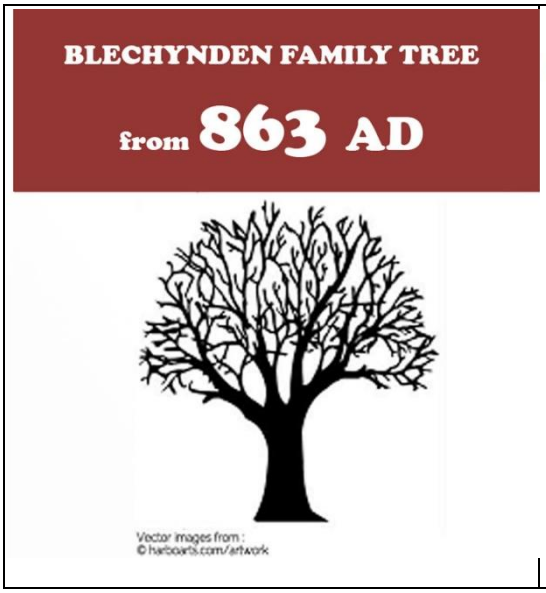

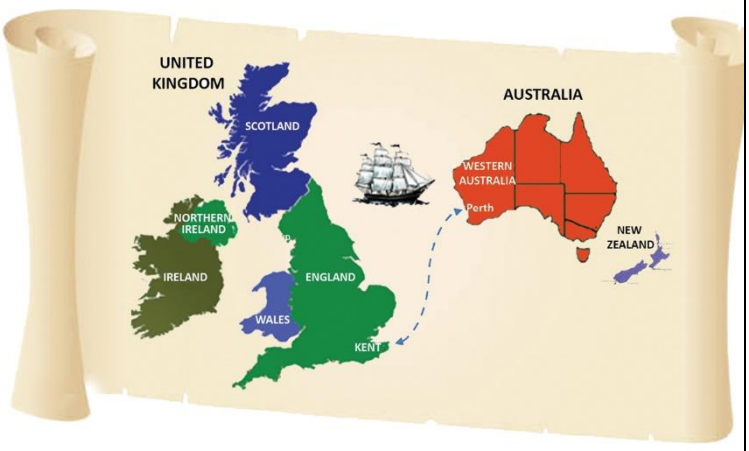

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Introduction

This project begins with the earliest history of the name Blechynden from a derivative of that name back in Ethelbert's year 863 era in ancient England. It continues through the traceable connection of our immediate family line from 1470; then, it explores the family's mixed history in Kent, England.

The central part of the project then follows up with the migration to the Swan River Colony of our Australian ancestors, Harrison Blechynden and Charlotte Robus. It continues with the massive expansion of the family in WA since their arrival. Our nearby New Zealand cousins are also included.

Thousands of Harrison and Charlotte's descendants are now dispersed through many other famous early settler and pioneering families in WA - Edwards, Muir, Giblett, Green, Needs, Page, Reilly, Davies, Dunham and Hancock, to name just a few.

Many years of work have gone into this project. It is just the beginning for other family members to expand their history and continue with their own family stories.

The main project covers the family branches down as far as the great-grandchildren of Harrison and Charlotte. To include currently living generations would have expanded into thousands of pages plus, for privacy purposes, project producer Di stopped including details of the living. People can continue from here to include details of current generations if they wish. Therefore, there is much more to tell and record from all the current living generations, i.e., the thousands of great-great-great-great and great-great-great-grandchildren. We hope they take up the challenge to keep this history growing.

This second edition has many refinements made since the first edition was released on 28th August 2023. Feedback from users has been greatly appreciated. This is now the version suggested for users to print from. Lindsay Adams a descendant from Charles Edwin Blechynden has also worked very hard to make this edition more user friendly and fixed a few issues found in the first release.

Project coordinator Di Black, a direct descendant of John Blechynden of Bridgedale in Bridgetown, is to be commended for her unending exhausting work and commitment. Without her staggering effort, this project would still be in the "we must do that some-day" stage. I urge you to read Di's '**An Amazing Journey'** section two pages further on which explains in detail what this project was and the main people involved.

We thank Di Black immensely and hope you find this updated expansive project exciting and helpful in exploring and recording your history and family.

Ken Blechynden

Albany, November 2023

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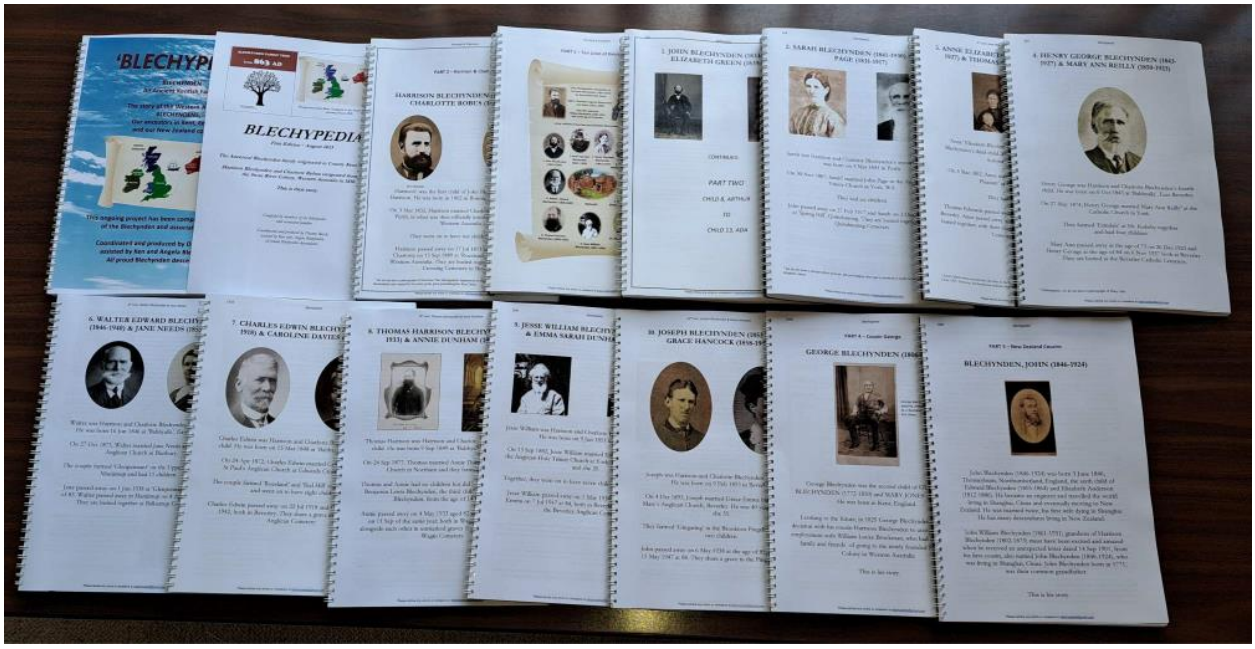

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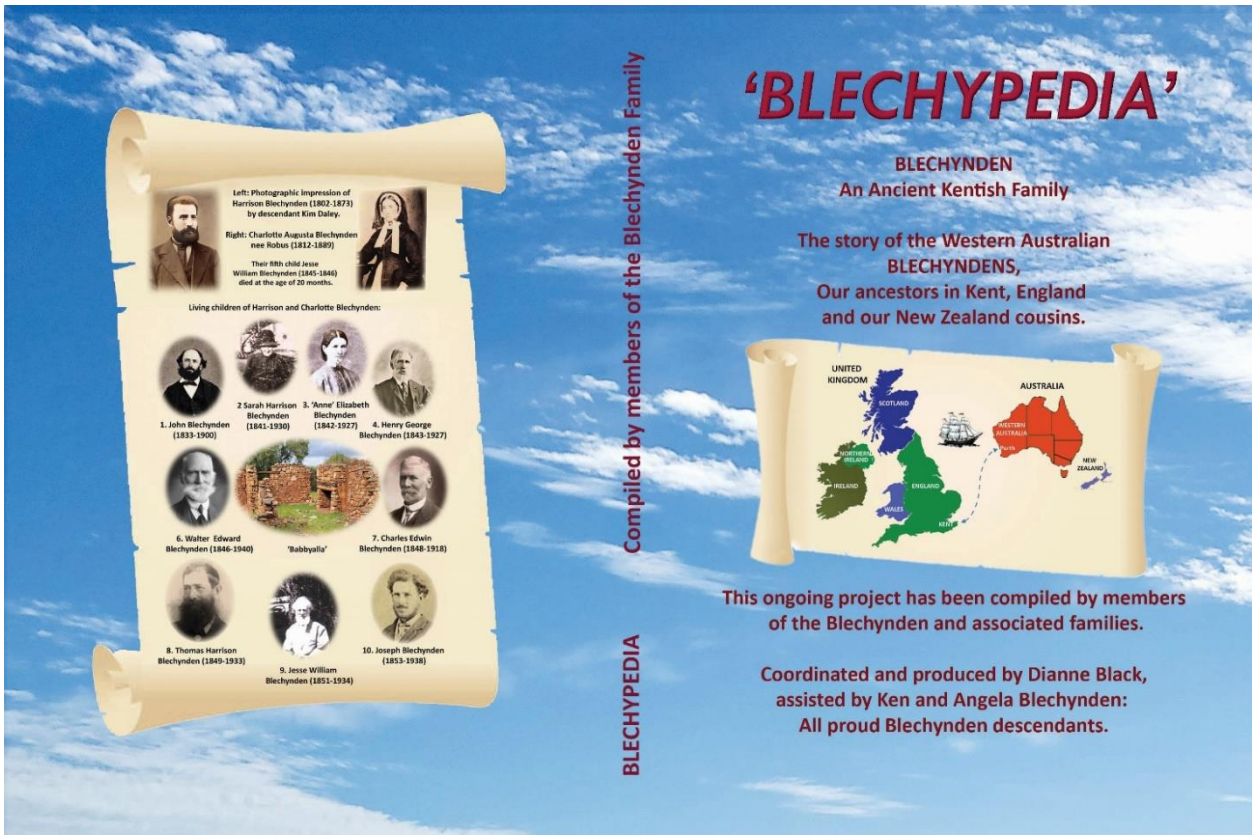

A brief report of the launch of the first edition of *Blechypedia* can be found at Appendix One.

An Amazing Journey

The story of the Blechynden family in Kent, England, in Section One, has been put together and cross-referenced with that of our own research, the research shared by family trees passed down by our ancestors, Family Trees in Ancestry and Ancestral Wills letters and documents. This has been reinforced by using genealogical websites and sourcing from the Internet. We were fortunate to be able to cross reference much of the research with that shared by Gerald Fox on his website. We are hoping that, as more material becomes accessible that any errors and discrepancies may be rectified in the future.

The large section on WA is split into primary family group sections. The first extensive and reasonably comprehensive section is on Harrison and Charlotte and their pioneering days, experiencing hardship and disappointment with initially little or no infrastructure in this new colony. On their move to the Beverley district, there are many quotes from the book *Beverley - Our journey through time*. This chapter is more about Harrison and Charlotte and briefly touches on the children, their marriages and their lives.

There are individual chapters on each of the children following. In each chapter, to avoid repetition, there are references in the first paragraph to read the first chapter as to their parents' early days and history.

Each of the chapters is entirely different, and the children of Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden had totally different experiences owing to their place born in the family. The firstborn, John's life and experiences were totally different from Joseph's, the lastborn.

I initially hoped to write it all up in story form. I have done so in some sections, but the facts get quickly lost within the story. When I began, I had a few half-handwritten pages to start with. We have come a long way since then. The data needs to be in place for others to reference and see where it has come from. With almost every birth, death and marriage, I have been able to reference where the information has come from. It became apparent that the in-laws were just as important to the story, and all were pioneers of the South-West in their own right.

Those with computer skills will be easily able to move from one section to another using the Table of Contents or the search tool. Those who have it printed will need a comprehensive index and contents list to find their areas of interest. Most members will be mainly interested in their own line. Very few will ever read it all.

There will be errors, and probably lots of them, no matter how carefully we try. I doubt anyone will follow up on all the Registration numbers. The idea is to present and share what we have and for the family in each section to be able to go on from there, correcting any errors or discrepancies and adding their own research and family stories.

Helping to compile this history for me has been an amazing journey. What an intriguing story finding out so much about this family and being able to trace its roots right back to the 14th Century and beyond. The fact that the early Blechynden families owned property has made it much easier to trace them. The name has been recorded in many different areas, including manuscripts, articles, church inscriptions and headstones, newspapers and Wills. The fact that almost all the families in Australia are descended from one couple, Harrison Blechynden and Charlotte Robus, has made the sharing of data much more straightforward.

The shipping records provided a beginning in tracing where our ancestors came from. The WA Index of births, deaths and marriages dating from 1841 has provided accurate and essential information on each individual following their immigration to the Swan River Colony, which was later named Perth. Blechynden cousins have been generous in sharing their research and information. It has been wonderful getting to know them: Initially, Angela and Ken Blechynden, Jill Feutrill (nee Blechynden),

Mary Coulthard (nee Blechynden) and Debbie Miles are just a few. Gerald Fox (dec.) is also to be commended for his compilation of worldwide Blechyndens.

For me, this has been a learning experience in many ways. Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden and their children were amongst the pioneers of this new colony. So much was promised. They came to a land that had not been explored by Europeans. The climate was harsh as they battled with the weather, sand, thick bush and enormous trees. Interaction with the Aboriginal inhabitants was sometimes hostile, sometimes friendly. Unfortunately, there was never any formal acknowledgement of the Aboriginals by the Crown or the settlers as the original custodians or traditional owners of the land. There was no infrastructure and no facilities. What a hard life they had at the beginning.

Newspaper cuttings of their births, engagements, weddings, death notices and memoirs helped to tell the story. They told of much courage and fortitude as they spread out and pioneered the farming areas of the South-West of WA. From reading this manuscript, you will see that the Blechyndens and their extended families were good honest people and outstanding citizens helping and working hard to build and provide facilities in each town and farming area.

I was moved to tears as I read about: the story of a little girl who was kicked in the head by a horse and tragically died; the husband and wife who lost their last three babies; the story of the Blechynden on his horse who was forced up against a barb wire fence by a charging bull and was saved by his dog, and the little girl who was burnt to death at Lake Muir, just to mention a few. The emerging story of Harrison's cousin George Blechynden's son, also named George, born to an unknown Aboriginal woman, surviving between two worlds was a sad and disturbing one.

The memoirs of John William Blechynden, a pioneer of Bridgetown, spoke of a man of such humility and strength, with the desire to help others. This was also reflected in his sisters, May and Amy, and the memoirs of his brothers and made me proud to be a Blechynden.

The advent of the computer and the discovery of DNA has brought the world so much closer together in sharing information.

Blechypedia consists of a compilation of data, research and knowledge from many sources and the result of contributions from hundreds of descendants of Harrison Blechynden and Charlotte Robus and their extended families. The expertise and research recorded and passed down by our ancestors to their families has been invaluable.

Acknowledging everyone is an essential addition to our book. Our wholehearted thanks go to all who made written and oral contributions to the text and those who provided copies of documents, letters, stories, poems, photographs, or allowed us to photograph memorabilia, etc. It would take another book to thank everyone personally. Proceeding through each chapter, their names and contributions will become apparent.

A special thank you to Ken and Angela Blechynden, Jill Feutrill, and Mary Coulthard, who contributed many years of research and shared their collections at the beginning of this journey, making the base and core of this Blechynden story. Thank you to the many other members who have come aboard, contributed their research, and helped assemble their family tree lines. It has been wonderful getting to know you all. That special bond is definitely there.

Most of the information in the New Zealand section came from Jill Blechynden of New Zealand and her father, John Newton Blechynden, who shared their research on Harrison's cousin, John Blechynden, who migrated from Kent to Shanghai and then to New Zealand. Contact was made in a letter from cousin John to John William Blechynden in 1901, and visits between both countries eventuated. Jill visited WA in 1994 and was made most welcome.

Thank you to Debbie Miles and her daughter Tiffany for creating the *Blechynden Family Tree Facebook group* and *Western Australian Pioneers and Settlers Facebook group* making new members feel very welcome and encouraging participation. Debbie enthusiastically followed up on every subject with great zest.

Thank you to the many members of the *Blechynden Family Tree Facebook group* for their interest and those who made an extensive range of contributions to this Project.

A special mention also to Tracey Currigan for managing the *Bygone Beverley Facebook Page* and looking for and adding articles on the history of Beverley and information, especially regarding the Edwards family relating to our Blechynden family in many ways.

Thank you to John Andrewartha for his ongoing support and who stalwartly added data and corrected information to *WikiTree* with every piece of information that came into the Blechynden Family Tree Facebook group. This will continue to be of great value to other researchers in the future.

The names in this list in alphabetical order are an attempt to thank all those who have shared and contributed in many different ways.

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There are many others. So many people have been in touch over the past three years; my apologies if I have missed you. A special mention to Angela Blechynden, Mary Coulthard, Jill and Doug Feutrill, Lindsay Adams, Jeff Osborne, Mervyn Beacham, John Andrewartha, and Liz Blechynden, who have been a tower of strength.

I would like to especially thank Ken Blechynden who was a huge part from the commencement five years ago to the final culmination of this enormous project. Thank you to Ken for his extensive hours and patience helping by going through this Project with its ever-expanding and changing details numerous times. It has been a massive effort and though more refinement and corrections could be done we had to stop sometime. His wife, Angela Blechynden, also from the very beginning has been very supportive offering advice and encouragement all the way.

Congratulations to us all. What a magnificent outcome. What a magnificent team!

Di Black

Perth, August 2023

Principal Compilers

Dianne Black, RN

Dianne worked as a Registered Nurse in hospitals in Perth, Wyndham and Kununurra in the Kimberley and as far south as Esperance. An interest in her family tree involved many years of research at the Battye Library, Genealogy Centres and via the Internet. Dianne's extensive genealogy web pages included those of the Blechynden and associated families resulted in making contact with researchers world -wide. Using Photoshop, many old photos from family albums were scanned and digitally repaired. She is a sixth-generation descendant from a number of family tree lines who emigrated to the Swan River Colony and were pioneers in the settlement of Western Australia. Dianne is the great-great-great granddaughter of Harrison Blechynden and Charlotte Robus. She is descended from their first child John Blechynden who married Elizabeth Green.

Di is the compiler and publisher of *Pioneers of the Preston* and *Yornup from the Heart*.

Ken Blechynden

Born and bred in Bridgetown, Ken is a proud descendant of Harrison and Charlotte's eldest son John Blechynden and his wife, Elizabeth, who established Bridgedale in Bridgetown. In the 1970s, Ken expanded his interest in his family history, prompted by receiving many old and fascinating documents and photos from his father, Ray and his Uncle Reuben Blechynden. He then began expanding his knowledge to the various other descendants of his great-great Grandparents Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden (nee Robus), who emigrated to the Swan River Colony in 1830. In 1983 Ken visited Kent, England, exploring many family-related historic sites, and found documents that spoke of the Blechynden name in Kent going back to the 13th Century. By then, this "Blechynden Collection", as he called it, was becoming quite large and continued expanding. A few years ago, his cousin Di Black offered to produce the whole Blechynden history using Ken's collection. Ken happily passed it on and offered to help. *Blechypedia* has been its result.

Angela Blechynden

Born on the Isle of Man, a small island in the Irish Sea with a historic Parliament over 1000 years old, Angela was always interested in history, especially family history. When an illness forced her to retire early from her government job in the 1980s, she started a collection of photos and stories for her parents, the Jones and Joyce families. She also began filing away death notices and articles from newspapers and the WA Battye Library, plus photos and items for her husband Ken Blechynden's family history. Soon, she found a few fellow researchers and collectors in Polly (Ruby) Blechynden and her daughter Mary Coulthard, Debbie Miles and Jill Feutrill nee Blechynden, daughter of Ken's Uncle Reuben. She and Ken also communicated with descendants of the Blechynden family in England, New Zealand, and South Africa. They all sent each other their research, and the basis of the vast Blechynden Collection she and Ken had collected was established and is now extensively expanded into *Blechypedia*.

Editor

Lindsay Adams

Born in Beverley and raised on 'Red Hill', Lindsay is the grandson of Frank Robus Blechynden, a proud descendent of Charles Edwin, the seventh child of Harrison and Charlotte. He has immensely enjoyed contributing to *Blechypedia* and working with its principal compilers, Dianne, Ken and Angela. He looks forward to helping with future editions and then, hopefully, a hard copy 'concise' history of the Blechynden family in Western Australia.

Notes from Di Black

Contents:

The Table of Contents is just a hint of the multiple entries in Blechypedia. In order to save space, the entries in *Part 1 – An Ancient Kentish Family* have been limited to the direct line of Blechynden descends from William Blechynden (~1470-1514) and Agnes Godfrey in Kent to Harrison Blechynden (1802-1873) who emigrated to the Swan River Colony on the *Minstrel* in 1830.

The *Ten Lines of Descendants* from Harrison Blechynden and Charlotte Robus became much more complex as the story progressed, children married, and in-laws became involved. I found it best to tell the parents' story and briefly mention the children. After the death and burial of the parents then, an individual section was written about each of the children and their partners. A few family tree lines have become quite long with the amount of research and information shared. The Table of Contents gives a good overview.

To move quickly about the document, if reading online you can use the Table of Contents by simply holding down the control then click on the item. You can also use the MS Word 'Search' function to hone in on what you are looking for. For those reading a hard copy, there is a detailed Index at the end. To save space and complexity, this Index focuses on the key location where a Blechynden (or related family member) is mentioned. It does not include place names.

In addition to the *Ten Lines of Descendants,* there are also sections on George Blechynden, who emigrated with Harrison Blechynden and Charlotte Robus, and John Blechynden, who emigrated from Kent to Shanghai and eventually settled in New Zealand.

Appendix Two might be of interest to Blechynden descendants regarding historical Blechynden agricultural and pastoral leases. The second is recommended for working out what can sometimes be complex relationship terminology for ancestors or even current cousins.

Accuracy:

Researching the history of our ancestors is not an easy task. There will be discrepancies and inaccuracies. This is a continuing project. It is hoped with the sharing of this information, family members can correct any errors in the future. We have endeavoured to show the source of our data.

Privacy and Confidentiality:

In these documents, we have included names and dates of our ancestors and more immediate Blechyndens in Kent, England and the South-West of WA. Being aware of privacy and confidentiality, we have provided minimal information on the living.

***Trove*:**

Much of our valuable information about our Blechyndens in the South-West has come from cuttings out of newspapers and articles written in the past. In particular, *Trove* has been an excellent medium for sourcing these articles and has provided the answer to many questions. The delightful style of writing in the 1800s and early 1900s has helped present a vision of how life was in that era at the beginning and shows dramatically the development of WA. Of note, Dr Judith Pearce worked at the Canberra Library for many years, one of her main objectives being looking into saving archives for the future. Judith was the primary instigator of *Trove*. She is the sister of Blechypedia publisher Di Black, and both are proud descendants of John and Elizabeth Blechynden of Bridgetown.

Images and Photographs:

Many of the images throughout this book have been provided from personal family collections. People are named from left to right unless otherwise stated. Adding the source to some photos has been difficult as, over the years, many of the images have been duplicated and shared in the family, and it is almost impossible to name the original owner. Where possible, we have added the source of the image or material. The passage of time has taken an inevitable toll, and a few of the photos are of poor quality. With the use of Photoshop, many have been improved.

Births, Marriages and Deaths:

WA BMDS Registration indicates the number given to each individual when their birth, marriage or death has been registered. In some cases where the month was December, the event was not recorded until the following year. At times the names have been misspelled.

I have spent thousands of hours looking up each individual's birth, death and marriage. Wherever possible, I have added the registration number as WA [Reg.---] or NSW [Reg.---]. In some family tree lines, names were complicated, with many also being known by nicknames and different spellings. You will see I have added explanations where this is so. I also have written where the name is spelled differently in WA BDMs.

The names have been mostly sorted out by cross-referencing between WA births, marriages, deaths, Ancestry family trees, and family records. There will still be errors, but I have tried to show where the information has come from in every case. There are repeated errors in some Ancestry family trees, and sometimes the headstones have incorrect information. Often there are differences in the day and month. Sometimes only a birth certificate will correct this.

To avoid repetition, in most cases, Western Australia has been shortened to WA. The same is for the other states (NSW), Victoria (VIC), South Australia (SA), etc. In adding the family tree data, I have shortened the spelling of the day and the month: For example, Monday to Mon and August to Aug.

In the National Archive records, we have found instances of people being recorded as enlisted but, being farmers, telephonists and in other vital occupations, being requested to stay where they were most needed, providing services to support the country at home. In these few cases, Service records have not been included.

Conversion Tables:

Our ancestors used imperial measurements, and it was not until 1973 that the metric system came into use in Australia. In 1966, when the monetary unit of Australia changed from pounds to dollars, one pound was worth two dollars.

12 pennies = 10 cents	1 foot = 30 centimetres	1 acre = 0.40 hectare
1 shilling = 10 cents	1 yard = 0.91metre	1 pound = 454 grams
10 shillings = 1 dollar	1 chain = 20 metres	1 ton = 1,016 kilograms
1 pound (£) = 2 dollars ($)	1 mile = 1.61 kilometres	1 bushel = 36.4 litres

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Genealogy Research

Blechynden Ancestors - Kent

Our Blechynden ancestors originated from Kent, England. We are fortunate that they owned property and, as such, were written into many old manuscripts recording English history. Their wills were a story unto their own, holding a lot of information on their family members and giving us some idea of their lifestyle.

Many family connections over many years - including Gerald Fox, Dr John and Angela Blechynden of Crawley, England, and a range of visiting Australian descendants over the past 50-100 years - have amassed an extensive range of research material about the Blechyndens of Kent and shared it within the family.

Particular mention is made of Gerald Fox, who compiled and shared the excellent *The Blechynden Story - A Kentish Family of Landed Gentry* (See http://www.blechynden.co.uk/index60.html). Gerald was a Blechynden descendant whose branch went to India from Kent. He extensively researched the English and Indian lines of the Blechynden family but also did much great work on those who migrated to New Zealand, Australia, the USA and the UK. His work has significantly added to our project and is greatly appreciated. See more on Gerald below.

Edward Hasted's, *The History and Topographical Survey of the County of Kent*, 2nd Ed, Vol 7, Canterbury, 1798, Vol VII 598, plus numerous others mentioned below, have been invaluable.

Note that if you plan to do further research, the word "Kent" is often auto-translated into "Kentucky" in some family tree websites. This tendency can get quite confusing. Similarly, WA, has sometimes been interpreted as Washington. Hopefully, as individual families research their lines over time, the family history will be expanded even further.

Our ancestral Blechynden information has also come from many other researchers. Church records in England are excellent, but due to the repetition of names handed down over many years, there is occasionally confusion and inaccuracies.

Blechynden Descendants – Western Australia

The information we have on our Western Australian Blechyndens is reasonably accurate. Most Blechynden descendants originate from Harrison Blechynden and Charlotte Robus, who migrated from Kent in England to WA on the *Minstrel*, arriving in the colony on 20 Jan 1830. They were married in Perth on 3 Mar 1832 and had nine surviving children. With them was Harrison's cousin George Blechynden, who had a son named George, born to an unidentified Aboriginal woman. George Blechynden (junior) was married in Busselton in 1864 to an Aboriginal woman by the name of Jane Nilgie. It is thought no children resulted from this marriage; however, Aboriginal records were not recorded at this time. Researching this relationship provided quite a challenge. Despite many efforts, we have not been able to verify the details of the birth or death of George Junior or his Aboriginal mother. You will see in the section on Cousin George that records sourced via *Trove* have captured many eventful moments of his life as an adult.

Much of the data on the Western Australian Blechynden and associated families has been compiled from Shipping Records, the Western Australian Indexes, family histories and hand-written family trees, old photos and newspaper archives and various records and publications in the UK. With the advent of the world of computers and the discovery of DNA, the sharing of research has become much more manageable.

Blechynden Researchers

The information in this compilation on the Blechynden family comes from a multitude of sources. Thank you to all those who have contributed and shared their data. It is to be hoped that by adding to and correcting any discrepancies that we will gradually see this jigsaw come together.

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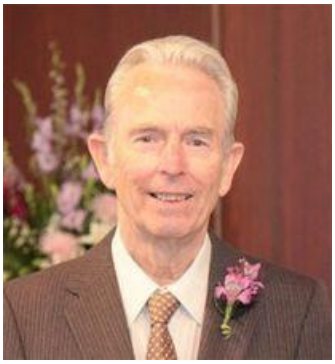


"My great grandmother being Florence Theodosia Blechynden. The intention is to develop a comprehensive history of the family and some of the many families associated with it. I like to think that this website belongs to all the members of the Blechynden family and that the webmaster is merely one of them."

Gerald Johnson Fox, July 2011
Courtesy Mary Coulthard

Sadly, Gerald Fox passed away on 7 Apr 2012. We appreciate his work over many years, researching and compiling information on the Blechynden family worldwide. Sharing with us his website has proven a great asset to researching and putting together our Kent and Australian Blechynden story

Research Websites

SEARCHING WA ONLINE INDEXES: https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-justice/online-index-search-tool BIRTHS (1841-1932), DEATHS (1841-1971) & MARRIAGES (1841-1936)

REVERSE MARRIAGE LOOKUP: http://www.wamarriage.info/

LORRAINES FIND A GRAVE WESTERN AUTRALIAN BURIAL RECORDS
http://www.ozburials.com/CemsWA/waus.htm

EAST PERTH CEMETERIES: Search Database - East Perth Cemeteries

NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF AUSTRALIA: SERVICE RECORDS:
http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records/

STATE LIBRARY OF WA POST OFFICE DIRECTORIES:
http://slwa.wa.gov.au/explore-discover/wa-heritage/post-office-directories

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA DIGITISED NEWSPAPERS: https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/
Note: Dr. Judith Pearce, a Blechynden descendent who worked for many years in the National Library in Canberra, was the instigator of TROVE. We are proud to say Judith is a Blechynden descendant.

ANCESTRY | GENEALOGY, FAMILY TREES & FAMILY HISTORY RECORDS:
https://www.ancestry.com.au/

SEARCH PUBLIC MEMBERS FAMILY TREES:
https://search.ancestry.com.au/search/db.aspx?dbid=1030

BRADY TREE IN: https://www.bradyfamilytree.org/genealogy/index.php

HARRISON BLECHYNDEN (1802-1873):
https://www.bradyfamilytree.org/genealogy/getperson.php?personID=I86115&tree=BRADY2008

WIKITREE AUSTRALIA PROJECT: https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/WikiTree-37
Special mention to John Andrewartha for his dedicated updating and adding data to the Blechynden and associated members pages in the Wiki Tree Australia Project.

SIXTH GENERATION: http://members.iinet.net.au/~dansayer/Lorrene/d126.htm

EDWARD HASTED: THE HISTORY AND TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY OF THE COUNTY OF KENT:
http://www.kentarchaeology.ac/TopographicalTradition/1798-hasted-o-7.pdf

QUARRINGTON AND MANY OTHER PLACES, OFFICIAL RECORDS AND PEOPLE:
https://www.british-history.ac.uk/survey-kent/vol7/pp592-602. Note: This website is extensive and very easy to use in researching a huge range of information.

STATE RECORDS Office - Ask A Librarian: https://slwa.wa.gov.au/contact-us

WA Livestock Brands 1912-1962: https://www.carnamah.com.au/livestock-brands?search=Blechynden

Cars owned by the Blechynden family from 1915 – 1928:
https://www.carnamah.com.au/car-registrations?search=Blechynden&page=1
https://www.carnamah.com.au/car-registrations?search=Blechynden&page=2

Swan River Colony - Early Burials

Together with the just previously mentioned research websites, the following links to early burials in the Colony are excellent resources.

East Perth Cemeteries: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Perth_Cemeteries

East Perth Cemeteries was the first cemetery established for the Swan River Colony in 1829. It is estimated that as many as 10,000 people were buried there between 1829 and 1919 in seven independently administered denominations or sections which is why the place is known as 'East Perth Cemeteries'. Only around 800 gravesites have been identified. A large section of the original site has since been built over, leaving about five hectares (12.5 acres) remaining.

The site, which is a short distance from Gloucester Park and the WACA Ground, is now bounded by Plain Street, East Perth, Wittenoom Street, Bronte Street and Waterloo Crescent.

The cemetery site was surveyed by John Septimus Roe on 24 Dec 1829 soon after the central portions of the Perth townsite had been surveyed. The area was originally known as Cemetery Hill and was established in 1830. The first burial was of Private John Mitchell from the 63rd regiment. Mitchell died on 6 Jan 1830.

Google map image of the entry of East Perth cemetery.

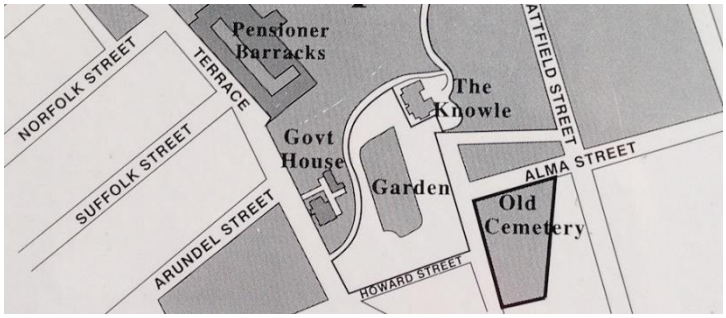
The Trustees of the Church of England were granted Perth Town Lot R1 as a general cemetery in 1842. The cemetery was consecrated in 1848, and over the following decades sections of this were granted to various other denominations and ethnic groups with each cemetery being owned and controlled separately. The subsequent grants were: Roman Catholic (1848); "Wesleyanism" (i.e. Methodist; 1854); Congregational (1854); "Hebrew" (i.e. Jewish 1867); Presbyterian (1881); and Chinese (1888). Each of the grants were administered independently, with the exception of the Chinese section.

In 1899, Karrakatta Cemetery became the main burial ground in close proximity to Perth, and from July that year burials officially ceased at East Perth, except where special applications were made to use family graves. The cemetery was used intermittently from then until the last burial in 1919.

Alma Street and Skinner Street Burial Records:
https://www.fremantle.wa.gov.au/sites/default/files/Alma%20and%20Skinner%20Street%20Burial%20Records%201831%20-%201899.pdf

Alma Street Cemetery: https://fremantlestuff.info/cemeteries/alma.html

The Alma Street Cemetery served Fremantle from 1831-1855. Fremantle Primary School now occupies the city block bounded by what are now Alma, Brennan, Stevens, and Attfield Streets.



Alma Street Cemetery

The first recognised cemetery, the old burying ground in Alma Street, was opened in 1831, and was in use for over twenty years. After the opening of a cemetery in Skinner Street, the only interments permitted in Alma Street were those of persons who had near relatives buried there.

Lorrain's Cemetery Records: http://www.ozburials.com/CemsWA/waus.htm

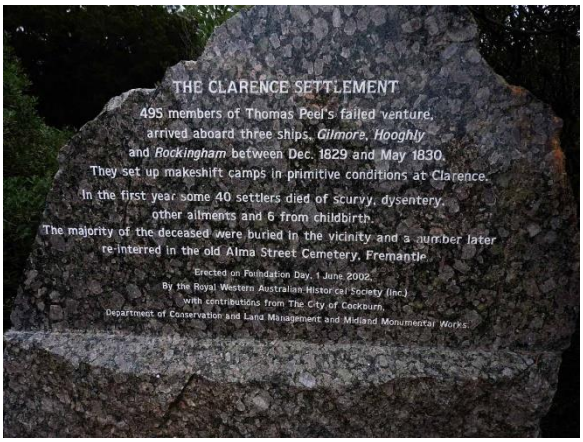
Peel Town Archaeological Sites:
http://inherit.stateheritage.wa.gov.au/Public/Inventory/PrintSingleRecord/66ac6f42-adcb-4ec5-9338-c6548844f8fb

History:

Thomas Peel proposed that a township to be known as Clarence be established at Woodman Point. Early maps show the Clarence Town site occupying the area between Cockburn Sound and Lake Coogee. Peel brought 490 settlers with him from England on the Gilmore in order to establish his new colony. Owing to a series of disasters and mistiming the settlement was abandoned within three years, leaving approximately sixty graves behind. This is, however, still some dispute as to where exactly 's earliest arrivals established Clarence Town in 1829.

Clarence (City of Cockburn):

Clarence Burial Ground. Located south of Fremantle (near Woodman Point). Memorial erected John Graham Reserve.



Plaque between the two jetties, near Woodman's Point. Courtesy Di Black

THE CLARENCE SETTLEMENT

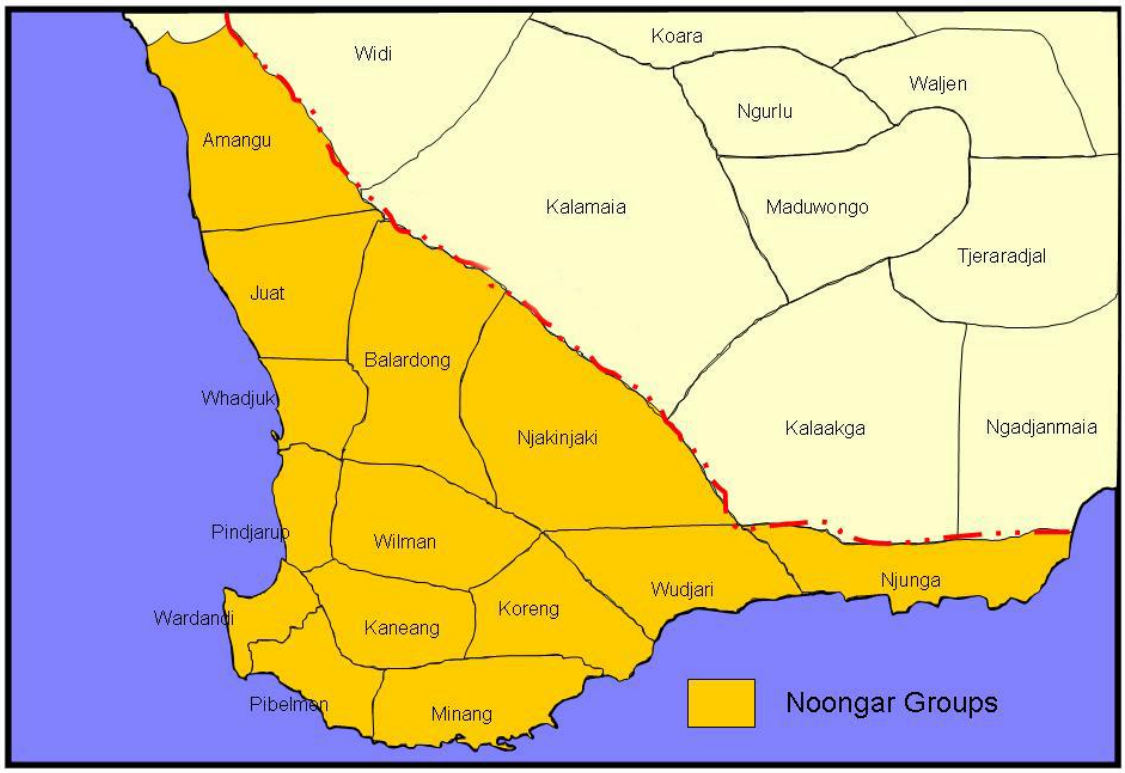
495 members of Thomas Peel's failed venture,
arrived aboard three ships, ***Gilmore, Hooghly***
and ***Rockingham*** between Dec 1829 and May 1830.
They set up makeshift camps in primitive conditions at Clarence.
In the first year some 40 settlers died of scurvy, dysentery,
other ailments and 6 from childbirth.
The majority of the deceased were buried in the vicinity and a number later
re-interred in the old Alma Street, Cemetery, Fremantle.

Erected on Foundation Day, 1 Jun 2002,
By the Royal Western Australian Historical Society (Inc.)
With contributions from The City of Cockburn.
Department of Conservation and Land Management and Midland Monumental Works.

Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of all Aboriginal peoples' land, particularly the dialect groups indicated on the map below where most of this history occurred, and also all other traditional peoples throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

ABORIGINAL GROUPS OF THE SOUTH WEST OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA



PART 1 – An Ancient Kentish Family

The initial pages of this part contain a range of interesting background items about the family in Kent. Details regarding our direct connections to our Australian line start from William Blechynden (~1470-1514).

County Kent, England

The Name of Blechynden

From old family records

THE NAME OF BLECHYNDEN (written 1936)

Sometimes spelt Blechenden, Blechinden, Bletchindenne, and in other ways, the name may have been derived from the name of the village or parish in the Lewes district of East Sussex called Blatchington, formerly called Bletchington (also many other spellings).

The "de" before Edwin Bletchindenne's name indicated that the family came from a place of that name, and he, or an ancestor, probably gave the name to the Manor near Headcorn still (1936) marked Bletchenden on some maps of Kent.

There is also a parish called Blatchington or Blechington in the district of Bicestar, Oxford.

Kent is full of "Dennes". Headcorn alone has about twenty of them and one can easily count a dozen or more parishes whose names end in "den". Biddenden, Frittenden, Marden, Rolvenden, Tenterden etc. Each represents the clearing of land. Presumably Blechynden means forest made up by or belonging to the Blech family, Blechen being plural of Blech.

BLECHYNDEN Coat of Arms

Azure a fesse embattled argent between three lions heads erased.

or

Azure (blue) a fesse nebules between three lions heads erased Argent, (silver) collar'd jules (red), which they quartered with the arms of Godfrey from whom they i
Ruffens Hill in Aldington.

MOTTO VALENS ET VOLENS
(ABLE AND WILLING)

Blechynden Coat of Arms

COMPLEX DESCRIPTION OF THE ORIGIN OF THE NAME BLECHYNDEN
JOHANNES KNUT WALLENBERG

https://books.google.com.au/books?id=Odv-zQEACAAJ&dq=editions:LCCN34004237

Below is another interesting but complex description of the origin of the name BLECHYNDEN. It is possibly where the previous description was interpreted from.

This comes from pages 216 and 217 in a book by J. K. Wallenburg published by Uppsala in 1931 called "Kentish Place Names" or "A topographical and etymological study of the place name material in Kentish Charters dated before the Conquest."

An attempt has been made at a translation from the article, relating to the name Blechynden, for easier reading.

"From OF. Herewic "dwelling, camp." – Of the pastures Bleccingden has been identified with Bletchenden 126 C5 (de Blechinden '1240 Ass; de Blechindenn' 1254 Ass; de Blechyndenn '1292 Ass; de Blechindene 1327 Subs, etc). Karistrom, p. 135 derives the name from OE Blecca, Blacca, pers.n + den. There is a turbid pool at Bletchenden and a stream a little to the south of the place. The name must just as well be derived from a r-n formed from the base of OE blec "black, dark, or blec "pale, pallid".
Cf. discussion of bleccing BCS 214. – Pafindenn) Kemble and Thorpe read Waf-) has been identified with Wanden 126 B7 (de Wandenn '1278 Ass; de wandenne 1292 . . .

863 BCS 507 (orig. ch. Canterbury Cath., M. 14): — — in illa loco hubi nominatur Mersaham — — et Mersaham — — terminibus — a meritie et ab occidente stur usque **blacanriðe**[1] ab aquilone et ab oriente Eadwealdes bocland[2] to bradeburnan estque una semis aratra ab oriente sture quæ jacet at confinium usque Garulfi regis ministri to Mersaham *7* meda be eastan ee[3] — to ðem lande limpað unamque salis coquinariam hoc est .I. sealternstall *7* ðer cota to in illa loco ubi nominatur herewic — — hec sunt pascua porcorum que nostra lingua Saxhonica *denbera* nominamus hoc est husneah[4] . . . efreðingdenn herbedingdenn[5] pafingdenn . . . widefingdenn bleccingdenn[6] — — mersce ad Mersaham — — þis lond et wifeles berge — —. *endorsed*: Merseham (2 ×).

[1] From OE *blæc* "black" + *riþ* "small stream".
[2] OE *Ēadweald*, pers.n. + *bōcland* "bookland".
[3] East of the water, stream.
[4] Erasure here.
[5] Sweet, OET, p. 439: *herbedingenn*.

BCS 507 217

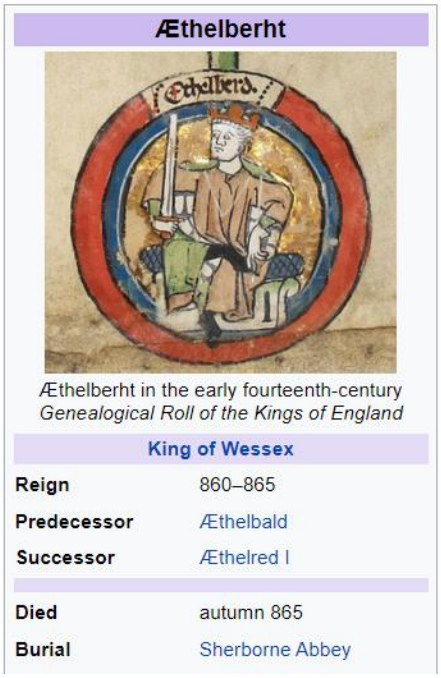
Identified: Mersham 126 D12; Stour R; Brabourne 126 C14; Bletchenden 126 C5; Willesborough 126 C12.

sealternsteall I identify with Seasalter 116 E13 in Whitstable. Cf. BCS 248, 496, 1345. — *herewic* I connect with Harwich Street in Whitstable 116 E14 (*de Hertwick'* 1240 Ass; *Herwich'* 1254 Ass; *Herewich'*, *-wych'* 1278, 1292 Ass; 1313 Seld 24; *Herewych* 1462 ArchC ex. vol. II, 358). The last two places return in 946 BCS 1345 *þ̃ sealttærn steal æt here pit* sub Swalecliffe manor. *here pit* should evidently be read *here wic*.[1] From OE *herewīc* "dwelling, camp". — Of the pastures *bleccingdenn* has been identified with Bletchenden 126 C5 (*de Blechinden'* 1240 Ass; *de Blechindenn'* 1254 Ass; *de Blechyndenn'* 1292 Ass; *de Blechindeñe* 1327 Subs, etc.). Karlström, p. 136, derives the name from OE *Bleċca*, *Blæcca*, pers.n. + *denn*. There is a turbid pool at Bletchenden and a stream a little to the south of the place. The name may just as well be derived from a r-n formed from the base of OE *blæc* "black, dark" or *blēc* "pale, pallid". Cf. discussion of *bleccing* BCS 214. — *Pafingdenn* (Kemble and Thorpe read *Waf-*) has been identified with Wanden 126 B7 (*de Wandenn'* 1278 Ass; *de Wandenne* 1292 Ass; 1327 Subs, etc.).[2] Assuming that the charter form should be read *Wafingdenn*, it seems to me rather doubtful whether this form should have been reduced as early as in ME to *Wandenn*. It may be questioned whether the suggested identity is correct. If no connection is assumed with the charter form Wanden may perhaps contain as a first el. OE *wann* "dark, dusky" or a r-n **Wand-* from the stem of OE *windan* "to wind, turn". Wanden is close on the winding River Sherway. — As regards *Pafingdenn*, I suggest as a possibility identity with Povenden (lost) in Bethersden, but still used by Hasted, III, 238, as an alternative name of Engeham 126 E9. Early forms: *Ponyndenne* 1253-4 FeesKn; *Pouinden'* (2 ×), *Puninden'* (1 ×) 1254 Ass; *Pouinden'* 1278 Ass; *Pouyndenn(e)* 1292 Ass; *Powyndenn'* 1313 Ass; *de Pouynden(e)* 1327, 1334 Subs; *de Powyndenn'*, *-deñe* 1346, 1347 Subs. The isolated *Pun-*form may probably be disregarded. Connection assumed with the charter form the basis must be OE *Pāfing-*. There

[1] *w* and *p*, *e* and *t* are easily confused.
[2] *de Wanesden* c. 1180 FF, adduced by Karlström, p. 139, does most likely not belong under Wanden.

FIRST RECORDING OF THE NAME BLETCHENDEN, 0863

The following articles refer to ÆTHELBERHT KING OF WESSEX, mentioned in the KENTISH EXPRESS LETTER. Via T. WITHERDEN BURDEN, 23 Jan 1904, plus other sections in Blechypedia. It also shows THE FIRST RECORDING (we know of) for the name Bletchenden in 0863:



ÆTHELBERHT KING OF WESSEX
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Æthelberht,_King_of_Wessex

Æthelberht (Old English pronunciation: [ˈæðelberʸxt]; also spelled Ethelbert or Aethelberht) was the King of Wessex from 860 until his death in 865. He was the third son of King Æthelwulf by his first wife, Osburh. Æthelberht was first recorded as a witness to a charter in 854. The following year Æthelwulf went on pilgrimage to Rome and appointed his oldest surviving son, Æthelbald, as king of Wessex while Æthelberht became king of the recently conquered territory of Kent. Æthelberht may have surrendered his position to his father when he returned from pilgrimage, but resumed (or kept) the south-eastern kingship when his father died in 858.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES: 54 - Canterbury Cathedral Archives and Library
https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/1e38d3e1-e73f-44e1-80c5-4bf16ebaa6cc

GRANT: 25 Mar 0863 x 24 Mar 0864

Endorsed with description and note that the document is in Latin in 12th cent hands and 'merseham' in early medieval hand.

From: Ethelbert, king of the West Saxons and Kent to: Ethelred, thane ('minister') and prince ('princeps') 9 [changed from 8] ploughlands in Mersham, lying with the River Stour to south and west, as far as 'blacanrithe' and Eadweald's book-land ('bocland') at Brabourne ('bradeburnan') to norh and east. Also ½ a ploughland lying with the River Stour to east, which lies as far as the border of Garulf, the king's thane, at Mersham, a saltpan or 'sealternsteall' [Seasalter in Whitstable] with the cottage ('cota') belonging to it in a place called Harwich in Whitstable, 4 carts of the king's wood as specified, pastures for pigs, called 'denbera' in the saxon tongue, at Huson [in Tenterden], Haffenden [in High Halden], 'herbedingdenn' [possibly 'Bardinden' (lost) in Bethersden], 'pafingdenn' [possibly Engeham in Woodchurch], 'widefingdenn' [possibly Witherden in Headcorn] and **Bletchenden [in Headcorn].** 40 weys ('statera') of cheese of 'mersce' are to be rendered at Mersham, also 40 lambs and 40 sheep's fleeces ('vellerum'), and an entertainment ('refectio') of 2 days may be redeemed by 30 silver pennies ('argentius'). For this Ethelred has paid 400 mancuses of purest gold. Dated 863, no month. Given at 'birenefeld' (unidentified). Place names as identified in Wallenberg, cited below. Witnesses: Ethelberht, king; Ethered, ealdorman ('dux'); Ethered, the king's son; .....etc.

The Ancient House of Bletchenden

"Headcorn - A Scrap Book of Village History", 1955 - Women's Institute:-

The ancient house of Bletchenden now standing is built of Bethersden marble, brick and half-timber. It has a delightfully picturesque appearance. Richard Culpepper was the owner in 1450, and was one of those who received pardon for his part in Cade's rising. ...

In the thirteenth century there was a Kentish family named Blechynden, who without doubt owed that name to the place of their original dwelling.

A Miss Margery Kengdon of "The Old House" Bilsington Ashford writes - (1980) "The Blechyndens came to Bilsington in about 1786 when they rented "Priory Farm" from the Barnham family who then owned the manor of Bilsington. From then on they came down in the world but remained at Priory Farm till 1830 or so. In 1811 George Blechynden was overseer of the poor (Bilsington). A post he held for some years. He helped Thomas Spain, churchwarden, make the census of that year. There was a burglary at Priory Farm in 1828 but nothing of value was stolen. Georges son caught the burglars but they hit him and got away. By 1840 there were other tenants at Priory Farm and George Blechynden (possibly the son) was living in a small cottage in Bilsington near the canal where the village shoemaker used to live. By the census of 1851 there is no mention of George in the village but Philpott Blechynden is game-keeper living in "Keepers Cottage" on Priory Farm. Somewhere about this time a Mr Higgens, a farmer doing well, lent one of the Blechyndens some money and in return was given a very beautiful silver mug with the Blechynden Crest on it. I don't know if it still exists. About 1908 Bill Blechynden lodged with a Mr Higgins at Bonnington and was able to lend a woodman - Charles Lukehurst - some money to buy a cart of wood. Actually he shared in the profits and didn't lose anything. Bill eventually went to Canada."

Bletchenden is referred to in a Charter of Ethelbert 863: In 1450 the Manor of Bletchenden is mentioned in Hasted's *History of Kent*, *Vol. v*, pages 332-333. This manor is still in use today (2020) and is located about 2.5 kilometres south of Headcorn off the Biddenden Road.

The left entrance photo to the large estate, taken from Google Street View, was taken from Bletchenden Road where it bends 90 degrees at the bottom of the right image. It appears all the area above that point in the right photo is included in the estate. You can look it up easily by searching for it on Google maps (note the spelling). The sign reads: PRIVATE ROAD BLETCHENDEN (note spelling) Please drive slowly.

This Period Manor House of Bethersden marble, brick and half-timber stands away from all traffic in a delightfully picturesque, secluded garden, with a pond, moat and woodland paths. . .

Below is a sales marketing brochure describing the building. It is not known what year that was. It was no later than the 1970's but was most likely much earlier.

BLETCHENDEN

HEADCORN, KENT

PERIOD MANOR HOUSE of Bethersden marble, brick and half-timber, standing well away from all traffic in a delightfully picturesque secluded garden, with pond, moat and woodland paths. 3 reception, 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. 73 acres.

To be viewed any week-day, and Sunday after 2 o'clock, by appointment with the owners

Owners:
THE MISSES LEVIN,
J. RICHARDSON, ESQ.

Phone:
HEADCORN 228.

THE property is situated half-way between Maidstone and Tenterden, 1 mile from the village of Headcorn, with Church, Post Office and Main Line Station, with good service of trains — London, 1 hour 20 mins. Convenient 'buses run to Maidstone and Tenterden within ¾ mile from the house.

The sea is about 17 miles distant.

Good schools in the neighbourhood.

The house is modernised and in perfect repair; with excellent drainage; Company's water and electricity.

The accommodation, which is on two floors, includes:—

ON THE GROUND FLOOR.

Dining Room, 23ft. x 19ft. Oak beams, open fireplace, oak floor and doors.

Drawing Room, 18½ft. x 16ft. Oak beams, open fireplace, oak floor and doors.

Study, 12ft. x 10½ft. Oak beams, French windows to garden.

Porch and Hall with Stuart staircase. Gentlemen's cloak-room and W.C.

Large airy Kitchen, with cupboards.

Cool Larder; range of china cupboards.

Electric cooker and refrigerator.

Constant hot water.

ON THE UPPER FLOOR, which is approached by two staircases:—

No. 1 Room, 19ft. x 17¾ft., with open fireplace, oak beams and powder closet.

No. 2: 20¾ft. x 12¾ft., with oak beams and original oak floor.

No. 3: 20¾ft. x 9¼ft., with oak beams, open fireplace, and original oak floor.

No. 4: 12ft. x 10½ft.

No. 5: 11½ft. x 10ft. Original oak floor.

Large Landing, with luggage cupboard; 2 Bathrooms, each with W.C.

Above is a large loft, easily convertible to extra rooms.

The outbuildings include good Garage, 2 splendid old Kentish barns, granary, and comprehensive farm buildings. Stabling for 3.

There are two excellent 4-roomed cottages, with main water, and electric light.

The land consists of 73 acres, of which about 30 acres are plum and apple orchards; a beautiful bluebell and primrose wood; productive vegetable garden, and the rest well-watered pasturage.

There is rough shooting and hunting (fox, stag, beagle, and otter).

Historical Note.

Bletchenden is referred to in a Charter of Ethelbert 863: In 1450 Richard Culpeper was the owner of Bletchenden, and erected the tower and aisles of Headcorn Church.

The Manor of Bletchenden is mentioned in Hasted's History of Kent.

"We stayed there in 1997. Originally built in 1450 (the black & white part) with a large dining room with fireplace large enough to roast a deer on the spit! Low doorways and sloping floors now. The property is now subdivided with others named "little Blechynden Farm" or minor B. Farm, etc. There are the remnants of a moat around the fields - to protect stock from wolves."

BLETCHENDEN HOUSE, HEADCORN, KENT, ENGLAND

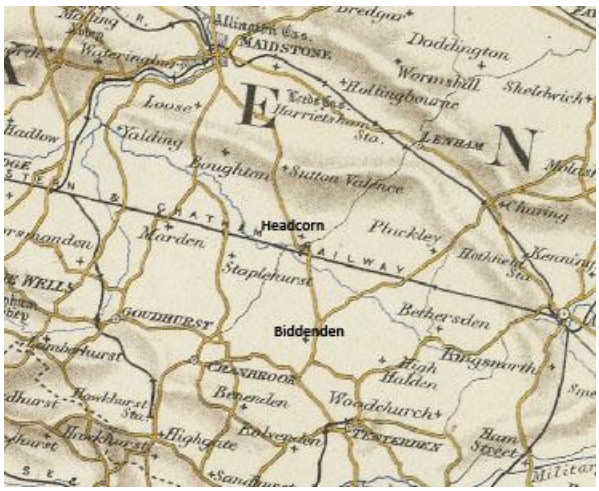
Liz Blechynden who is a contributor to this project stayed at Bletchenden House in 1997 and took this photo:

Bletchenden House, Headcorn, Kent

Headcorn is a village and civil parish in the borough of Maidstone in Kent, England.

A vision of Britain through time - HEADCORNE KENT

https://www.visionofbritain.org.uk/place/2074



Old map showing Headcorn and Biddenden, Kent, England

HEADCORNE Note the difference in spelling of Hedcorn / Headcorn in some articles.

http://www.british-history.ac.uk/survey-kent/vol5/pp324-336

HEDCORNE *(spelling as in article)*

pp1. *NORTH-EASTWARD from the hundred of Brenchley and Horsemonden, a small space of the hundred of Marden and lath of Scray only intervening, lies the parish of Hedcorne. . .*

pp3. The manor of Tenham claims over a considerable part of this parish, and the manor of Ospringe over another part of it.

pp4. It appears by the roll of knights fees, taken anno 7 Edward I. that the archbishop of Canterbury, and the master of the Maison Dieu, at Ospringe, were returned as lords of this parish. . .

pp6. The village or town of Hedcorne, with the church at the west end of it, situated nearly in the centre of the parish, is an unfrequented dull place. There are several small hamlets built round the different greens or fostalls in the parish. . .

pp19 ***BLECHENDEN alias CRUTTENDEN, is a manor here****, which was part of the antient possessions of that branch of the eminent family of Colepeper sic, seated at Aylesford; of whom, William Colepepyr was created a baronet in 1627. In his descendants it continued down to Sir Thomas Colepepyr, bart. of Preston-hall, who died in 1723, s. p. leaving Alicia his sister, then the widow of Sir Thomas Taylor, Bart. of Maidstone, his heir, and she passed it away to Mr. Thomas Best, of Chatham, whose grandson, Thomas Best, esq. of Chilston, dying s. p. in 1795, gave it by will to his nephew George Best, esq. now of Chilston, the present owner of it. A court baron is held for this manor.*

LIST OF WILLS – BLECHYNDEN – KENT – 1396-1558
https://www.kentarchives.org.uk/wills-probate-records/

A couple of lists list of wills which shows the Blechynden name was widespread in Kent during the mid 1400's to the mid 1500's. They are from the area referred to in the next few pages and the era we start the story of our specific ancestors from.

Items in the chart on the right are no longer available at the Canterbury Cathedral Probate Records office but some details can be viewed so it still a good website to use.

For specific Wills an approach can now be made to: Archive Collection Officer | Archives and Local History | Kent County Council | Kent History and Library Centre, James Whatman Way, Maidstone, ME14 1LQ | Tel: 03000420215

Note, a fee applies for any items found and sent.

50 *Wills preserved in the* [1396–1558

		Vol.	Folio	Year
Bix, Laurence, Linstead	A.	7	179	1499
,, Byxe, Laurence, Linstead	A.	26	226	1548–9
,, Byx, Martin, Linstead	A.	2	441	1475
,, Byxe, Richard, Linstead	A.	2	464	1476
,, Byx, Thomas, East Sutton	A.	3	494	1483–4
,, Byx, Thomas, sen., Linstead	A.	3	489	1483–4
,, Byx, Thomas, bachelor, Linstead	A.	13	11	1517
,, Byx, Thomas, Linstead (Adm.)	A.Act.	6	214	1527
,, Byx, Thomas, Faversham	A.	19	47	1530
,, Byx, William, Linstead	A.	6	127	1495–6
,, Byx, William, Linstead	A.	12	561	1516–7
,, Byx, William, Linstead	A.	22	8	1539
,, Byxe, William, Tunstall	A.	22	50	1540–1
Bixis, John, Sutton Valence (Adm.)	A.Act.	10	2	1550
Bixpiche *or* **Bixbech**, Agnes, widow, Marden	A.	6	121	1495
,, Byxbeche, George, Marden	C.	16	44	1534
,, Byxspith, Robert, Marden	A.	3	245	1479
,, Byspiche, William, Marden	A.Act.	3	106, 112	1506
Blachinden, Blachenden, Blechynden, Christopher, Monckton, Thanet	C.	26	80	1555
,, Blechynden, Edmund, Headcorn	A.	3	121	1477
,, Blasshinden, Edward, —— (Adm.)	A.Act.	11	22	1552
,, Blechinden, James, Aldington	C.	27	1	1557–8
,, Blechynden, Joan, widow, Tenterden	A.	12	30	1511
,, Blechinden, John, Headcorn	A.	3	54	1476–7
,, Blechynden, John, Canterbury	A.	3	342	1480
,, Blachynden, John, Hedcorn	A.	6	87	1495
,, Blassynden, Blachynden, John, Ulcombe	A.	17	175	1526–7
,, Blachynden, John, Headcorn	A.	19	301	1532
,, Blashynden, Margaret, widow, Headcorn	A.	3	465	1483
,, Blechynden, Nicholas, Tenterden	A.	11	250	1510
,, Blechynden, Blasshynden, Nicholas, Headcorn	A.	14	209	1521
,, Blachynden, Peter, Headcorn	A.	2	258	1473
,, Blechynden, Ralph, sen., Headcorn	A.	3	119	1477
,, Bletchynden, Robert, sawyer, Chart, next Sutton Valence	A.	29	27	1553
,, Blachynden, Thomas, St. Nicholas at Wade	C.	2	147	1464
,, Blachynden, Thomas, Tenterden	A.	23	153	1544
,, Blecchynden, Vincent, Woodchurch	C.	15	140	1531
,, Blachynden, William, Headcorn	A.	7	82	1498–9
,, Blachynden, William, Headcorn	A.	9	118	1505
,, Blechynden, William, Leeds	A.	9	239	1507
,, Blechynden, William, Mersham	A.	12	22	1510–1
,, Blachynden, William, Walmer (Adm.)	A.Act.	12	92	1557
Black, Blake, Blacke, John, husbandman, Woodchurch	C.	26	36	1554–5
,, Blacke, Robert, Warehorne	A.	22	170	1542
,, Thomas, Bethersden	A.	18	108	1529
See also **Blake** *and* **Blakke.**				
Blackett, Blackette, John, labourer, Farley	A.	35	41	1557
,, John, Thornham (Adm.)	A.Act.	12	113	1557
Blackisland, Blakysland, James, Sturry	A.	24	92	1546
,, Blakesland, John, Sturry	A.Act.	4	18	1512–3
,, Blakslond, Richard, Westbere	A.	6	263	1497
,, Blakislond, Robert, Sturry (Adm.)	A.Act.	4	86	1517
,, Blakesland, Stephen, Sturry	A.	13	385	1517

Canterbury Cathedral Probate Records

Records are supposed to be available at https://www.kentarchives.org.uk/ however a detailed search there has failed to locate for example the Will mentioned below of James Blechinden, even using all the reference numbers. Many other items can be viewed so it still a good website to use.

CANTERBURY cathedral

Canterbury Probate Records (1396-1858) Database

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Type	Surnames	Forenames	Places	Made	Probate	Register ref.	Original ref.	Comments	Year
All	Blechinden Fuzzy:	Forenames	Places	Made	Probate	Register ref.	Original ref.	Comments	From To
Will	Blechinden	Frances	Monkton, Ald…	1611	1611	PRC/32/41/254b	PRC/31/59 B/4		1611
Will	Blechinden	George	Mersham	1743	1744	PRC/17/92/76a	PRC/16/410 B/7		1744
Inv	Blechinden	Humphrey	Aldington	1639	1639	PRC/27/6/27	Film Pos 6/102	Esquire, Will	1639
Will	Blechinden	Humphrey	Aldington	1639	1639	PRC/32/52/176	PRC/31/111 B/6		1639
Will	Blechinden	James	Aldington	1556	1557	PRC/32/27/1	PRC/16/25 B/16		1557
Will	Blechinden	John	Headcorn	1476	1476	PRC/17/3/54a			1476
Will	Blechinden, Bleche…	Arthur	Hythe	1611	1612	PRC/32/42/94	PRC/31/61 B/5		1612
Will	Blechinden,Blechen…	John	Birchington	1579	1580	PRC/32/34/59a	PRC/31/22 B/13		1580

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Type	Surnames	Forenames	Places	Made	Probate	Register ref.	Original ref.	Comments	Year
All	Blechynden Fuzzy:	Forenames	Places	Made	Probate	Register ref.	Original ref.	Comments	From To
Will	Blachenden, Blechy…	Christopher	Monkton	1554	1555	PRC/32/26/80	PRC/16/19 B/13		1555
Will	Blechynden	Ann	New Romney	1747	1752	PRC/32/63/437	PRC/31/222 B/1		1752
Will	Blechynden	Ann	Not given	1803	1805	PRC/17/103/624b	PRC/16/482 B/3		1805
Will	Blechynden	Aylmer	Deal	1715	1717	PRC/32/59/255b	PRC/31/187 B/4		1717
Will	Blechynden	Edmund	Headcorn	1477	1477	PRC/17/3/121			1477
Will	Blechynden	Edward Tookey	Mersham	1719	1720	PRC/17/85/28d	PRC/16/375 B/1		1720
Will	Blechynden	Elizabeth	Sevington	1765	1776	PRC/17/99/358	PRC/16/446 B/17	OW & Court	1776
Will	Blechynden	George	Bilsington	1765	1765	PRC/17/97/125a	PRC/16/433 B/2	See also PRC/17/…	1765
Will	Blechynden	Joan	Tenterden		1511	PRC/17/12/30c		Widow of Nicholas	1511
Will	Blechynden	Johanne	Canterbury	1479	1480	PRC/17/3/342a		Widow	1480
Will	Blechynden	John	Bonnington	1834	1835	PRC/17/109/413b	PRC/16/537 B/4		1835
Will	Blechynden	Margaret	Ashford	1811	1812	PRC/17/104/401a	PRC/16/494 B/6		1812
Will	Blechynden	Nicholas	Headcorn	1521	1521	PRC/17/14/209b			1521
Will	Blechynden	Nicholas	Tenterden	1510	1510	PRC/17/11/250b			1510
Will	Blechynden	Peter	Hope all Sai…	1751	1756	PRC/17/95/141b	PRC/16/422 B/4		1756
Will	Blechynden	Ralph	Headcorn	1477	1477	PRC/17/3/119b			1477
Will	Blechynden	Reginald	Woodchurch	1606	1606	PRC/32/39/299a			1606
Will	Blechynden	Thomas	Aldington	1649	1663	PRC/32/53/44	PRC/31/132 B/13		1663
Inv	Blechynden	Thomas	Gravesend	1688	1690	PRC/27/32/105	Film Pos 32/59	Woollen draper	1690
Inv	Blechynden	Thomas	New Romney	1721	1721	PRC/27/41/3	Film Pos 41/33	Gentleman	1721
Will	Blechynden	William	Leeds	1507	1507	PRC/17/9/239a			1507
Will	Blechynden	William	Mersham	1510	1510	PRC/17/12/22			1510

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The following three pages contain a list of Blechynden UK events found in Ken and Angela Blechynden's collection. It is assumed they were from the old Mormon Church microfilm lists. These films are no longer available as they were replaced by digital format. These lists also confirm the Blechynden name was quite prolific in Kent in the 1500's and 1600's. It is also presumed many would have lived and died without events being recorded herein.

BLEASE, ELIZABET

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COUNTRY ENGLAND — COUNTY: KENT — AS OF MAR 1992

NAME (M=MALE F=FEMALE H=HUSBAND W=WIFE) / FATHER / MOTHER OR SPOUSE OR RELATIVE	TYPE		EVENT DATE	TOWN, PARISH	B	E	S	SOURCE BATCH/ FILM NO	SOURCE SERIAL/ SHEET
BLEASE, ELIZABETH SARAH									
BLEEZE, ELIZABETH SARAH	F	C	1865	ERITH	07JUL1990NZ	23AUG1990NZ	04SEP1990NZ	C020572	2663
GEORGE BLEEZE/SUSANNAH									
BLEEZE, GEORGE — JAMES BLEEZE/SARAH	M	C	13JUL1828	BEXLEY	03MAR1981OG	28MAY1981OG	13JUN1981OG	C130922	5
BLEEZE, HENRY — HENRY BLEEZE/ELIZABETH	M	C	22AUG1779	DARTFORD	02MAR1974LA	15JUN1974LA	25JUN1974LA	C036541	9
BLEEZE, HENRY — HENRY BLEEZE/SARAH	M	C	29NOV1807	DARTFORD	02MAR1974LA	21JUN1974LA	09JUL1974LA	C036541	13556
BLEEZE, JAMES — HENRY BLEEZE/ELIZABETH	M	C	02NOV1788	DARTFORD	02MAR1974LA	22JUN1974LA	26JUN1974LA	C036541	11481
BLEEZE, JAMES — WILLIAM BLEEZE/MARIA	M	C	26DEC1804	DARTFORD	02MAR1974LA	20JUN1974LA	27JUN1974LA	C036541	13224
BLEEZE, JAMES — JAMES BLEEZE/ANN	M	C	30OCT1818	WOOLWICH, SAINT MARY MAGDALENE	14MAY1976OG	26JUN1976OG	21SEP1976OG	C055941	4767
BLEEZE, JAMES — EMMA ALLWRIGHT	H	M	23MAY1847	BEXLEY			10SEP1980SL	M130922	1116
BLEEZE, JOHN — EMMA ALLCHIN	H	M	01JUN1856	BEXLEY			10SEP1980SL	M130922	1334
BLEASE, JOHN EDWARD — EDWARD BLEASE/HARRIET	M	C	21MAY1831	SUTTON AT HONE	21JAN1981SL	31JUL1981PV	22AUG1981PV	C135142	1677
BLEEZE, JOSEPH — WILLIAM BLEEZE/MARIA	M	C	24APR1803	DARTFORD	02MAR1974LA	20JUN1974LA	27JUN1974LA	C036541	13024
BLEESE, MARIA * — JAMES COOPER	W	M	24DEC1848	ERITH			06NOV1990SG	M020572	0563
BLEEZE, MARY ANN — RICHARD MUTTON	W	M	1864	DOVER, ST. JAMES			15FEB1990SD	O970281	0
BLEAZE, PHOEBE — EDWARD BLEAZE/HARRIET	F	C	25JAN1829	SUTTON AT HONE	20JAN1981SL	05FEB1981SL	20AUG1981PV	C135142	1585
BLEEZE, SARAH — JOSEPH BAXTER	W	M	12FEB1860	BEXLEY			12SEP1980SL	M130922	1465
BLEESE, THOMAS — HENRY BLEESE/ELIZABETH	M	C	16OCT1785	DARTFORD	02MAR1974LA	22JUN1974LA	27JUN1974LA	C036541	11213
BLEEZE, THOMAS — WILLIAM BLEEZE/MARIA	M	C	09APR1809	DARTFORD	02MAR1974LA	21JUN1974LA	09JUL1974LA	C036541	13731
BLEASE, THOMAS — JOHN BLEASE/HANNAH	M	C	04AUG1867	WOOLWICH, SAINT MARY MAGDALENE	30JUN1976PV	24SEP1976PV	15OCT1976PV	C055942	10746
BLEEZE, WILLIAM — WILLIAM BLEEZE/MARIA	M	C	04AUG1801	DARTFORD	02MAR1974LA	20JUN1974LA	27JUN1974LA	C036541	12819
BLEEZE, WILLIAM — MARY ANN LOVEGROVE	H	M	09NOV1845	BEXLEY			10SEP1980SL	M130922	1085
BLEATCHENDEN									
BLEATCHENDEN, ELIZABETH — THOMAS BLEATCHENDEN/	F	C	22OCT1686	MILTON BY GRAVESEND, SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL	16OCT1981PV	19FEB1982PV	05MAR1982PV	C135021	3295
BLEAZARD ** SEE ALSO **									
** BLIZARD									
BLEZERD, ELEANOR — WILLIAM FELL	W	M	07JAN1818	WOOLWICH, SAINT MARY MAGDALENE			01AUG1978SL	M055941	0435
BLEAZE , ** SEE BLEASE									
BLECBERRY , ** SEE BLACKBERRY									
BLECEENDEN , ** SEE BLECHYNDEN									
BLECHAR									
BLECHAR, WILLIAM — SPOUSE: JOANE CHITTENDEN/	M	S	21JUN1636	FARNINGHAM	21DEC1984SL	06FEB1985SL		E131391	0162
BLECHAR, WILLIAM — JOANE CHITTENDEN	H	M	21JUN1636	FARNINGHAM			15SEP1983LG	M131391	0083
BLECHENDEN , ** SEE BLECHYNDEN									
BLECHENDINE									
BLECHENDINE, FRANCIS — HUMFRIE BLECHENDINE/	M	C	03MAY1601	ALDINGTON	12JUN1969	19NOV1969SG	14APR1970SL	8601532	9
BLECHENDON , ** SEE BLECHYNDEN									
BLECHINDEN , ** SEE BLECHYNDEN									
BLECHYNDEN ** SEE ALSO **									
** BLETCHENDEN — ** BLICHENDON									
BLECHYNDEN — WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN/	M	W	01AUG1510	MERSHAM	03AUG1974IF	18DEC1974IF	03JAN1975IF	7400406	57
BLESHENDEN, ALCE — SPOUSE: JOHN CLARKE/	F	S	27OCT1580	BORDEN	23JUL1982OG	17SEP1982OG		E020211	0188
BLESHENDEN, ALCE — JOHN CLARKE	W	M	27OCT1580	BORDEN			14NOV1977SL	M020211	0097
BLECHYNDEN, ALICE — WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN/	F	W	01AUG1510	MERSHAM	01APR1971SG	08APR1971SG	20APR1971SG	7012007	98
BLECHENDEN, ALICE — JOHN BLECHENDEN/AGNES GODFREY	F	B	ABT. 1540	ALDINGTON, OF	10JUL1991PV	25OCT1991PV	08NOV1991PV	6020043	94
BLESHENDEN, ALICE @ — SPOUSE: WILLIAM FINCH/	F	B	ABT. 1594	OF HOTHFIELD	26JUN1954LG	12JAN1955LG	PRE-1970	0447879	FILM
BLESHENDEN, ALICE — WILLIAM FINCH	W	M	30MAY1615	HOTHFIELD			11APR1956LG	A455181	0193
BLECHENDEN, ALICIA — SPOUSE: RICUS TURNAY/	F	S	15OCT1542	BIRCHINGTON	15APR1982WA	15MAY1982WA		E016491	0031
BLECHENDEN, ALICIA — RICUS TURNAY	W	M	15OCT1542	BIRCHINGTON			07NOV1977SL	M016491	0016
BLECHENDEN, ALICIA — SPOUSE: HENRICUS DINGLEY/	F	S	09DEC1580	BIRCHINGTON	15APR1982WA	15MAY1982WA		E016491	0232
BLECHENDEN, ALICIA — HENRICUS DINGLEY	W	M	09DEC1580	BIRCHINGTON			08NOV1977SL	M016491	0133
BLECHYNDEN, ANN — JAMES BLECHYNDEN/	F	W	13NOV1566	ALDINGTON	24NOV1970SL	11DEC1970SL	27APR1971SL	7004014	95
BLECHYNDEN, ANNA — HUMPHREY BLECHYNDEN/	F	W	15AUG1639	ALDINGTON	03AUG1974IF	21AUG1974IF	29AUG1974IF	7400406	68
BLECHYNDEN, ANNE — WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN/	F	W	01AUG1510	MERSHAM	01APR1971SG	08APR1971SG	20APR1971SG	7012007	98
BLESHENDEN, ANNE — BLESHENDEN/	F	C	23DEC1636	CANTERBURY, CATHEDRAL	06JAN1969SW	21APR1969SW		P020651	0354

Δ= ENTRY ALTERED FROM SOURCE; *,@,)=RELATIVES NAMED IN SOURCE. SEE "SYMBOLS" IN INSTRUCTIONS.

A = ADULT CHRISTENING B = BIRTH C = CHRISTENING D = DEATH OR BURIAL ALL OTHERS = MISCELLANEOUS
F = BIRTH OR CHRISTENING OF FIRST KNOWN CHILD M = MARRIAGE MC CENSUS W = WILL

BLECHYNDEN, ANNE

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NAME (M=MALE F=FEMALE H=HUSBAND W=WIFE)	FATHER / MOTHER OR SPOUSE OR RELATIVE	TYPE		EVENT DATE	TOWN, PARISH	B	E	S	SOURCE BATCH/ FILM NO	SOURCE SERIAL/ SHEET
BLECHYNDEN, ANNE										
BLECHYNDEN, ANNE	THOMAS BLECHYNDEN/MARGARET	F	C	19MAY1676	ALDINGTON	12JUN1969	13JUN1969SG	03JUN1986SL	8601533	41
* BLECHYNDEN, ANNE	EDWARD BLECHYNDEN/ANNE	F	C	23MAY1762	ALDINGTON	05JUL1986LA	02SEP1986LA	10SEP1986LA	8602431	52
BLECHYNDEN, ARTHUR	JAMES BLECHYNDEN/	M	W	13NOV1566	ALDINGTON	24NOV1970SL	19FEB1971SL	27APR1971SL	7004014	95
BLECHYNDEN, AYLMER	JANE STONE	M	M	24JUL1694	BEKESBOURNE			05APR1977SG	M008511	0244
BLESHENDEN, BRIDGET	ANDREW HEATH	W	M	14NOV1614	CRANBROOK			05DEC1986SL	8616332	49
BLECHYNDEN, CHRISTOPHER	WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN/	M	W	01AUG1510	MERSHAM	01APR1971SG	13APR1971SG	20APR1971SG	7012007	98
BLECHYNDEN, EDWARD	WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN/	M	W	01AUG1510	MERSHAM	01APR1971SG	13APR1971SG	20APR1971SG	7012007	98
BLECHENDON, EDWARD	THOMAS BLECHENDON/	M	C	15APR1610	NONINGTON	19JUL1967LG	06NOV1967LG	11FEB1969SG	P012951	0823
BLECHYNDEN, EDWARD	THOMAS BLECHYNDEN/MARGARET	M	C	02JUN1668	ALDINGTON	02MAR1961	13APR1961SG	28AUG1986OG	8601532	16
BLECHINDEN, ELIZ	GRATIAN_ BLECHINDEN/AN	F	C	12FEB1703	FOLKESTONE	19JUL1969AZ	29JAN1970AZ	11OCT1971SL	P020721	2261
BLACHSHENDEN, ELIZABETH	THOMAS BLACHSHENDEN OR BLACKENDEN/ELIZABETH	F	C	26JUN1614	NONINGTON	14JUL1967LG	10OCT1967LG	12FEB1969SG	P012951	0896
BLECHYNDEN, ELIZABETH	HUMPHREY BLECHYNDEN/	F	W	15AUG1639	ALDINGTON	03AUG1974IF	21AUG1974IF	29AUG1974IF	7400406	68
BLECHYNDEN, ELIZABETH Δ@	SPOUSE: PAUL LOFTY/	F	S	ABT. 1659	ALDINGTON	25NOV1981SL	11DEC1981SL		F811802	0014
BLECHYNDON, ELIZABETH Δ@	THOMAS BLECHYNDON/MRS. THOMAS BLECHYNDON	F	S	ABT. 1659	ALDINGTON,OF	22MAY1987SL	26MAY1987SL	27MAY1987SL	F867982	0047
BLESHENDEN, ELIZABETH	PAUL BLESHENDEN/MARY	F	C	04JUL1675	CHILHAM	14DEC1977PV	17FEB1978PV	18MAR1978PV	C065551	2533
BLECHYNDEN, ELIZABETH Δ@	PAUL LOFTY	W	M	25SEP1680	BONNINGTON			07JUL1982SL	F811802	0014
BLECHYNDEN, ELIZABETH	PAUL LOFTIE	W	M	25SEP1680	CANTERBURY			31MAR1981OG	8024031	31
BLECHYNDEN, ELIZABETH	JOHN BLECHYNDEN/	F	C	28NOV1701	ALDINGTON	12JUN1986SL	05JUN1987SL	10JUN1987SL	8601533	62
* BLECHYNDEN, ELIZABETH	EDWARD BLECHYNDEN/ANNE	F	C	17JUN1760	ALDINGTON	05JUL1986LA	02SEP1986LA	10SEP1986LA	8602431	52
BLECHYNDEN, ELLENOR	THOMAS BLECHYNDEN/MARGRET	F	C	26APR1670	ALDINGTON	19JUN1986OG	08AUG1986OG	10SEP1986OG	8601532	16
BLECHYNDEN, EMILY GRACE	JOHN BLECHYNDEN/SARAH	F	C	09NOV1806	ALDINGTON	02OCT1986OK	08NOV1986OK	18DEC1986OK	8604434	91
BLECHENDEN, FRANCES	THOMAS BLECHENDEN/	F	C	SEP1617	ALDINGTON	19JUN1986OG	08AUG1986OG	10SEP1986OG	8601532	16
BLECHYNDEN, FRANCIS	HUMPHREY BLECHYNDEN/	M	W	15AUG1639	ALDINGTON	06AUG1974IF	18DEC1974IF	03JAN1975IF	7400406	68
BLECHENDEN, GEORGE	THEOPHELECK BLECHENDEN/ELIZ.	M	C	12JUN1688	ROCHESTER,SAINT NICHOLAS					
* BLECHYNDEN, GEORGE	EDWARD BLECHYNDEN/ANNE	M	C	31MAY1763	ALDINGTON	24JUN1982WA	21AUG1982WA	14SEP1982WA	C135091	4177
BLECHYNDEN, GRATIAN	THOMAS BLECHYNDEN/MARGARET	M	C	10DEC1672	ALDINGTON	28JUN1986LA	06AUG1986LA	09AUG1986LA	8602431	52
BLECHYNDEN, HENRY	HUMPHREY BLECHYNDEN/	M	W	15AUG1639	ALDINGTON	06AUG1974IF	18DEC1974IF	03JAN1975IF	7400406	68
BLECHENDEN, HUMFRIE	THOMAS BLETCHENDEN/	M	C	08JUN1567	ALDINGTON	12JUN1969	19NOV1969SG	04JUN1986SL	8601531	15
BLECHYNDEN, HUMPHREY	WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN/	M	W	01AUG1510	MERSHAM	01APR1971SG	13APR1971SG	20APR1971SG	7012007	98
BLECHYNDEN, HUMPHREY	JAMES BLECHYNDEN/	M	W	13NOV1566	ALDINGTON	24NOV1970SL	19FEB1971SL	27APR1971SL	7004014	95
BLECHENDEN, JAMES @	SPOUSE: URSULA WHETENHALL/	M	B	ABT. 1497	PROB. OF PECKHAM	17APR1937LG	PRE-1970	PRE-1970	0177928	FILM
BLECHYNDEN, JAMES	WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN/	M	W	01AUG1510	MERSHAM	01APR1971SG	13APR1971SG	20APR1971SG	7012007	98
BLECHENDEN, JANE	JOHN BLECHENDEN/	F	C	18JAN1579	NONINGTON	14JUL1967LG	09OCT1967LG	11FEB1969SG	P012951	0369
BLESHENDEN, JOAN	MOSES LOVELL	W	M	03MAY1614	CRANBROOK			16JAN1987WA	8616731	7
BLACHENDEN, JOHANA	SPOUSE: ISAACKUS SAWIER/	F	S	31JAN1580	BIRCHINGTON	15APR1982WA	15MAY1982WA		E016491	0240
BLACHENDEN, JOHANA	ISAACKUS SAWIER	W	M	31JAN1580	BIRCHINGTON			08NOV1977SL	M016491	0135
BLECHYNDEN, JOHANNE	WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN/	F	W	01AUG1510	MERSHAM	01APR1971SG	08APR1971SG	20APR1971SG	7012007	98
BLECHENDEN, JOHANNES	FRANCIS ROBINSON	H	M	08FEB1596	MINSTER ON THANET,ST. MARY			01AUG1985JR	8501031	97
BLECHENDEN, JOHN	SPOUSE: AGNES GODFREY/	M	B	ABT. 1510	ALDINGTON	02AUG1991PV	31OCT1991PV		6020043	94
BLECHYNDEN, JOHN	WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN/	M	W	01AUG1510	MERSHAM	01APR1971SG	13APR1971SG	20APR1971SG	7012007	98
BLECHYNDEN, JOHN	JAMES BLECHYNDEN/	M	W	13NOV1566	ALDINGTON	24NOV1970SL	19FEB1971SL	27APR1971SL	7004014	95
BLECHINDEN OR BLACHENDEN, JOHN	SPOUSE: MARGARET ASHENDEN/	M	S	26MAY1578	NONINGTON	07JAN1983NV	29JAN1983NV		E012951	0219
BLECHINDEN OR BLACHENDEN, JOHN	MARGARET ASHENDEN	H	M	26MAY1578	NONINGTON			06JUN1978WA	M012951	0134
BLECHENDEN, JOHN	HUMFRY BLECHENDEN/	M	C	27JAN1604	ALDINGTON	12JUN1969	19NOV1969SG	14APR1970SL	8601532	7

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BLECHYNDEN, JOHN

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NAME (M=MALE F=FEMALE H=HUSBAND W=WIFE)	FATHER / MOTHER OF SPOUSE OR RELATIVE	TYPE		EVENT DATE	TOWN, PARISH	B	E	S	SOURCE BATCH/FILM NO	SOURCE SERIAL/SHEET
BLECHYNDEN, JOHN										
BLECHINDEN, JOHN	JAMES BLECHINDEN/	M	C	08MAR1617	MINSTER ON THANET,ST.	MARY				
						22AUG1985JR	11SEP1985JR	20SEP1985JR	8501031	36
BLECHYNDEN, JOHN	HUMPHREY BLECHYNDEN/	M	W	15AUG1639	ALDINGTON	06AUG1974IF	18DEC1974IF	03JAN1975IF	7400406	68
BLECHYNDON, JOHN	ANN LANE	M	M	26FEB1690	CHERITON			31JUL1986OG	8536091	10
BLECHYNDEN, JOHN	JOHN BLECHYNDEN/ANN	M	C	27APR1694	ALDINGTON	06JUN1986SL	02JUL1987SL	08JUL1987SL	8601533	63
BLECHYNDEN, JOHN	JOHN BLECHYNDEN/ELIZABETH	M	C	24MAY1720	ASHFORD	25APR1986SD	10MAY1986SD	13MAY1986SD	0960502	0
BLECHENDEN, JONE	JOHN BIGGE	W	M	21MAY1554	BIDDENDEN			31MAY1934SL	A184631	5048
BLECHINDEN, JONE ♃		F	M	21MAY1554	BIDDENDEN	01AUG1933AL	PRE-1970	PRE-1970	0:70766	FILM
	RELATIVE: WALTER ELI WILCOX/									
BLECHINDEN, JONE	JOHN BIGGE	W	M	21MAY1554	TENTERDEN,ST. MILDRED	S		06FEB1981SL	8010933	75
BLECHENDEN, MARGARET	THOM. BLECHENDEN/MARGARET	F	C	04DEC1642	CANTERBURY,CATHEDRAL	06JAN1969SW	21APR1969SW	16APR1970OK	P020651	0421
BLECHENDEN, MARIA	THOMAS BLECHENDEN/	F	C	21AUG1609	NONINGTON	14JUL1967LG	10OCT1967LG	11FEB1969SG	P012951	0800
BLECHYNDEN, MARY	HUMPHREY BLECHYNDEN/	F	W	15AUG1639	ALDINGTON	03AUG1974IF	21AUG1974IF	29AUG1974IF	7400406	68
BLECHENDEN, MARY	BLECHENDEN/	F	C	07JAN1640	CANTERBURY,CATHEDRAL	06JAN1969SW	21APR1969SW		P020651	0378
BLECHYNDEN, MARY	JOHN BLECHYNDEN/	F	C	14NOV1699	ALDINGTON	12JUN1986SL	05JUN1987SL	10JUN1987SL	8601533	61
* BLECHYNDEN, MARY	EDWARD BLECHYNDEN/ANNE	F	C	22JUL1764	ALDINGTON	05JUL1986LA	02SEP1986LA	10SEP1986LA	8602431	52
BLECHYNDEN, MYLDRED	WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN/	F	W	01AUG1510	MERSHAM	01APR1971SG	08APR1971SG	20APR1971SG	7012007	98
BLECHYNDEN, PETER	JOHN BLECHYNDEN/	M	C	10DEC1703	ALDINGTON	06JUN1986SL	02JUL1987SL	08JUL1987SL	8601533	61
BLECHYNDEN, RICHARD	HUMPHREY BLECHYNDEN/	M	W	15AUG1639	ALDINGTON	06AUG1974IF	18DEC1974IF	03JAN1975IF	7400406	68
BLECHINDEN, SARA	JAMES BLECHINDEN/	F	C	19APR1619	MINSTER ON THANET,ST.	MARY				
						27JUL1985JR	28AUG1985JR	11SEP1985JR	8501031	37
BLECHYNDEN, SARAH ♃	SPOUSE: HORNE GILES/	F	B	ABT. 1772	OF BILSINGTON	25JUL1961LG	25SEP1961LG	PRE-1970	0448064	FILM
BLECHYNDEN, SEBILL	WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN/	F	W	01AUG1510	MERSHAM	01APR1971SG	08APR1971SG	20APR1971SG	7012007	98
BLESHENDEN, STEPHEN	AGNES BENDEN	M	M	19JUL1619	CRANBROOK			04DEC1986SL	8616330	46
BLECHYNDEN, THOMAS	JAMES BLECHYNDEN/	M	W	13NOV1566	ALDINGTON	24NOV1970SL	19FEB1971SL	27APR1971SL	7004014	95
BLECCEENDEN, THOMAS	ELIZABETH BOIS	M	M	26AUG1607	NONINGTON			28JUN1973OG	7231817	93
BLECHYNDON, THOMAS ♃		M	S	ABT. 1627	ALDINGTON,OF	22MAY1987SL	27MAY1987SL		F967982	0047
	SPOUSE: MRS. THOMAS BLECHYNDON/									
BLECHYNDON, MRS. THOMAS ♃		F	S	ABT. 1631	ALDINGTON,OF	22MAY1987SL	26MAY1987SL		F867982	0047
	SPOUSE: THOMAS BLECHYNDON/									
BLECHYNDEN, THOMAS	HUMPHREY BLECHYNDEN/	M	W	15AUG1639	ALDINGTON	06AUG1974IF	18DEC1974IF	03JAN1975IF	7400406	68
BLECHENDEN, THOMAS	THOM. BLECHENDEN/MARGARET	M	C	12MAR1641	CANTERBURY,CATHEDRAL	15FEB1969SW	17MAY1969SW	28APR1970OK	P020651	0396
BLECHYNDON, THOMAS ♃	MRS. THOMAS BLECHYNDON	H	M	(1658)	ALDINGTON,OF			22MAY1987SL	F867982	0047
BLECHYNDON, MRS. THOMAS ♃	THOMAS BLECHYNDON	W	M	(1658)	ALDINGTON,OF			22MAY1987SL	F867982	0047
BLECHYNDEN, THOMAS	JOHN BLECHYNDEN/ANN	M	C	26MAY1692	ALDINGTON	06JUN1986SL	02JUL1987SL	08JUL1987SL	8601533	61
BLECHYNDEN, WILLIAM	JOHN BLECHYNDEN/	M	C	01MAR1696	ALDINGTON	06JUN1986SL	02JUL1987SL	08JUL1987SL	8601533	61
BLECHYNDON , ** SEE BLECHYNDEN										
BLECKETCH , ** SEE BLACKETER										
BLECKETT , ** SEE BLACKET										
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BLECKE , ** SEE BLEAK										
BLECKFORD , ** SEE BLYCHFORD										
BLEEN , ** SEE BLIN										
BLEES ** SEE ALSO **										
** BLASS	** BLAVES									
** BLAZE	** BLEASE									
** BLOIS	** BLOSSE									
BLEES, JOSEPH	SARAH REYNOLDS	M	M	13DEC1824	BEXLEY			10SEP1980SL	M130922	0694
BLEESE , ** SEE BLEASE										
BLEETMEA										
BLEETHER, ANN	JOHN KEEVES	W	M	19NOV1655	MILTON BY GRAVESEND,SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL			23JAN1982SE	M135021	0667
BLEETIE										
BLEETIE, EMLIN	RICHARD PACK	W	M	14NOV1631	ROCHESTER,SAINT NICHOLAS			28JAN1982SE	M135091	0249
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The name BLECHYNDEN appears in numerous web searches but of course our direct line and the theme of this project does not include many of these search results. Following are two examples.

There is a BLECHYNDEN ALMSHOUSE in Salisbury which was built with money donated by a Margaret Blechynden Aldersey in 1682/1683. Her husband was a Thomas Blechynden D.D. but the Thomas Blechynden of the 1600's in our line married a Margaret Lynch. A century earlier there was a Margaret Blechynden from our line but she married John Blechynden 1563-1607 and her maiden name was Ashenden. Both these are detailed further on. Also, as confirmed by her will, the Margaret of the Almshouse fame had numerous children which do not appear in our line.

The Almshouse story is an interesting one. British History Online has the following story of the establishment:

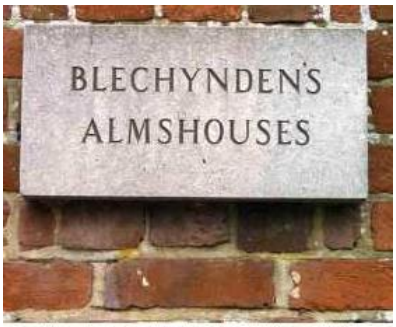
SALISBURY CHARITIES: CHARITIES FOR THE POOR
https://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/wilts/vol6/pp168-178

Blechynden's Almshouses.

¶These almshouses were founded by Margaret Blechynden, who, by her will dated 1682, bequeathed £566 1s. 3d. to build an almshouse for six poor widows. In 1684 Samuel Eyre, Margaret's nephew and executor, purchased a site in Winchester Street for £120 10s. and built the almshouse on it for £99 15s. 9d., but the residue of the bequest was not invested until 1752 when Robert Eyre, grandson of Samuel, conveyed to trustees the almshouses and lands in Laverstock and Temple Combe (Som.) worth £20 a year. Widows admitted to the almshouse were to be at least 50 years old, and they were to receive 12s. every twelfth week for the repair of their dwellings. The funds of the almshouse were augmented by a bequest of £300 by Elizabeth Lee in 1755, and bequests of £100 by Edward Smith, and £20 by Mrs. Barford made some time before 1778 and 1809 respectively. The charity was not confined to widows from any particular area, but Elizabeth Lee asked that, wherever possible, two of the widows should come from Whiteparish and Downton respectively.

In 1833 income from rents and dividends amounted to £80, and each widow received 5s. a week and 3s. at Christmas. In 1900 12 a. of land at Laverstock were sold, and in 1956 the only real property belonging to the charity were some 13 a. at Temple Combe then let for £30 a year. (fn. 6) At the end of 1956 the almswomen were still receiving a weekly pension of 5s. One of the houses was vacant. (fn. 7) The almshouses were rebuilt in 1857, and a legacy of £900 from Edward Wilkes Gawthorne was used for their renovation in 1950. (fn. 8) They comprise two blocks of single-story houses standing at right angles to each other facing a small garden at the corner of Greencroft and Winchester Streets.

It still exists and operates in 2020. The street image below is snipped from Google Maps.



Gate plaque - Almshouses, Salisbury, Wilts

Plaque via Gerald Fox web site.

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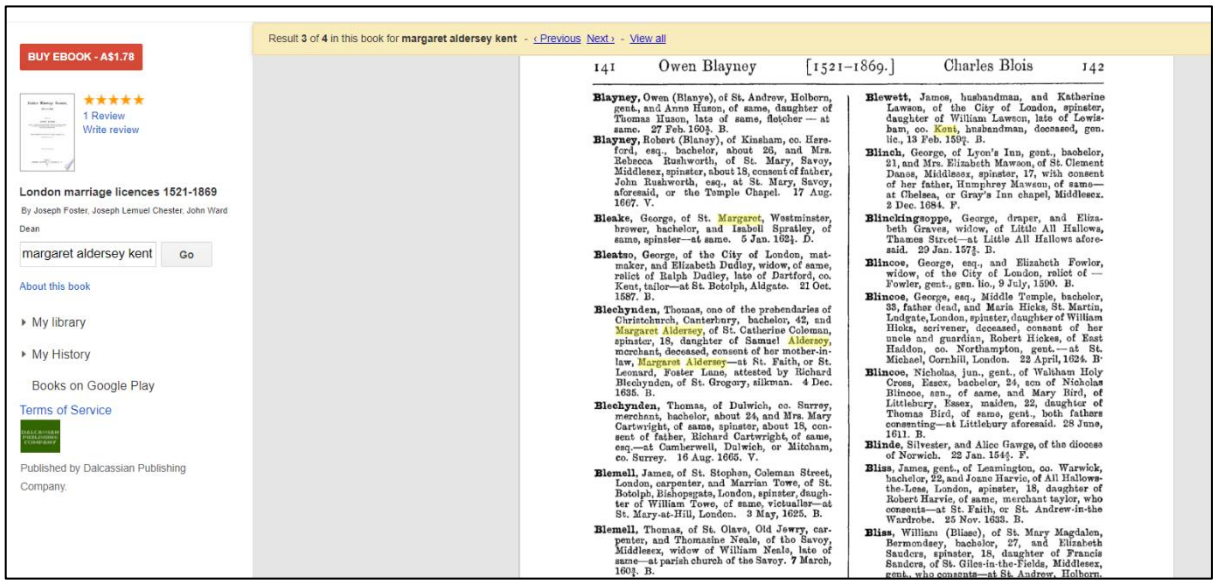
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Blayney, Owen (Blanye), of St. Andrew, Holborn, gent., and Anne Huson, of same, daughter of Thomas Huson, late of same, fletcher — at same. 27 Feb. 160¾. B.

Blayney, Robert (Blaney), of Kinsham, co. Hereford, esq., bachelor, about 26, and Mrs. Rebecca Rushworth, of St. Mary, Savoy, Middlesex, spinster, about 18, consent of father, John Rushworth, esq., at St. Mary, Savoy, aforesaid, or the Temple Chapel. 17 Aug. 1667. V.

Bleake, George, of St. Margaret, Westminster, brewer, bachelor, and Isabell Spratley, of same, spinster—at same. 5 Jan. 162¼. D.

Bleatso, George, of the City of London, matmaker, and Elizabeth Dudley, widow, of same, relict of Ralph Dudley, late of Dartford, co. Kent, tailor—at St. Botolph, Aldgate. 21 Oct. 1587. B.

Blechynden, Thomas, one of the prebendaries of Christchurch, Canterbury, bachelor, 42, and Margaret Aldersey, of St. Catherine Coleman, spinster, 18, daughter of Samuel Aldersey, merchant, deceased, consent of her mother-in-law, Margaret Aldersey—at St. Faith, or St. Leonard, Foster Lane, attested by Richard Blechynden, of St. Gregory, silkman. 4 Dec. 1635. B.

Blechynden, Thomas, of Dulwich, co. Surrey, merchant, bachelor, about 24, and Mrs. Mary Cartwright, of same, spinster, about 18, consent of father, Richard Cartwright, of same, esq.—at Camberwell, Dulwich, or Mitcham, co. Surrey. 16 Aug. 1665. V.

Blemell, James, of St. Stephen, Coleman Street, London, carpenter, and Marrian Towe, of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, London, spinster, daughter of William Towe, of same, victualler—at St. Mary-at-Hill, London. 3 May, 1625. B.

Blemell, Thomas, of St. Olave, Old Jewry, carpenter, and Thomasine Neale, of the Savoy, Middlesex, widow of William Neale, late of same—at parish church of the Savoy. 7 March, 160¾. B.

Blewett, James, husbandman, and Katherine Lawson, of the City of London, spinster, daughter of William Lawson, late of Lewisham, co. Kent, husbandman, deceased, gen. lic., 13 Feb. 159¾. B.

Blinch, George, of Lyon's Inn, gent., bachelor, 21, and Mrs. Elizabeth Mawson, of St. Clement Danes, Middlesex, spinster, 17, with consent of her father, Humphrey Mawson, of same—at Chelsea, or Gray's Inn chapel, Middlesex. 2 Dec. 1684. F.

Blinckingsoppe, George, draper, and Elizabeth Graves, widow, of Little All Hallows, Thames Street—at Little All Hallows aforesaid. 29 Jan. 157¾. B.

Blincoe, George, esq., and Elizabeth Fowler, widow, of the City of London, relict of — Fowler, gent., gen. lic., 9 July, 1590. B.

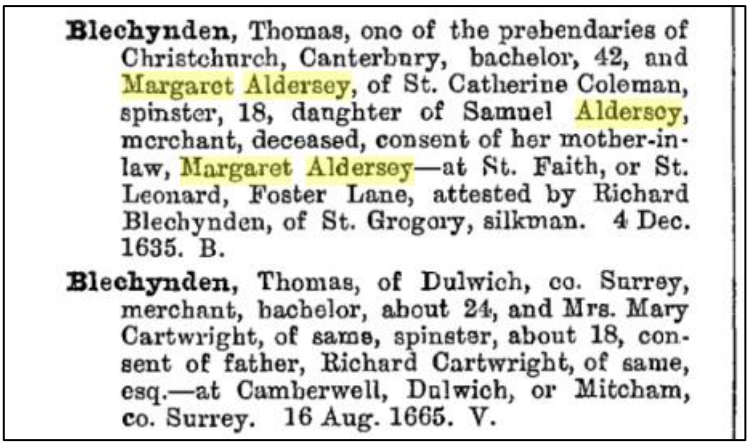
Blincoe, George, esq., Middle Temple, bachelor, 33, father dead, and Maria Hicks, St. Martin, Ludgate, London, spinster, daughter of William Hicks, scrivener, deceased, consent of her uncle and guardian, Robert Hickes, of East Haddon, co. Northampton, gent.—at St. Michael, Cornhill, London. 22 April, 1624. B.

Blincoe, Nicholas, jun., gent., of Walham Holy Cross, Essex, bachelor, 24, son of Nicholas Blincoe, sen., of same, and Mary Bird, of Littlebury, Essex, maiden, 22, daughter of Thomas Bird, of same, gent., both fathers consenting—at Littlebury aforesaid. 28 June, 1611. B.

Blinde, Silvester, and Alice Gawge, of the diocese of Norwich. 22 Jan. 154¾. F.

Bliss, James, gent., of Leamington, co. Warwick, bachelor, 22, and Joane Harvie, of All Hallows-the-Less, London, spinster, 18, daughter of Robert Harvie, of same, merchant taylor, who consents—at St. Faith, or St. Andrew-in-the Wardrobe. 25 Nov. 1633. B.

Bliss, William (Bliase), of St. Mary Magdalen, Bermondsey, bachelor, 27, and Elizabeth Sanders, spinster, 18, daughter of Francis Sanders, of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Middlesex, gent., who consents—at St. Andrew, Holborn.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Blechynden Terrace Park

There is a **BLECHYNDEN TERRACE** and adjoining **BLECHYNDEN TERRACE PARK** near the busy railway station in Southampton UK, but there doesn't appear to be any direct connection to our immediate family line.

Below is selected information gleaned from Gerald Fox's web site:

In Southampton there is a row of houses called Blechynden Terrace which, in the 1830's, was a select residential area of six to ten houses with ornamental gardens and a marine parade. In more recent times, a theatre called The Gantry has been built there.

Between Southampton and Sidford, and West of Rollesbrook, there is an area of land known as Blechynden and which is centred on old hamlet also called Blechynden. The most likely origin of the name in Southampton is from the wife of the Rev. William Whitchurch. William Whitchurch married Charlotte Florence Blechynden in the late 18th Century. William and Charlotte married in London and went to live in the Southampton area where they ran a farm there. Their son James was born in 1800 and baptised in Bramley, close to Southampton. James was raised in Blechynden and became a prominent member of Southampton Society until he moved to London in 1830. He must have had a good head for business because he died a very rich man and is said to have been responsible for naming Blechynden Street in London.

On 1 June 1847 the London and South Western Railway opened a station in Southampton as part of its plan to run trains from the Southampton area to London, Waterloo. The new station was given the name Blechynden Station. However, eleven years later when the line had expanded, and another new station built in Southampton to accommodate the increase in the number of passengers, Blechynden Station was renamed to Southampton West.

There do not appear to have been any Blechyndens living in Southampton prior to Charlotte and William settling there. The archive staff at Southampton believe that it was William's son James who was responsible for the Blechynden name being found in several locations in the Southampton area. He was no doubt honouring his mother.

Gerald Johnson Fox, 2001

The Southampton Council have been contacted but could not confirm the origin of the naming.

Wikipedia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blechynden_Terrace_Park

Blechynden Terrace Park or Blechynden Gardens is a park in Southampton, Hampshire, England. It lies within the remains of the Emperia Building, which was destroyed by German bombing during World War II. As part of a 2018 beautification scheme, a 4.9m steel arch 'Blechynden Arch' was placed over the main path through the park.

Blechynden Arch

Via Sotonopedia the a-z of southamptons history:

Blechynden and Blechynden Station
http://sotonopedia.wikidot.com/page-browse:blechynden-and-blechynden-station

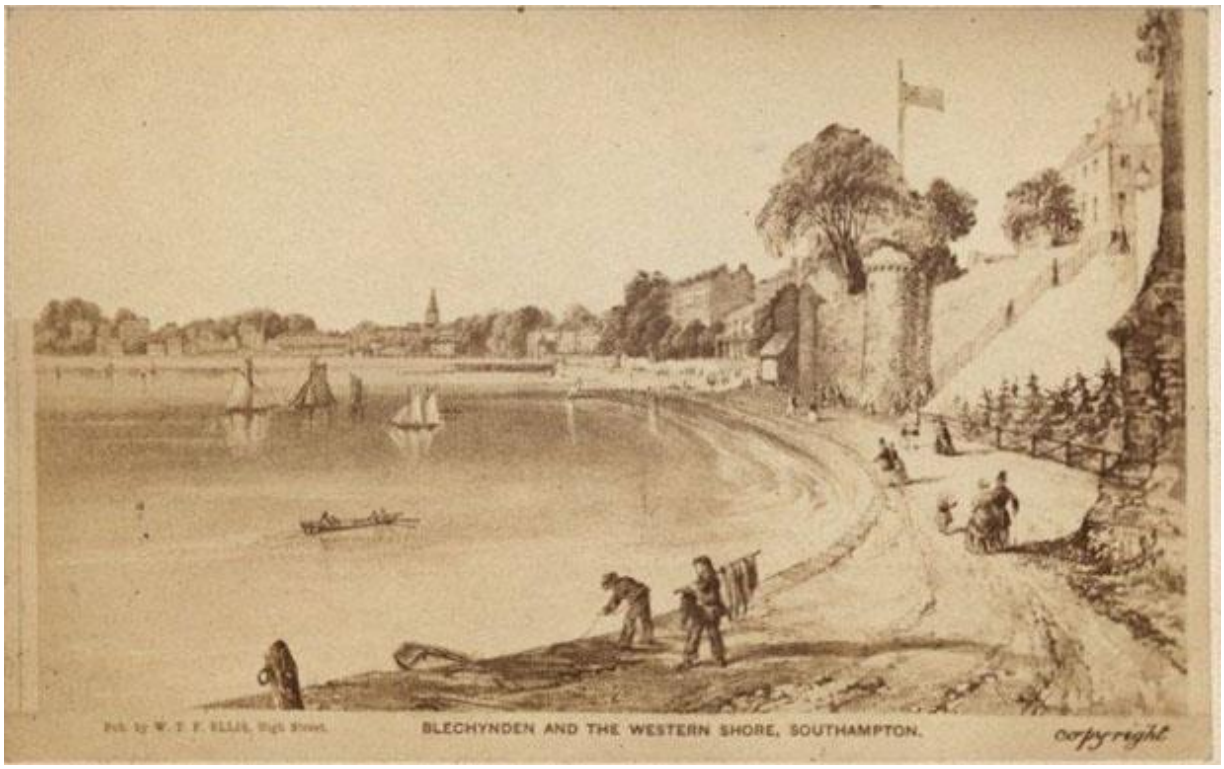
Blechynden:

Blechynden is a district represented today by the surviving street names of Blechynden Street and Blechynden Terrace, thus localising it in the extremely small district covering the east part of the Southampton Central railway station site and the steep slope west of the railway tunnel. Presumably, Blechynden was restricted to the east or Southampton bank of the Rolles Brook, since Sidford (in Millbrook) occupied the west bank.

Before the coming of the railway there were plans to make Blechynden into a pleasant suburb with rows of good houses with ornamental gardens facing the water. Blechynden Terrace actually dates from this time but the coming of the railway prevented the completion of the project. An artist's impression of the scheme can be seen in Townsman's Occasional Notes, page 32.

BLECHYNDEN STATION

The original station at Blechynden stood further east than the present Central Station stretching nearly to the entrance of the tunnel. It was built soon after the opening of the Southampton-Dorchester line in 1847. Its name was changed to Southampton West in 1858 and then to Southampton Central in 1935. Philip Brannon's print of 1848, titled BLECHYNDEN AND THE WESTERN SHORE SOUTHAMPTON, shows the station with the Great Tunnel in the distance. (Edit The tunnel doesn't seem visible)



BLECHYNDEN AND THE WESTERN SHORE, SOUTHAMPTON.
Pub. By W. T. F. ELLIS, High Street.

DISUSED STATIONS Site Record
http://www.disused-stations.org.uk/s/southhampton_west/

1897 Ordinance Survey Map showing the new Southampton West Station with the original station to the east of the Blechynden Street footbridge.

Here are just a few other interesting findings from web searches which are relative to the name Blechynden. None of the items below seem to be available for download online but have been added for interest. Via https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/.

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AN OLD KENTISH FAMILY – THE BLECHYNDENS
BY MR HENRY RIGDEN OF ASHFORD

(From "Kentish Express and Ashford News," January 2, 1904.)

[FOR PRIVATE CIRCULATION].

An old Kentish Family--The Blechyndens.

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Mr Henry Rigden, of Ashford, sends us the following interesting account of the family of Blechynden: "In your last issue I read the following announcement—'December 22nd, at Norwood Farm, Newchurch, John Blechynden, aged 84 years.' This old gentleman was the last of his generation, and one of the few remaining descendants of one of our very oldest Kent families, and it may not be uninteresting to trace, in a few remarks, the history of this family from the time it was first mentioned in Hasted's 'History of Kent.' In his account of Mersham he speaks of one Nicholas Blechenden, who was possessed of the ancient manor of Quaringtin or Quatherington, in that parish, in the latter part of the reign of Edward I.—temp. 1300-1307. The name has in history been variously spelled, but Blechynden is most common, and has been latterly adopted. When the late Lord Brabourne on his elevation to the peerage was in search of a title, it is said he originally chose that of Quarrington, but found a difficulty with the initial letter in his signature, and consequently took the title of Brabourne. But I should think it more probable that, knowing his county history so thoroughly, he was aware that there were living representatives of a f.mily that had owned land in Mersham long before the Knatchbulls possessed any there. For did he not write in one (Moonshine, 1871) of those well-known books for children, in which he treated us to much county history, past and present, as follows—

'In fact the master of Quarrington was not a man to put easily out of his way. The head of one of the oldest Saxon families in Kent, he . . . dwelt in the ancient manor house of Quarrington and owned the extensive manor of that name, situate upon the north-west side of Mersham Hatch. Although not one of the great nobles of his day, he was still among the most powerful of the lay proprietors in that part of Kent, the Knatchbull property being then comparatively small and John de Baliol's family as yet not gathered round them the vast estates which were afterwards attached to their mansion at Scott's Hall. And although Blechynden's habits of life were simple and he made no great display he was looked upon with respect as one of gentle birth, and withal not ill to do as far as this world's wealth was concerned. Moreover, he stood well with his neighbors generally, although he was on no friendly terms with De Baliol, whom he looked upon as an intruding Scotchman, whose family had no business to settle in the south country.

'It appears that this manor remained in the family of Blechynden till the end of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, but it is clear that the family did not long reside there, as the grandson of Nicholas left this place on his marriage with Agnes, one of the co-heiresses of Thomas and Humphrey Godfrey, of Ruffins Hill, Aldington, where they and their descendants resided till the year 1677, when this property was ceded to Julius Deedes, of Hythe, in whose family it remains. The Blechyndens also possessed as part of the portion of Agnes Godfrey the manor of Simnell, in Aldington, but this passed out of the family in 1715 and is now merged in the Deedes estate. In the church of Aldington there are many of the family buried, and the south chancel has for many generations been known as the Blechynden Chancel. We next hear of this family as occupiers of Bilsington Priory and Farm, where they resided for many years, but, as the poet says, 'Moons wane and races wither to the tomb.' So old families gradually disappear, but there are representatives living who can claim direct male descent from the original Nicholas in the year 1300; and very few of our families can do this. One of the members of this family will be remembered by inhabitants of Ashford as occupying a shop in High-street, now Mr Marsh's, and an old lady, the last representative of the Canterbury branch, died some years since."

Note: Some of the material in this article was sourced from **EDWARD HASTED: THE HISTORY AND TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY OF THE COUNTY OF KENT, SECOND EDITION, VOLUME 7 CANTERBURY 1798, Vol VII 598**

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Kentish Express Letters - 1904

Following are a series of letters exchanged in the Kentish Express in 1904 triggered by the above article by Henry Rigden.

Note: More details and images of the various properties mentioned above and below are included in the family histories following these letters and the Moonshine section.

KENTISH EXPRESS LETTER VIA, H. BLECHYNDEN KNELL, JANUARY 9th, 1904

"KENTISH EXPRESS" JANUARY (9th, 1904).

THE BLECHYNDENS.

"to the Editor of the Kentish Express".

Sir:-

I have been interested in reading the article in the last weeks issue on an ancient Kentish family the "Blechyndens".

Though I do not recollect the gentleman whose demise you refer to, I have no doubt he was connected with the family from which surname I feel particularly interested in anything that concerns the family, which once held a good position in the country.

My objection writing to you is to say that the family is certainly not extinct though I believe the male descendants to be very few. My grandmother Jones Blechynden who you have referred to as living in High Street, Ashford, for many years and had several brothers, two of whom, Vincent and Alfred, lived at Bilsington, the former died many years ago but left several sons, whom however I have quite lost sight of. The other brother Alfred died a few years ago, a bachelor. Another brother, John, also a bachelor lived until recently at Brighton, but I have not seen him for some considerable time. There was yet another brother, Edward, who formally lived at Newcastle on Tyne, but died many years since, leaving two sons, one John I think died in China. I do not know of his descendants, though I have some recollection that he left children. The other son Alfred died about five years since, leaving one son.

This is as far as my knowledge goes, I have no record of the female descendants of the family, who were I believe more numerous, but have become scattered and of course do not bear the family name.

I should be pleased to know of any further details relating to the family, if any of your readers can supply them.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) H.Blechynden Knell.

44 Sutherland Road.

BRIGHTON.

Jan 9 1904: Letter via, H. Blechynden Knell, triggered by the article by Henry Rigden.

KENTISH EXPRESS LETTER VIA, WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN, NORWOOD FARM, JAN 16th, 1904 TRIGGERED BY THE ARTICLE BY HENRY RIGDEN

"KENTISH EXPRESS". January 16th, 1904.

THE ANCIENT FAMILY OF BLECHYNDEN.

To the Editor of the "Kentish Express".

Sir:-

In reply to your correspondent's letter in last week's issue with reference to the Blechynden family I think I can supply some information concerning them.

The John Blechynden he mentioned as having known in Brighton is the one whose death was referred to in the paper. A slight mistake having been made in the first letter, the christian name being sent in as Edward, instead of John. He was the youngest of that family, the eldest son Edward died at Newcastle on Tyme in 1864, leaving two sons and two daughters, one son Alfred is dead, the other son John is still living in Shanghai, China, and has a family of six. One daughter is married and living in New Zealand, the other is in Scotland. George the second son went to the Swan River, Australia, in company with a cousin Harrison Blechynden, when quite a young man (about 18 years old).

He kept up no correspondence after he went away, but about two years ago John Blechynden in China met a timber merchant from Australia, who informed him that George never married, Harrison Blechynden married and his descendants numbered about eighty in a radius of twenty miles from Bridgetown, W.A. They went out with a Mr. Brockman about the year 1830. Vincent Blechynden died in St Georges hospital Belgrave in May 1869. He was a bachelor.

Philpott Blechynden (my father) died in Bilsington in July, 1893, and Jones Blechynden at Ashford, January 1886. They had one sister, Mrs. Chas. Chandler who died in London in October 1872.

The family left Bilsington about 76 years ago. There had been Blechyndens living there, we are told, for about 200 years.

Yours faithfully,

(sgd) Williams Blechynden.
"Norwood Farm"
NEWCHURCH.

Letter via, William Blechynden, Norwood farm, triggered by the article by Henry Rigden, Jan 16th 1904

KENTISH EXPRESS LETTER VIA, T. WITHERDEN BURDEN, JANUARY 23rd 1904: TRIGGERED BY THE ARTICLE BY HENRY RIGDEN

"KENTISH EXPRESS" January 23rd 1904.

To the Editor of the Kentish Express

Sir:-

I have felt much interested by the paper of Mr. Rigden and also that of Mr. Blechynden Knell; respecting the above family; and living as I do in a parish which formerly held in its precints many of this name and at a date considerably anterior to those mentioned in your correspondents, I felt that perhaps I might add to their information.

There is in the south of Headcorn still the old mated farm residence called and now spelled "Bletchenden" which is used as a summer residence by its present owner J.H.Grant, Esq.

In the reign of Ethelbert who describes himself as King of the West Saxonn's, he granted to his Shane Ethelred about the year 1868, certain lands at Mersham with appertenances, as swing, pastures or denes, in the Wealden of Kent called and then spelled Bleccingdenn, with others, viz, Fritheinged, etc etc., and I may say that anyone who may examine the present Blechenden premises will venture to think they have but little to prevent him from identifying, even at this still quite time the site of this ancient "denbera". The old moat is still quite half in existence being overgrown with timber and underwood at the present time, and there is southward the remains of an old road or trackway to Frittenden of (Fritheingden). So far as regards the place, and now the family:-

In the reign of Henry III, Hundres of Barclay, in which Blechenden is situated (Vice Plea Rools, Henry III), Richard de Blechinden fell from a certain horse, so that he died, Henry de Tropingdene, the first discovered comes and is not suspected, nor any other judgement - misfortune. Horse is fined 5/-s, for which the Sherriff of Kent was liable.

About the same date Nicholas de Blechindenne with another was indicated, for a robbery of horses at Hormonden and put themselves on the country and the jurors agreed they were not guilty.

Now from the residence in the Hundres of Barkley I think it may be taken that Richard, as foresaid, was of (de Bleecingdenn or Blechynden order). In 1450 reign of Henry VI, Richard Colepepper was the owner of Blechynden (300 to 400 acres), and to whom is still existant an alter tomb under the south window of Headcorn Church. He was one of the principle leaders and of Cade in his rebellion and we find with him among the pardon for participation Radus Blechynden, Thomas Blechynden, Radus Blechynden (no doubt junior) and John Blechynden. Incidentally there is little doubt they were tenants of Richard Colepepper, or Yoemen leaseholders under him, hence there following.

These Blechyndens in common with those of East Kent were without doubt good yoeman, and their descendants have filled positions and also given their names to places, as Blechynden Head at South Hampton.

I think I may not take up further space, but by showing by the foregoing that this very old family had there derivation from the den Blecaingden after which they are named, and therefore that Headcorn may claim the honour of giving them that name.

The arms of Blechynden were "Asure and fess embattled argent between three lions heads raised". The authorities for the foregoing are chiefly Furly, History of the Weald of Kent Archeologia, Cantania Papworth, Harris, Hasted, etc.

Yours truly,

(sgd) T. Witherden Burden.

Note: In the reign of Ethelbert. . . he granted to his Shane Ethelred about the year 1868 ***(ED. 1863)***
See the article following The Name of Blechynden: ***Ethelbert King of Wessex, Reign 860-865.***

KENTISH EXPRESS LETTER VIA, T. HENRY RIGDEN, JANUARY 25TH 1904: TRIGGERED BY THE ARTICLE BY HENRY RIGDEN.

"KENTISH EXPRESS" Headcorn. Jan 23 1904.

To the Editor of the Kentish Express.

Sir:-

In the "visitation of Kent 1619" I see that Thomas Blechynden of Simnelles married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Edward Boyes of Nonington; That John Blechynden of Mersham married Margaret, daughter of John Crisps of Quex. That Andrew Mennis of Sandwich married Jane, daughter of John Blechynden by Margaret, sister of Sir. Wm. Ashenden. That John Wright of Aldington married Jane, daughter of Thomas Blechynden of Ruffins Hall in Aldington and has a son aged 23 in 1619; and that Thomas Tourney of Brookhill in Saltwood married Alice, daughter of John Blechynden of Aldington and Mersham. From the Archaeologia Cantiana I find that John Blechynden was Captain of 100 footmen among the forces raised in Kent to repell the Spanish Invasion of 1588 and that Thos. Blechynden was one of the County magistrates who sat at Canterbury, January 12th, 1635.

Yours truly,
(Signed) A.J. Pearman,
The Precincts,
Rochester.

"KENTISH EXPRESS" February, 6th 19-4

THE ANCIENT FAMILY OF BLECHYNDEN.

To the Editor of the "Kentish Express".

Sir,

In connection with the interesting letter of Mr. T, Burden, in your last letter on the above subject, I may point out that the name in "Hasred" previous to the reign of King Henry III under Boughton Malherbe, Folio II, page 435 we find the name of Edward de Bletchendenne in the paragraph referring to the grant of the tiles of the Monor was ancient called of the possessions of William Fitz-Mamonas appears by the register of the neighbouring Priory of Leders.

Yours truly,
(Signed) Henry Rigden.

MOONSHINE 1871 BY EDWARD KNATCHBULL:

"Featured on above page in the article by HENRY RIGDEN".

Below is a background about the author of MOONSHINE from:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edward_Knatchbull-Hugessen,_1st_Baron_Brabourne#Literary_work

Edward Hugessen Knatchbull-Hugessen, 1st Baron Brabourne PC (29 Apr 1829 – 6 Feb 1893), known as E. H. Knatchbull-Hugessen, was a British Liberal politician. He served as Under-Secretary of State for the Home Department under Lord Russell in 1866 and under William Ewart Gladstone from 1868 to 1871 and was also Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies under Gladstone from 1871 to 1874. In 1880 he was elevated to the peerage as Baron Brabourne.

LITERATURE:

Though forgotten and unread today, Knatchbull-Hugessen wrote many well-known short stories of fantasy and faery. He produced a book or two of these stories each year from 1869 to 1894. Some sources on his life, such as Encyclopaedia of Fantasy say 12 such books. Others, such as Oxford Regerence, say 15. The collections were popular and commercial successes in the Christmas book market, and his publishers illustrated them with the leading illustrators of their time such as Gustav Doré and Richard Doyle. Far from being the blandly moralistic fare of the later Victorian period, The Times newspaper noted that his stories... "are of a very high order; light and brilliant narrative flow from his pen and is fed by an invention as graceful as it is inexhaustible." He was widely likened by the reviewers to masters of the fairy-tale such as Grimm and Andersen, and his prolific output of the tales even led a critic at The British Quarterly Review to question his dedication to his job at the Colonial Office... "We should like to know whether Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen maintains his intercourse with the fairies of the Colonial Office. If so, what department of office duty is specially favourable to them; whether, too, they come when Parliament breaks up, or whether their visits are intermittent all the year round."[5]

In a letter of 1971, J. R. R. Tolkien recalled that as a small child, his bedtime reading was the fairy stories of Knatchbull-Hugessen. He recalled especially being read one story of an ogre who catches his dinner by disguising himself as a tree.[6]

Brabourne also edited the first edition of the novelist Jane Austen's letters, published in 1884. This edition included about two-thirds of her surviving letters and was dedicated to Queen Victoria. He inherited the letters after his mother's death in December 1882.[7]

Title	Moonshine : fairy stories / by E.H. Knatchbull-Hugessen ; illustrated by William Brunton.
Author	Brabourne, Edward Hugessen Knatchbull-Hugessen, Baron, 1829-1893.
Other Authors	Brunton, William, d. 1878.
Published	London ; New York : Macmillan, 1871.
Content Types	text
Carrier Types	volume
Physical Description	x, 338 pages, [8] leaves of plates : illustrations ; 19 cm.
Subjects	Fairy tales.
Target Audience	Juvenile
Language	English
Libraries Australia ID	42575351
Contributed by	Libraries Australia

Knatchbull's book "Moonshine" contains a fascinating story called "The Wizard of Bockhanger" which has the Blechynden family featured. The fairy story is believed to be based around real facts and real people.

MOONSHINE: "The Wizard of Bockhanger"

The Wizard of Bockhanger P. 24

Edward Hugessen Knatchbull- Hugessen (1st baron Brabourne.)
Moonshine - Google Books

It takes up 80 pages in the book "Moonshine" so is a bit large to include it all here. Here is a two-page summary written by Angela Blechynden of what you can expect if you get to read the full story:

THE WIZARD OF BOCKHANGER

Precis: (P numbers are from the actual book.)

The Wizard of Bockhanger is set in the strangely beautiful Bockhanger Wood near Mersham Hatch between Ashford and Hythe in Kent England. There are legends of fairies, highwaymen and women, and ghosts who walk these woods.

In the old times the wood and country belonged to the Canterbury Monks and the writer Knatchbull said he learned of the legends and stories from the magical moorhens and rabbits. In the woods, near Quilletts Pond and Spring is an Ancient Oak- The Wizard's Oak, known and dreaded by all including Nicholas Blechynden from Quarrington Manor. The monks couldn't stop the poaching in the woods and enlisted the help of ***Nicholas Blechynden of Quarrington*** *and John De Baliol of Scotts Hall to police the poachers in return for hunting rights in the woods.*

It was said the Wizard could take on many forms and disguises from young to old and short to tall. The story was set in the time when Richard the Second was King of England (1377-1399).

One day ***Nicholas Blechynden, "The Head of One of the oldest Saxon Families in Kent"*** *(p202) passed Quilletts Pond and came across an old man and asked him why he was sleeping there and threatened him when he was slow to reply causing the old man to reply "Thou art hasty, good Master Blechynden. Hot and Hasty like all thy Race". (p199). Nicholas wanted to know how he knew all about his past and present and asked him for a prediction for his future. The Old man told Nicholas "Beware thou man of Ancient name" and warned of the interloping Scot (De Baliol who had only lived in the area for 100 years) and told him not to hunt in the woods without the protection of his men at arms. The old man then disappeared into the pond and reappeared on the other side on a pony. Nicholas then realized that he had met the Wizard.*

One story of the Wizard involved the local poachers when the Wizard appeared before them as a dwarf and beat them up. Another story involved a local miser when the Wizard appeared before him and turned all his treasures into toads. The owners of the woods, the monks came across an old man who was crying and instead of helping him, forgave him of all of his sins if he would donate money to Canterbury. The old man confessed to poaching a deer and the Monks changed their tune and condemned him to be hanged at once. Then the old man turned into the Wizard and made all their mules take off so they couldn't ride through to Bockhanger.

Knatchbull and De Baliol had an encounter with the Wizard as a frail old woman that only Knatchbull helped and a speaking tree later predicted loudly that De Baliol and friends' houses would fall in battle and Mersham Hatch would win.

Nicholas Blechynden had planned a hunt and the Wizard warned Knatchbull of the planned attack. Nicholas Blechynden's "tall and fair" (p229) daughter Alice was also warned of De Baliol's planned attack in a poem while riding through the woods on her horse Bessie. The time came when De Baliol and friends faced Blechynden and friends in the wood. Alice went to fetch Knatchbull to help her father and wouldn't go back to Quarrington for safety. (p240) "Never", cried she, "Shall it be said that the daughter of a Blechynden tarried in safety whilst her father fought at odds on the battlefield." When defeat threatened Blechynden did not retreat.

The Blechyndens were always better hands at advancing than retreating, and bold Nicholas never allowed such a thought to enter his head." Alice and Knatchbull brought help just in time after Blechynden was wounded. The fight continued and was interrupted by strange music and the weird sight of deer marching two by two between the fighting ranks. The Wizard appeared amongst them with his wand and told Blechynden and De Baliol to disperse accompanied by thunder and lightning. Then the deer herd and the Wizard disappeared and both sides headed for home with their injured.

The Monks had an inquiry into the fight and agreed to a boundary for hunting between De Baliol and Blechynden in return for a handsome rent of venison and other game. John De Brent was sent to chop down the Wizard's Oak and fill up the spring and drain and level the pond. The Prior got 200 men with axes and spades but a flood of rain came and surrounded the Oak so they couldn't cut it down. De Brent struck the Oak with his axe and the axe turned into a snake and the tree laughed. When the workers tried to dig the pond turned into a water spout. Eventually the men returned to Ashford defeated and The Prior agreed to let the Wizard win and reside in the Oak and woods.

Meanwhile Blechynden and De Baliol settled their quarrel and Thomas Knatchbull, having been impressed by Alice's beauty and courage, married Alice Blechynden. The Wizard surprised them and attended the wedding in his carriage drawn by nobly antlered bucks and approved of the wedding with a poem in which he predicted "Red shall become the Knatchbull Hand", which came true when "The Head of the house of Knatchbull was created a Baronet, the crest and token of which dignity, as all the world knows, is a blood red hand.".

When Nicholas Blechynden later died at a good old age the Manor of Quarrington became merged with the estates of Mersham Hatch. True to the Wizard's prediction Knatchbull's Mersham Hatch stood longer than the houses of De Baliol and his friends even though De Baliol was more successful in the short term. "But the name of Blechynden, De Laurence, and De Poynings are with us no longer, save as memories of the long-buried past."(p268)

The Wizard of Bockhanger has long since left the place but "some of the mystery of his presence seems to cling to it yet." (p269)

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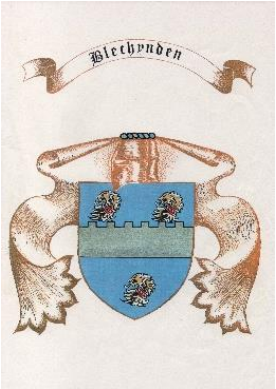
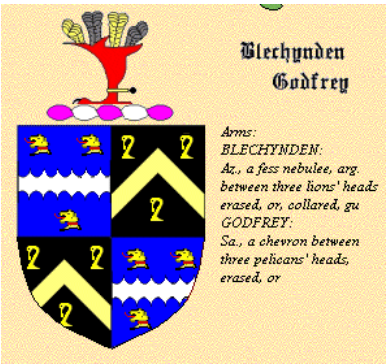
1. WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN (~1470-~1514) & AGNES GODFREY (bef. 1489-bef. 1511)



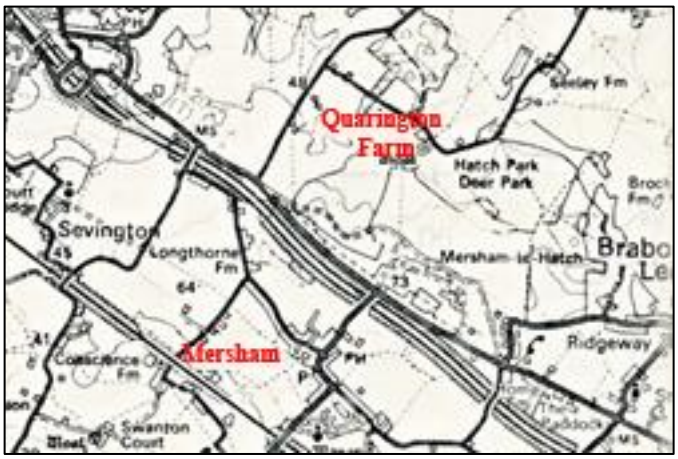
Note. Many dates and some family links in the rest of the Kent history section can be confusing and possibly wrong in some cases. They are the best we can come up with at the moment using data currently available.



William Blechynden was born about 1470 in Mersham, Kent, England, and grandson (*more probably great-great grandson) of Nicholas Blechynden. His grandfather, Nicholas Blechynden came into possession and resided at Quarrington, a small manor in Mersham, once the property of the Quarington family.

Map showing Mersham, Bonnington and Bilsington

Note, Quarrington is sometimes spelt Quarington. Also, do not get confused with the small village of Quarrington located about 170 kilometres north of London.

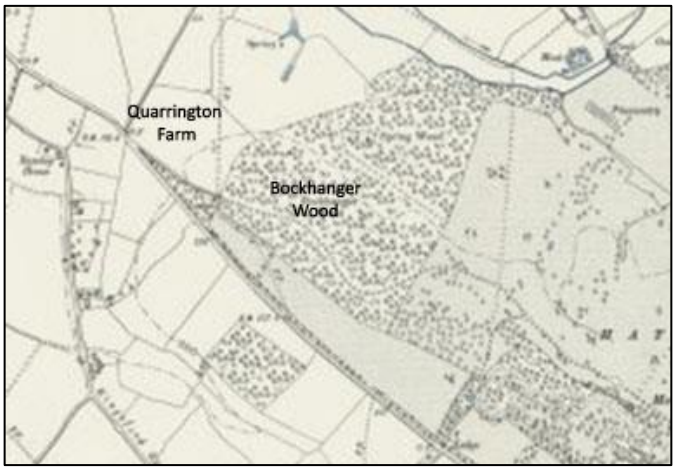


Map showing Mersham and Quarrington Farm, Kent, England.

See also letter, photos and maps a couple of pages further on.

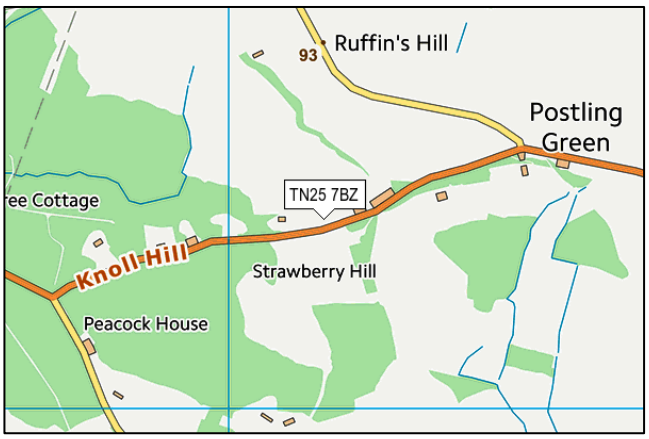
To the left is a cropped section of the Detailed Old Victorian Ordnance Survey 6 inch to 1-mile Old Map (1888-1913) of Quarrington Farm, Kent, TR0541, TR 05 41, United Kingdom.

This more modern Ordnance Survey map, included for reference purposes only, shows Quarrington Farm and Bockhanger Wood where the earlier fairy story is based. The Quarrington Manor building from the Blechynden era has long gone but the farm still exists. See also a couple of pages further on.



Ordnance map showing Quarrington Farm, and Bockhanger Wood where the earlier fairy story is based.

William Blechynden lived at Quarrington and according to Hasted's History of Kent was the first person recorded in the actual deeds. Apparently, he left the manor when he married Agnes Godfrey to live at Simnells, in about 1507. It is also recorded that William and his new wife Agnes went to live at Ruffins Hill after they were married. The Godfrey's owned both properties so it is assumed they lived in both manors sometime during their marriage. See further accounts below. There are some issues with when they moved out of Quarrington. It must have been well before the 1507 stated above because Agnes died before 1511 and apparently had at least 10 children before she died. Obviously, most of these must have been born before she moved to Simnells about 1507.



Map showing Ruffins Hill

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*QUARINGTON, or Quatherington, as it was some-times written, is a small manor, lying in the valley in the northern part of this parish, near the stream, which was once the property of owners of that name, one of whom, Simon de Quarington, resided at it in the **4th year of king Edward I. anno 1275,** as appears by the chartularie of Christ-church. Soon after which, this name became extinct here, and it came into the possession of Nicholas Blechenden, who resided here at the latter end of that reign, whose grandson William Blechenden being the earliest possessor of this manor that is mentioned in the deeds of it, was owner of it in the **reign of king Richard II.** He married Agnes, daughter and coheir of Godfrey, of Simnells, in Aldington, of which becoming possessed in her right, he left this place and removed thither, though his descendants seem to have continued proprietors of it till the latter end of the **reign of Queen Elizabeth,** when it was alienated by one of them . . . to Claget, of Canterbury, and George Claget, alderman, and thrice mayor of that city, son of Robert Claget, of Malling, who bore for his arms, Ermine, on a fess, sable, three pheons, or,/e passed it away by sale, in the reign of James I. to Henry Estday, of Saltwood, whose arms were, Azure, a griffin segreant, argent, a chief of the second./ He sold it to Sir Norton Knatchbull, of Hatch; since which it has continued in the same family, resident at Hatch, and baronets, down to the present owner of it, **Sir Edward Knatchbull,** bart. of Mersham-hatch.*

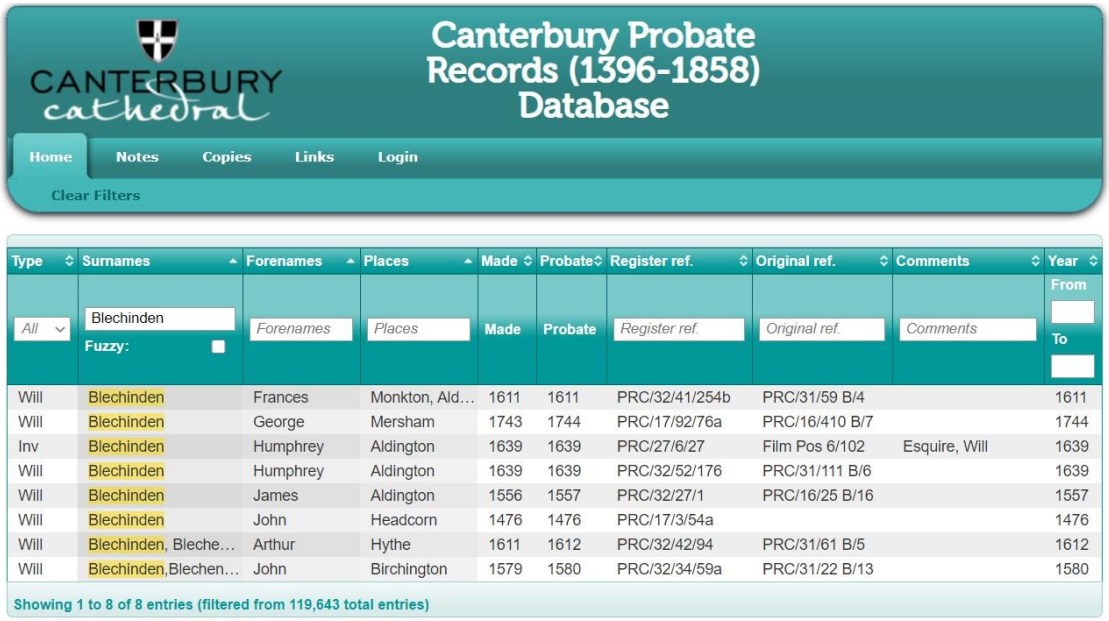
Notes:
King Edward I: (17/18 Jun 1239 – 7 Jul 1307) reigned 1272 to 1307.
King Richard II: (6 Jan 1367 – c. 14 Feb 1400) reigned 1377 to 1399,
King James (19 Jun 1566 – 27 Mar 1625) ruled as James I, King of England and Ireland, from 24 Mar 1603 until his death. He also ruled as James VI, King of Scotland, from 24 Jul 1567 until his death.

*Given the years of reign of King Edward I and King Richard II, the dates in Hasted's survey do not tally with what we know about William Blechynden and Agnes Godfrey. They are too early for William to have been a grandson of this Nicholas. It is highly likely William was a great-great-grandson of Nicholas Blechynden. It is feasible that his actual grandfather may very well have been a Nicholas.

Wills of the era are not readily available on-line so we and others have not determined quite who William Blechynden's father was. Several wills are probably available off the list below but obtaining them is a difficult and possibly expensive process and would take time. Maybe a researcher will pursue them in the future.

Using the possible dates it is not inconceivable from these two lists of wills now held at https://www.kentarchives.org.uk/ that any of: John Blechynden who died in 1476, Edmund who died in 1477, Nicholas who died in 1521, Nicholas who died in 1510, Ralph who died in 1477, William who died in 1507 or William who died in 1510 could be the father of William who married Agnes Godfrey. Mersham is where both William and his grandparents mentioned herein lived. Note, Mersham, Quarrington, Aldington and most other locations referred to in this section are only a few kilometres apart. These wills are duplicated from an earlier page for ease of reference.

Note however that a detailed search of https://www.kentarchives.org.uk/ there has failed to locate for example the Will mentioned above of James Blechinden, even using all the reference numbers. Many other items can be viewed so it still a good website to use.



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Will	Blechinden	Frances	Monkton, Ald…	1611	1611	PRC/32/41/254b	PRC/31/59 B/4		1611
Will	Blechinden	George	Mersham	1743	1744	PRC/17/92/76a	PRC/16/410 B/7		1744
Inv	Blechinden	Humphrey	Aldington	1639	1639	PRC/27/6/27	Film Pos 6/102	Esquire, Will	1639
Will	Blechinden	Humphrey	Aldington	1639	1639	PRC/32/52/176	PRC/31/111 B/6		1639
Will	Blechinden	James	Aldington	1556	1557	PRC/32/27/1	PRC/16/25 B/16		1557
Will	Blechinden	John	Headcorn	1476	1476	PRC/17/3/54a			1476
Will	Blechinden, Bleche…	Arthur	Hythe	1611	1612	PRC/32/42/94	PRC/31/61 B/5		1612
Will	Blechinden,Blechen…	John	Birchington	1579	1580	PRC/32/34/59a	PRC/31/22 B/13		1580

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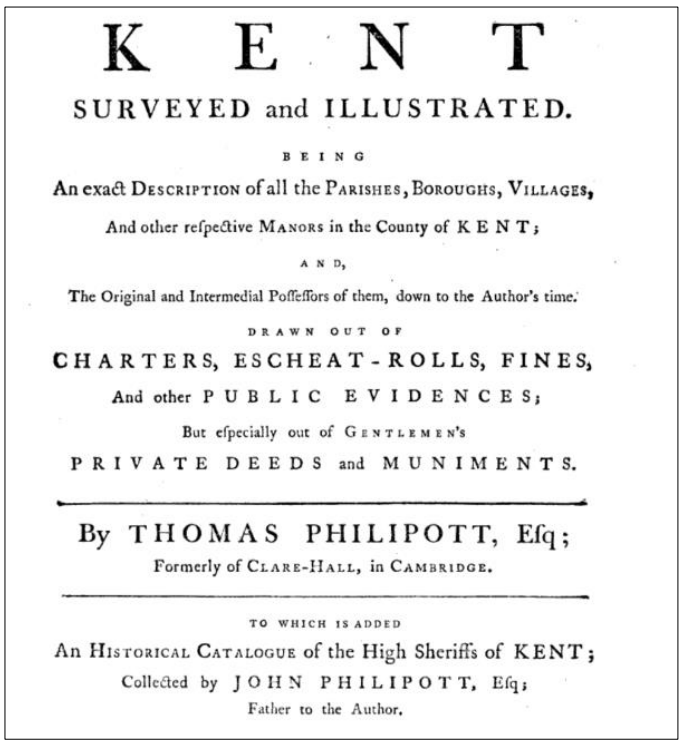

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Publisher: W. Whittingham, 1776 - Kent (Angleterre) - 400 pages

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All	Blechynden Fuzzy:	Forenames	Places	Made	Probate	Register ref.	Original ref.	Comments	From To
Will	Blachenden, Blechy…	Christopher	Monkton	1554	1555	PRC/32/26/80	PRC/16/19 B/13		1555
Will	Blechynden	Ann	New Romney	1747	1752	PRC/32/63/437	PRC/31/222 B/1		1752
Will	Blechynden	Ann	Not given	1803	1805	PRC/17/103/624b	PRC/16/482 B/3		1805
Will	Blechynden	Aylmer	Deal	1715	1717	PRC/32/59/255b	PRC/31/187 B/4		1717
Will	Blechynden	Edmund	Headcorn	1477	1477	PRC/17/3/121			1477
Will	Blechynden	Edward Tookey	Mersham	1719	1720	PRC/17/85/28d	PRC/16/375 B/1		1720
Will	Blechynden	Elizabeth	Sevington	1765	1776	PRC/17/99/358	PRC/16/446 B/17	OW & Court	1776
Will	Blechynden	George	Bilsington	1765	1765	PRC/17/97/125a	PRC/16/433 B/2	See also PRC/17/…	1765
Will	Blechynden	Joan	Tenterden		1511	PRC/17/12/30c		Widow of Nicholas	1511
Will	Blechynden	Johanne	Canterbury	1479	1480	PRC/17/3/342a		Widow	1480
Will	Blechynden	John	Bonnington	1834	1835	PRC/17/109/413b	PRC/16/537 B/4		1835
Will	Blechynden	Margaret	Ashford	1811	1812	PRC/17/104/401a	PRC/16/494 B/6		1812
Will	Blechynden	Nicholas	Headcorn	1521	1521	PRC/17/14/209b			1521
Will	Blechynden	Nicholas	Tenterden	1510	1510	PRC/17/11/250b			1510
Will	Blechynden	Peter	Hope all Sai…	1751	1756	PRC/17/95/141b	PRC/16/422 B/4		1756
Will	Blechynden	Ralph	Headcorn	1477	1477	PRC/17/3/119b			1477
Will	Blechynden	Reginald	Woodchurch	1606	1606	PRC/32/39/299a			1606
Will	Blechynden	Thomas	Aldington	1649	1663	PRC/32/53/44	PRC/31/132 B/13		1663
Inv	Blechynden	Thomas	Gravesend	1688	1690	PRC/27/32/105	Film Pos 32/59	Woollen draper	1690
Inv	Blechynden	Thomas	New Romney	1721	1721	PRC/27/41/3	Film Pos 41/33	Gentleman	1721
Will	Blechynden	William	Leeds	1507	1507	PRC/17/9/239a			1507
Will	Blechynden	William	Mersham	1510	1510	PRC/17/12/22			1510

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Following is an extraction from pages 234 and 235 from this book which also outlines the history of Quarrington. This also confirms other records of that era.

(Note: the letter "s" was usually used as a "f" in this era.)

Quatherington in this parifh, vulgarly called *Quarington*, was the ancient refidence of the Blechendens, till William Blechenden by marriage with Agnes, daughter and co-heir of . . . . . Godfrey, of Aldington. became in her right, mafter of Simnell in that parifh, and fo left his habitation at Merfham, to enjoy his new acquifitions at Aldington; certainly they were very anciently feated if not at this place, yet in this parifh, for I have feen the draught of a pedigree united together by Clarencieux Cooke, wherein they are brought down from Nicholas de Blechenden, who flourifhed

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flourifhed here at Merfham, in the reign of Edward the firft; though I confefs the evidences of Quarington reach no higher then William Blechenden, who is made in the pedigree, to be grand-child to the abovefaid Nicholas, and who flourifhed in the reign of Richard the fecond: after the Blechendens, the Cleggates of Canterbury became in our grand-fathers memory, to be lords of the fee; but not long after alienated their right in it to Eaftday and Saltwood, from whom the like current of fucceffion wafted it over to Knatchbull, from whom the right defcended to Sir Norton Knatchbull, a perfon who for his favour and love to learning and antiquity, in times when they are both fallen under fuch cheapnefs and contempt, cannot be mentioned without an epithet equivalent to fo juft a merit.

LETTER – QUARRINGTON MANOR

Below is a letter sent to two of our project compilers, Ken and Angela Blechynden in 1982 when they were researching the Blechynden's in Kent.

Quarrington Farm
West Brabourne
Nr Ashford
Kent
10 November 1982

Dear Mr and Mrs Blechynden,

Thank you for your letter about Quarrington Manor which reached my wife and me at Quarrington Farm. Unfortunately the Manor referred to in Hasted no longer exists and I cannot tell you when it ceased to exist, nor do I know exactly where it stood, although I have done a little research on the question in the local libraries. I enclose a photocopy of part of Ordnance survey map 189 from which you can see the location of the farmhouse (next to the letter "n" of Quarrington) and the farm buildings (next to the"m" of "Fm"). Below them on the map a moat is marked. The moat is clearly visible on the ground, but the mound it surrounds is covered by trees and nothing else, in the moat is in the middle of a field. I suppose the Manor stood on the mound, but if so it was not very big, and was surprisingly close to a stream running through low marshy ground. I enclose 2 photographs, one of the farmhouse close up and one a view taken from the road near the "H" of Hatch Park. The moat is next to the tree on the extreme left of the view picture in the low ground. The farm buildings are now used only for storage and the rearing of pheasants and partridges. The land and the farmhouse are still owned by the Knatchbull family, as it was in the time of Hasted. The present owner is the second Lord Brabourne who married Lord Mountbatten's daughter who is now Countess Mountbatten. My wife and I are only tenants of the farmhouse. The Brabournes live in Mersham and could probably give you much more information about the Manor than I can.

It is a pleasure to help your work on your family and I hope you come to Quarrington one day.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Tugendhat

In the photo they sent, the current home is visible at the rear right.

Photo of a view taken from the road near the "H" of Hatch Park, description as per the letter above.

Photo of farm house, close-up, description as per the letter above.

Unfortunately, we do not have the Ordinance Survey copy referred to in the letter, however, below is a more modern one which shows where the moat was located and presumably is where Quarrington Manor was.

The Google Earth image left seems to confirm that possibility where the clump of trees referred to in the letter above has a square shape in the middle, see arrow. The current Quarrington Farm home is at the top of that image.

GODFREY, AGNES (1489-bef.1511)

Agnes was born 8 Oct 1489 in Aldington, daughter of Thomas Godfrey (1453-1490) and Alice Godfrey (1440-). Agnes and her sister Rabage were the co-heiresses of Simnells in Aldington. Their sister Rebecca and brothers, Thomas and Humphrey, predeceased their father's death. Their father Thomas Godfrey owned Simnells, the Manor of Hurst and Ruffin's Hill.

Parishes: Aldington
http://www.british-history.ac.uk/survey-kent/vol8/pp314-327

SIMNELLS *or Simnolds, as it is sometimes spelt, is an antient seat in this parish, about a mile from the church, which had formerly owners, who gave name to it, one of whom, Robert Simnell, as I find by a will in the Prerogative-office, in Canterbury, was possessed of it as late as the reign of king Henry VI. and then sold it to Thomas Crosby, of Aldington, who died possessed of it in 1460, and left it to his son Thomas. After which it passed into the possession of the Godfreys, and in King Henry VII.'s reign, Agnes, daughter of Thomas Godfrey, and coheir of her brothers, entitled her husband William Blechenden to the possession of it. How long it continued in his descendants does not appear, but before the restoration of King Charles II. it was to become the property of John Cason, esq. of Woodnesborough, who in 1663 alienated it to Thomas Blechynden, gent. of Aldington, who afterwards resided here. His son John Blechynden likewise resided at Simnells, who left Anne his wife surviving, and she joined with her eldest son Thomas, gent. of New Romney, in 1715, in the sale of this estate to Stephen Hassenden, clerk, of Egerton, whose grandson Stephen Greenhill, his daughter's son, succeeded him in it, and his grandson of the same name is now entitled to it.*

Note: The dates of the reigns of the kings correlate with what we know about the Godfrey family in this article.

Henry VI (6 Dec 1421 – 21 May 1471) reigned 1422 to 1461 and from 1470 to 1471.
King Henry VII: (28 Jan 1457 – 21 Apr 1509) reigned 22 Aug 1485 to his death on 1509.
Henry VIII (28 Jun 1491 – 28 Jan 1547) reigned (1509–47).
King Charles 11: (29 May 1630 – 6 Feb 1685) king of Scotland 1649 until his deposition in 1651, king of England from the restoration 1658 - 1660 until his death in 1685.
Queen Elizabeth I: (7 Sep 1533 – 24 Mar 1603)

Simnells, Aldington, Kent
c. as it was in 1998,
Gerald Fox, p.12.
via Blechyndens from Kent

Below is a street view photo of Simnells in 2020 plus an aerial view to give you orientation. You can see the manor still exists and has barely changed in 32 years:

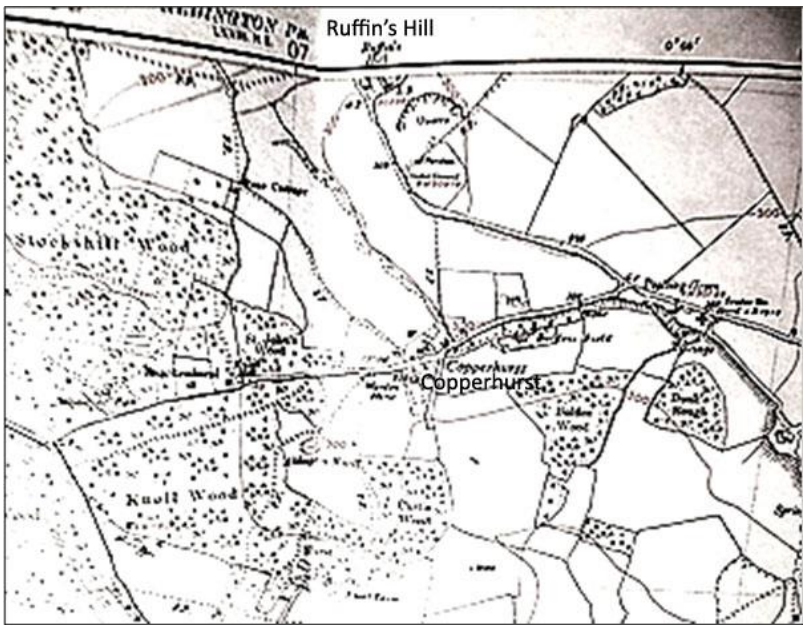
Street view, Simnells, Aldington, Kent, 2020.

Aerial view, Simnells, Aldington, 2020

MANOR OF HURST AND COPPERHURST:

Hasted's History of Kent refers to the Manor of Hurst adjoining Ruffins Hill. In 2020 there doesn't appear to be any building identified as this manor but older maps (see one example below and map in Ruffins Hill paragraph a little further on.) show there is an area called "Copperhurst" nearby which could be the place. It is located not much more than half a kilometre's walk south west of Ruffins Hill and Simnells. There is a Manor of Hurst located in Berkshire east of London but that is obviously not the property associated with the Blechynden history. It seems possible, unless further information comes forward identifying buildings, that the Aldington "Manor of Hurst" has since been demolished when taken over by subdivision or other uses. For our family historians this would be unfortunate.

As mentioned Copperhurst still exists on some maps where there is a small group of country properties spread along Knoll Hill Road and it is possible that one of the buildings in that area was the one referred to as the Manor of Hurst but that would require much on the ground research. You may be able to see from this very old map there are several buildings at Copperhurst with Hurst in their name: Warden Hurst, Bracken Hurst, Golden Hurst to name just a few. The map covers an area of just a little over one square kilometre so you can see the proximity to Ruffins Hill which is at the top of the map. Enthusiasts could "street view" where Copperhurst Kent is in Google Maps. It is road B2067, Knoll Road, off Roman Road Aldington, but not actually named Copperhurst. See also more recent survey map following.



Map showing Copperhurst, located not much more than half a kilometre's walk south of Ruffins Hill and Simnells

See further on in the Thomas Blechynden and Annie Ashburnham section where Humphrey Blechynden who was born in Aldington Kent had a second marriage to a Mary Toke leading to him becoming Lord of the Manor of Hurst and a Lord of Romney. Romney is a huge area adjoining the Aldington area.

Quote VIA Gerald Fox: "*The marriage to Mary Toke was a good one. She was heiress to the Copperhust, Hurst and other estates in the region of Aldington in Kent. Through this marriage Humphrey Blechenden became owner of almost all the land in Aldington that was not directly owned by the King. It was Humphrey, by now Lord of the Manor of Hurst and a Lord of Romney Marsh…….*".

RUFFINS HILL:

It is also written that William and Agnes Blechynden nee Godfrey lived at Ruffin's Hill, Aldington, Kent, England after their marriage. Earlier it is said they lived at Simnells after their marriage. It seems likely they lived at both places at sometime early in their marriage. Both manors were part of the Godfrey estate which William married in to.

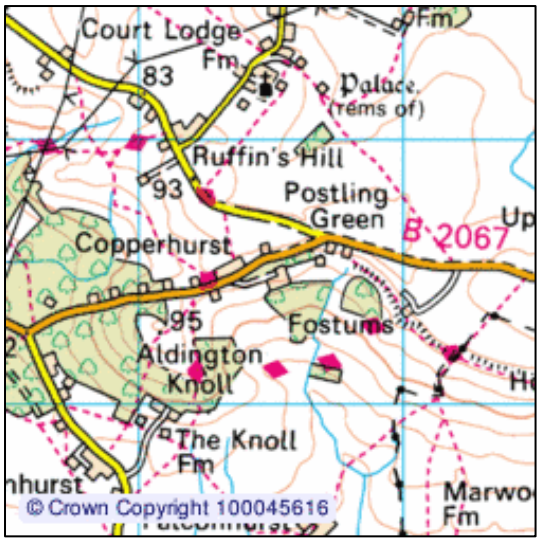
Ruffins Hill Farm is now called "Ruffyns Oast" or Ruffyns Barn – see download from Google Maps right. The whole property has been restored starting in 2007 and contains a very magnificently restored large barn which operates as a wedding, concert and function venue seating 150 people. Undoubtedly our bygone relatives would be delighted to see this restoration. You can go to http://ruffynesbarn.com if you want to read more but beware their version of the history is not as per the history books.

Ruffin's Hill Farm on corner of Church Lane, 2010, Copyright Nick Smith
http://www.geograph.org.uk/photo/1669219

Google aerial view, Ruffin's Hill Farm

RUFFINS HILL: BHO BRITISH HISTORY ONLINE
http://www.british-history.ac.uk/survey-kent/vol8/pp314-327

RUFFIN'S HILL is an antient mansion here, on the hill, at a small distance from the church (300 metres), which took its name from a family, who were the early possessors of it, one of whom, Robert Ruffyn, as appears by the register of St. Radigund's abbey, was in very early times constable of Saltwood castle, in this neighbourhood. After this name was extinct here, the Godfreys, owners of the adjoining manor of Hurst, under which a farther account of them will be given, became possessed of it, in which it continued down to Thomas Godfrey, who died in 1490, anno 6 Henry VII. and was buried in this church, leaving two sons, Thomas and Humphry, who both dying s. p. their two sisters succeeded to their inheritance, Agnes, married to William Blechenden, of Mersham, and Rabege, to John Clerke, gent. of this parish, and on the division of their estates, the latter had Cophurst, in this parish, and the former had this seat of Ruffin's hill, (fn. 8) and in his descendants it remained down to Humphry Blechenden, esq. descended from Nicholas de Blechenden, of Mersham, in King Edward the Ist's reign.



Map of Ruffin's Hill.

He rebuilt this mansion, and died possessed of it in 1639, leaving several children, of whom the eldest, Thomas Blechynden, prebendary of Canterbury, succeeded him in it, and resided mostly here. He died possessed of it in 1663 and was buried at the upper end of the little chancel, at the feet of his father, in this church. His son of the same name, in the year 1677, alienated it to Julius Deedes, esq. of Hythe, whose descendant William Deedes, esq. of Hythe, is the present owner.

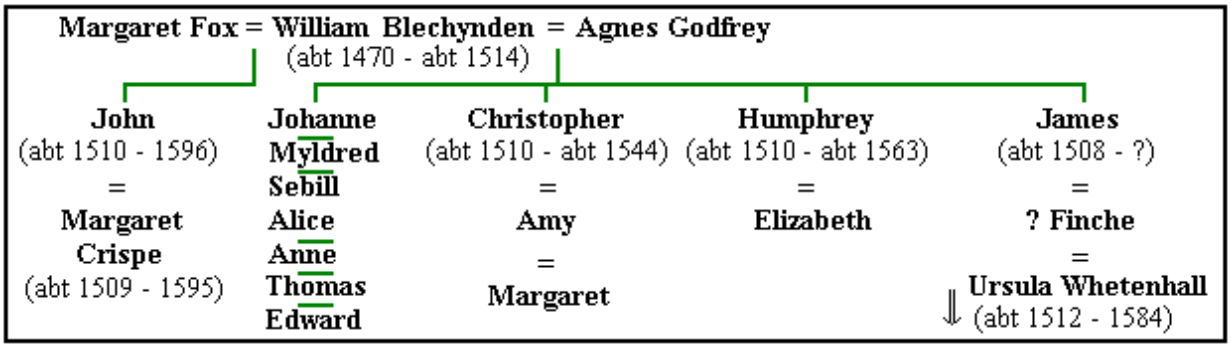
William Blechynden's Will begins with the following:

This is the last Will of William Blechynden of the parishe of Mersham made the first day of the month of August in the year and reigne of King Henry the viijth the second yere uppon dyde. .
Henry VIII became king 22 Apr 1509. In the Will William refers to Margarett his wiff.

One can assume his wife Agnes Godfrey died before his Will, dated 1 Aug 1511, Aldington, Kent, England. Following Agnes' death William Blechynden married Margaret Fox.

William Blechynden and Agnes Godfrey are thought to have had ten children at least. Nine children were mentioned who were still living when his Will was written.

In his will, William confirms that his second wife Margaret has property from her marriage. The rest of the family land and money is given to children: Humphrey, John, Edward, Cristofer, **James**, Anne, Johanne, Sibell, Myldred. Two other children Alice and Thomas Blechynden believed to have been from this union were not mentioned so must have died prior to the writing of the will. (John is thought to have been from William's second marriage.)



These old-style trees seem to be based from Latin trees in 'The Visitation of Kent, 1619' and can be quite hard to follow. Often the names are out of birth sequence and confusing. There are seven in the Kent section and Gerald Fox used them. Below is a slightly more simple 'best guess' sequential tree. Some of the simple trees in next generations are more accurate than the one below.

The order of birth in this tree cannot be correctly determined. Below is what is believed to be a possible sequence for the males as mentioned in the Will. Sequence for the birth of the females is only a guess from the very old-style chart above and order of mention in Williams Will.

	JAMES
	Humphrey
	Edward
	Christopher (Cristofer)
William Blechynden	Johanne
m1	Anne
Agnes Godfrey	Johanne
	Sybill
	Myldred
	Alice
	Thomas
m2	
Margaret Fox	John

William Blechynden and Margaret Fox are thought to have one child they named John. John Blechynden was born in 1510, Mersham, Kent, England and was married in 1526/1533 to Margaret Crisp, the daughter of John Crispe (1482-1534) and Avice Denne (1486-1509). John Blechynden (~1510-1596) and Margaret crisp (~1509-1595) had four known children: Robert, Alice, Henry and Reginald. John Blechynden died in 1596 in Thanet, Kent, England. His wife Margaret Crisp predeceased him in 1595, also in Thanet, Kent, England.

James is treated somewhat as a special case by getting land immediately on his father's decease. The next chapter has much more detail re James Blechynden who the Australian Blechynden's are believed to be descended from.

William Blechynden died about 1514, Kent, England. Probate was granted 6 Jan 1514.

WILL OF WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN - 1 August 1511
in the year and reign of [Henry 8th] [i.e., 1509+2]

Via Gerald Fox:

Notes:
1. Henry VIII became king on 22 Apr 1509
2. words in square [ ] brackets are explanations; mainly of words spelled oddly.
3. words in curly brackets { } are thought equivalent to an undecipherable word
4. term(e) – interest in land for a fixed period
5. feoffe(e) – person to whom freehold estate is conveyed by a feoffement
6. feoffement – a particular way of conveying freehold estate
7. Margaret may be Margaret Fox, William's second wife after Agnes Godfrey
8. 'i' is often written 'y'
9. [wife is spelled several ways]
10. [happe – happen(s)]

WILL OF WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN

This is the last Will of William Blechynden of the parishe of Mersham made the first day of the month of August in the year and reigne of King Henry the viijth the second yere uppon dyde [did] testament to his use made of all his lande and tenements wythyn the Shire of Kent First the same William Will that some? estate made to diverse gentlemen at the tyme of mariage of Margaret his wife to the use of the same Margaret duryng her lyfe be ferme [firm] and stabill Also furthermore the same William willeth that all this other lande and tenements and rentes with ther [their] appurtenances lying and beying withyn the Shire of Kent ymmediately after his decease that they be put to terme by the ryght wor==shipfull Sir William Scott knyght John Scott Esquyre and Margarett his wiff the time of xj yeres all repayres of howsing uppon all those foresaid lands duely to be repayred and kept durying the sayd time and the money yerely comyng therof for that time to be resayved by Margaret his wif as long as she kepes herself unmarried to use and kepyng to each of hys sonnes Humfrey John Edward and Cristofer duryng the sayd [end page 1] terme Also if it happe the sayd Margarett his wif to marry that then the said William willeth the money yerely comying of all the foresayd lands and tenemente rente termes and sumes with ther appurtenances be yerely resayved by the foresayd Sir William Scott knyght and John Scott Esquyre to the foresaid {fund} in fyndyng [providing for] his sayd sonnes for the time aforesaid.

Also the same William willeth that if Margarett his wife [let] herself be marryed duryng the hole [whole] foresayd term of xj yeres that then the said Margaret shall pay or make to be payed to Anne Johanne Sibell and Myldred his daughters to ther maryages to each of them xx L of good and lawfull [20 pounds] money of England comying of the lands aforesayd Also if it happe the foresayd Margaret his wyf to be maryed withyn the said terme of xj years [11 years] that then the said Willm Blechynden willeth that the foresaid Margaret his wiff shall a rekonyng and a full attempte? make with the foresayd Sir William Scott knyght and John Scott Esquyre of the money comyng of her yerely receipte and profytt of the buildings and tenements aforesayd for all those yeres so then restyng in her {home} and the hole [whole] there [their] money so knowen [known] that the sayd Margaret his wiff shall devise and pay to the foresayd Sir William Scott knyght and John Scott Esquyre for the marriage of his foresayd daughters and that then the sayd Sir William Scott knyght and John Scott Esquyre shall resayve all thys sume and profette [profit] of all the foresayd lands and tenements duryng the hole [whole] of the foresayd xj yeres kepyng all repayred his tenements to seale? and rule and governing of all his [seale – show devotion?] foresaid children sonnes and daughters duryng the time aforesaid Also the same William willeth that ymediatly after the foresaid time of xj yeres that his said feoffees shall devise estate to John Blechynden his son of and in all those landes and tenements rente termes and duties? With their appurtenances beyng in the parishes of Mersham and Brabourne the whych were sometyme William Fox to [no purchase! From a marriage?] him and to his eldyst heyer male of his body lawfully begotten and for default of such heire male of his body [end Page 2]

lawfully begotten the said lands and tenements rente termes and sumes shall remayne to Humfry his son and to his eldest heyre male of his body lawfully begotten and for default of such heyre male of his body lawfully gegotten they shall remayne to Edward his son and to his eldest heyre male of his body lawfully begotten and for default of such heyre male of his body lawfully begotten they shall remayne to Cristofer his son and to his eldyst heier male of his body lawfully begotten and for default of such heirs male of his body lawfully begotten they shall remayne to James my son and to his eldest heir male of his body lawfully begotten Also the same William willeth that ymmediatly after the foresayd terme of xj yeres that his said feoffes shall suffer Humfrey his sonne to take thys sume profett of all such landes and tenements the whych he late purchased of Simon Manning and of a pece [pece - piece] of land late purchased of Kynett? next Gentilles? lying and beyng in Aldington unto the tyme ---- and touching? of xxj yeres and then his feoffes to devise a lawfull estate to the said Humfrey to hym to his heyres and assygnes in feofement? for ever Also the same William willeth that ymmediatly after the foresaid time of xj years that his feoffes shall suffer Edward his son to take this sume and profette [profit] of all such land and tenements late purchased of the feoffes of John Jenkyn called Jenkyns in Mersham unto the tyme he shall come to his age of xxj yeres and then his said feoffes to devise a lawfull estate to the said Edward to hym to hys heires and assygnes for ever Also the same William willeth that ymmediatly after the decease of Margaret his wyf his said feoffes shall devise a sufficient estate to the foresaid Edward his son of and in a mesuage and landes called Hobbys contayning xv acres [15 acres]of land yn ----- Mersham to him and to his heires and assygnesfor ever Also the same William willeth that ymmedy=atly after the foresayd term of xj yeres that his foresaid feoffes shall suffer Cristofer his son to take thys sume and profette of an annuyte of vj s vij d yerely comyng for and of yn [6 shillings 7 pence?] and uppon certayn lande called Eachelande? late purchased of William Bernys lying in Kennymarshe? of and in his part [end Page 3] of lande called the Barre in Ruckynge that lately the foresayd William Blechynden and George Essherst of Kingsnoth purchased of Alice Goddard widdo of the parish of Bylsyngton unto the tyme he shall come to his age of xxj yeres and when he comes? to his age aforesaid his said feoffes to devise a lawfull estate to the said Cristofer to hym his heires and assygnes for ever Provided always[s] that if George Essherst of Kingsnoth offer to make an exchange for his part of the landes called the Barre in Ruckynge for as much of his lande in another place asis yerely as much worth by the yere to terme that then the same William willeth that his said feoffes by the advice of Sir William Scott knyght and John Scott Esquyre shall devise estate to the said George Essherst of his part of the forsaid lande called Barre and the said feoffees to take estate of the said George Essherst of and yn suche landes and he agreeth to devise the Regore in lyke condition to be demised? as the Barre is afore worthe to his son Cristopher Also the said William Blechynden willyth that ymmediatly after the Decease of Margarett his wiff that hys said feoffes shall devise estate to the foresaid Cristofer his son of and in his principall messuage and lande called Blechynden lying in the parish of Rotherysden? to him and to his eldyst heire male of his bodie lawfully begotten and for default of such heier heire male of his bodie lawfully begotten they shall remayne to John his son and to his eldest heyr male of his bodye lawfully begotten and for default of such heire male of his bodie lawfully begotten they shall remayne to Humfrey hys son and to his eldyst heire male of his bodie lawfully begotten and for default of such heire male of his bodie lawfully begotten they shall remayne to Edward his son and to his eldyst heyer male of his bodie lawfully begotten and for default of such heire male of his body lawfully begotten they shall remayne to Cristopher his son and to his eldyst heyer male of his bodie lawfully begotten and for default of suche heier male of his bodie lawfully begotten they shall remayne to James his son to hym and to his eldist heire male of his [end Page 4] body lawfully begotten Also the same William willeth that ymmediatly after his decease that his said feoffes shalldevise a sufficient estate to James his son of and on a pece of land contaynyng x acres of land late purchased of William Ledmer? 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[15 acres] to hym and to his heyres for ever So as the same James paye or make to be paid to the maryage of Johanne his daughter x L the whych sume of pounds the said William [10 pounds?] to devise out of the lande of Arnold Bergh Also the said William Blechynden willeth that after the foresaid time of xj yeres that his foresaid feoffes shall devise a sufficient estate to James his son of and yn the pece of lande wherof one ys called Goldbelland the other Wallistrest And

the third part contaynymg xv acres of and an half of lande to the same James his heyres and assignes for ever Also the said William willeth that ymmediatly after the de[a]th of Margaret his wif that his said feoffes shall devise a sufficient and lawfull estate to John his son of and yn his mylle at Sandherst [Sandhurst] with a pece of land thereto adioy= =nyng called Hoggyham? of and in all his lande called Coldisland? xj acres of meddo [meadow] called Longlande? xj acres of medow called Pylmede in my whych it is holden by copy of the abbott of Batell [Battle] and now called Knyght? were [where] two acres of medow called Healdmede? an acre and a rod called Goldmede two acres and a half in Brodemede [end Page 5] to hym and to his eldyst heyer heire male of his bodie lawfullylawfully[sic] begotten and for default of suche heire male of his bodie lawfully begotten they shall remayne to Humfrey his son and to his eldyst heire male of his bodie lawfully begotten and for default of such heire male of his bodie lawfully be= =gotten they shall remayne to Edward his son and to his eldyst heire male of his bodie lawfully begotten And fordefault of such heire male of his bodie lawfully begotten they shall remayne to Cristofer his son and to his eldyst heire male of his bodie lawfully begotten And for a default of suche heier male of his bodie lawfully begotten they shall remayne to James his son and to his eldyst heire male of his bodie lawfully begotten and for default of such heire male Provided always[s] that as long tyme of the foresaid xj yeres that Margarett hys wiff be coun==celed ------ and advised by the foresaid Sir William Scott knyght and John Scott Esquyre and so long time of the trust? aforesaid he will that she rule his children and his lande and if that it happe his wyf to Reguse the rule and the advyse and councell of the foresaid Sir William Scott knyght and John Scott Esquyre and so have the rule of Roger Harlakynden? that then the foresaid William will that the foresaid Sir William Scott knyght and John Scott Esquyre shall gain and take the rule of his lande and of his children duryng the foresaid terme of xj yeres Also the foresaid William willeth that if Humfrey and Edward his sonnes die or any of them before they come to the age of xxj yeres and without heier of ther bodyes lawfully comyng that then his or ther parte that so dyeth shall remayne to James his son and to his heires and assignes for ever Also that the foresayd William willeth that his part of a mesuageand landes lying in Bethersden called Blossomes? ymmediatly after the [end page 6] decease of Margaret his wif the said William Blechynden willeth that his said feoffes devise estate of his part of the foresaid messuage and lande lying Bethersden called Blosse= mys to four honest men of the foresaid paryshe to the use and profett of the churche of Betherysden for ever Also the said William Blechynden willeth that yf [if] the profitt of all his landes and tenements aforesaid will not content [satisfactorily] pay and perform? all the charge of this his last Will that then the said William Blechynden willeth that it be raysed and payd out of all his moveabelles [moveables] for the fulfilling of this his last Will

Probate
6th January 1514

SUMMARY by Gerald Fox:

William confirms that Margaret has property from her marriage. The rest of the family land and money is given to children: Humphrey, John, Edward, Cristofer, James, Anne, Johanne, Sibell and Myldred.

James is treated somewhat as a special case by getting land immediately on his father's decease, so presumably he is the oldest son.

After 11 years:
John gets the interest etc of land in Mersham and Brabourne, once the property of William Fox. It was not purchased so it probably came as dowry from the reported marriage to a Fox. It would appear to be Margaret Fox in the Will.
If no heir (Humphrey (Edward (Cristofer (James

After the death of Margaret, he, John, son of Margaret, gets:
Sandhurst Mill and Hoggyham? land, Coldisland land
15 acres of meadow called Longland
11 acres of meadow called Pylmede

2 acres of meadow called Healdmede?
1 acre and 1 rod of meadow called Goldmede
2½ acres of meadow called Brodemede
Humphrey Gets the profits etc from land once owned by Simon Manning, Kynett
After age 21 he gets some estate
If he dies, his bequest goes to James
Edward gets the profits etc from "Jenkyns" in Mersham
After age 21 he gets some estate
After the death of Margaret, he gets:
15 acres called Hobby's in Mersham
If he dies, his bequest goes to James

Cristofer gets an annuity of 6 shillings 7 pence from land at Eachelande?
Land called Barre? Purchased from Alice Goddard. Another part of the same land was bought by George Essherst of Kingsnorth.
After age 21 he gets some estate and if possible, the above land of Esshurst is to be obtained for Cristopher by a land exchange.
After the death of Margaret, he gets:
The messuage and land called Blechynden in Rotherysden. Note, no place called Rotherysden comes up in any internet searches so presumably there has been a name change. Messuage means "dwelling house". Maybe this is the place now called BLETCHENDEN in Headcorn – see elsewhere in this document.
If no heir (John (Humphrey (Edward (Cristofer!! (James – Presumably it only goes to James if Cristopher dies and has no heir!

James. Immediately on the decease of his father, he gets:
10 acres purchased from William Ledmer? In Aldington
15 acres of marshland at Extbrigge? Can find no trace of a place called Extbrigge.
Land form Aqrnold Bergh (to pay £10 at the marriage of Johanne)
Land called Goldbell
Land called Wallistrest?
15½ acres of other land
After the death of Margaret, he gets:
Meadow near Everyntemyll? Can find no trace of a place called Everyntemyll.

It does not mention John and James reaching age 21, so perhaps at least James is that age already. So which children are Margaret's? A document at the SOG says John but that does not fit the Will very well if he is near 21.

Based on the Will the order of seniority for the boys according to Gerald seems to be James, John, Humphrey, Edward, Cristopher. This is unlikely however as John was presumably not born until after Agnes died and William had remarried to Margaret Crispe.

As indicated in James's section following there are still errors in all this. If James was the eldest child of William and Agnes there would not have been enough time after James's approximate date of birth of 1508 – see next page – for his father to have had another 11 children and remarried by the time he wrote his will in 1511 and dying in 1514.

Regardless of all the confusion with the foregoing, James, son of William and Agnes has been traced as the next ancestor of Harrison.

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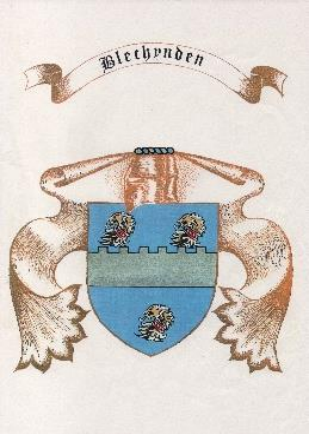
2. JAMES BLECHYNDEN (~1508-1566) & URSULA WHETENHALL (~1512-1584)

JAMES being the son of WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN & his first wife AGNES GODFREY



James Blechynden was born about 1508 in Aldington, Kent England, son of William Blechynden (~1470-1514) and Agnes Godfrey (1489-bef.1511). Note. There is a recording on a microfiche record which shows him born on "abt 1497" but that cannot be verified at the moment. If that date was correct his mother would only have been eight years of age when he was born so it is presumably not correct. He was one of at least nine children, mentioned in his father's Will: Humphrey, John, Edward, Cristofer, James, Anne, Johanne, Sibell, Myldred.

Two other children Alice and Thomas Blechynden believed to have been from this union were not mentioned so must have died prior to the writing of the will. His mother Agnes died prior to the writing of the Will and his father William was remarried to Margaret Fox. It is thought they had one child, John Blechynden. The children all grew up at Ruffin's Hill Farm. His father died in about 1514, probate being granted on 6 Jan 1514.

As mentioned above in his father William Blechynden's Will:

"James is treated somewhat as a special case by getting land immediately on his father's decease, so presumably he is the oldest son. One would think that he has attained 21 years. If so, he must have been born prior to 1508 or he would only be 6 years of age when probate was granted on his fathers will on 6 January 1514. This is one of the confusing details mentioned at the beginning of the specific family section – see William.

James.
Immediately on the decease of his father, he gets:
10 acres purchased from William Ledmer? In Aldington
15 acres of marshland at Extbrigge?
Land from Aqrnold Bergh (to pay £10 at the marriage of Johanne)
Land called Goldbell
Land called Wallistrest?
15½ acres of other land
After the death of Margaret, he gets:
Meadow near Everyntemyll?"

James Blechynden was a gentleman of Aldington and resided at Simnells. He was also a Prebend at Peckham, Kent. *(The part of the revenues of a cathedral or collegiate Church paid as a clergyman's salary or the property of tax that yields such revenue.)*

It is believed that James Blechynden was married twice. His first wife's name is not known. She was thought to have been from the Finch family. James and his first wife had one child:

William Blechynden. *"William was married to a member of the Sea (or Gee) family and they had three children: Anne, Margaret and Humphrey. There were no known descendants from these children."*

His first wife must have died. James was then married to Ursula Whetenhall (~1512-1584).

WHETENHALL, URSULA (~1512-1584)

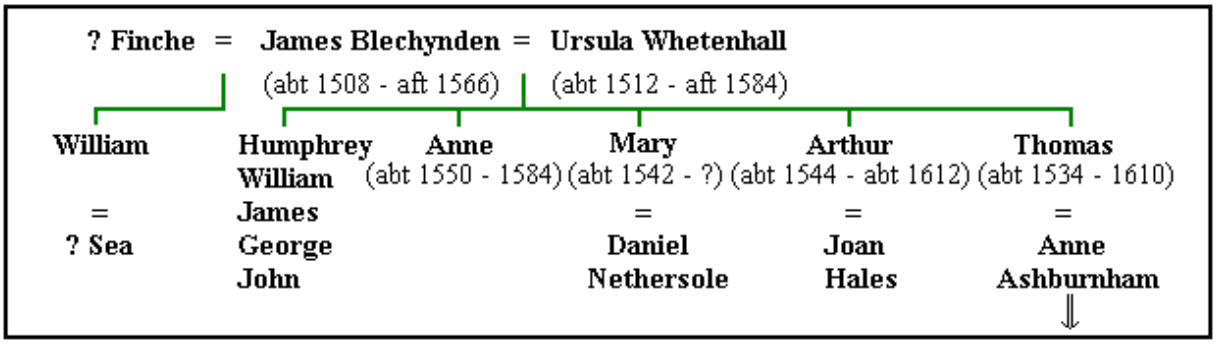
Ursula was born about 1512 at Ruffin's Hill, Aldington, England, daughter of William Whetenhall and Anne Cromer or Crowmer. Note that many family tree site references also state Ursula was born in 1501 but do not provide evidence.

JAMES AND URSULA HAD ELEVEN KNOWN CHILDREN: James, **Thomas**, Daughter, William, George (died as a baby), George, Mary, Arthur, Humphrey, John and Anne Blechynden. Name spelt as Blechinden.

Gerald Fox wrote*: "At least four of these married. One daughter's forename is not known though she is said to have married a John Knight. Arthur married Joan Hales of Thanington, Kent. Mary's husband was Daniel Nethersole, who she married 1579 in Dymchurch, Kent. They had at least three children, Arthur, Humphrey and John. The son of James Blechynden and Ursula to make the most obviously advantageous marriage was Thomas: he married Anne Ashburnham."*

For more details re Thomas proceed to the next section.

James Blechynden died abt 13 November 1566, Aldington, Kent, England. (From Will).
His wife Ursula Whetenhall died 26 Dec 1584 at Aldington, Kent, England.



James and Ursula Blechynden's son **Thomas born abt 1534**, married Anne Ashburnham. That marriage continues Harrison's ancestry line.

Based on the data copied from the web sites acknowledged below, here is a simple chart of James's family tree. https://ancestors.familysearch.org/en/L4TT-HRM/james-blechynden-1497-1556

Note the different spelling of Blechynden. These spellings are not confirmed.

Family Members	PARENTS AND SIBLINGS
SPOUSES AND CHILDREN	
James Blechynden 1497-1556 Marriage: Abt 1522 of Peckham, Kent, England	**William Blechynden** 1474-1511 Marriage: Abt 1496 Aldington, Ashford, Kent, England, United Kingdom
Ursula Whetenhall 1501-1584 Children (9)	Agnes Godfrey 1476-1489 Children (9)
Thomas Blechynden 1522-1610	**James Blechynden** 1497-1556

(Daughter) Blecchinden 1536-1566	Anne Blechynden 1499-
William Blecchinden 1538-1566	Christofer Blechynden 1501-1511
George Blecchinden 1540-1566	Humphrey Blechynden 1502-
Mary Blechynden 1542-1566	Edward Blechynden 1504-1511
Arthur Blechynden 1544-1612	Johanne Blechynden 1506-
Humfrey Blecchingen 1546-1566	Myldred Blechynden 1509-
John Blecchinden 1548-1566	John Blechynden 1510-1600
Ann Blecchinden 1550-1566	Sebill Blechynden 1511-

Following are more detailed references from the above-mentioned website. Note: You need to be a member of Family Search to follow these links.

(Daughter) Blecchinden
1536–1566 • KZT3-7RT

William Blecchinden
1538–1566 • KZ6D-Y5W

George Blecchinden
1540–1566 • K8JW-DXS

Mary Blechynden
1542–1566 • L4S6-LTG

Arthur Blechynden
1544–1612 • L4S6-LY8

Humfrey Blecchingen
1546–1566 • L4S6-LYQ

John Blecchinden
1548–1566 • KCS5-YHV

Ann Blecchinden
1550–1566 • KDS6-PLC

Thomas Blechynden
1522–1610 • L4TT-7M4

The following charts were sourced from:

https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/location/1986340?region=England

Family group records: Agnes Godfrey. Anne Cromer, Thomas Blechynden, Daughter Blecchinden

Family Group Record

Family group record number _____. Page 1 of 3

Husband	James Blechynden (L4TT-HRM)	
Birth date	about 1497	Birthplace: of Aldington, Kent, Engl.
Christening date		Christening place
Marriage date	about 1522	Marriage place: of Peckham, Kent, England
Death date	1556	Death place: Aldington, Kent, England
Burial date		Burial place
Husband's father	William Blechynden (KCX4-K8T)	☒ Deceased
Husband's mother	Agnes Godfrey (LYQ6-418)	☒ Deceased
Other parents and other spouses		

Wife	Ursula Whetenhall (L4TT-HRB)	
Birth date	about 1501	Birthplace: of Peckham, Kent Co, England
Christening date		Christening place
Death date	December 1584	Death place: Aldington, Kent, England,
Burial date	16 December 1584	Burial place: Aldington, Kent England
Wife's father	William Whetenhall III (L21S-3G1)	☒ Deceased
Wife's mother	Anne Cromer (LDRF-6RD)	☒ Deceased
Other parents and other spouses		

Children

1	Name: Thomas Blechynden (L4TT-7M4)		☒ Male ☐ Female
Birth date	about 1522	Birthplace: Ruffins Hill, Aldiington, Kent, England	
Christening date		Christening place	
Marriage date	about 1547	Marriage place: of Barnham, Sussex, Eng	Spouse: Ann Ashburnham (2MPY-BVL)
Death date	11 June 1610	Death place: Aldington, Kent, England	
Other parents and other spouses			

2	Name: (Daughter) Blecchinden (KZT3-7RT)		☐ Male ☒ Female
Birth date	about 1536	Birthplace: of Aldington, Kent, Engl.	
Christening date		Christening place	
Marriage date	about 1557	Marriage place: Of Aldington, Kent, England	Spouse: John Knight (LCXF-P73)
Death date	after 13 November 1566	Death place	
Other parents and other spouses			

Family Group Records: William Blecchinden, George Blecchinden, Mary Blechynden, Arthur Blechynden

Family Group Record—continued

Family group record number _____. Page 2 of 3.

Husband	James Blechynden (L4TT-HRM)	Wife	Ursula Whetenhall (L4TT-HRB)

Children—continued

3	Name William Blecchinden (KZ6D-Y5W)			☒ Male ☐ Female
	Birth date about 1538	Birthplace of Aldington, Kent, Engl.		
	Christening date	Christening place		
	Marriage date	Marriage place	Spouse	
	Death date after 13 November 1566	Death place (Father's Will)		
	Other parents and other spouses			
4	Name George Blecchinden (K8JW-DXS)			☒ Male ☐ Female
	Birth date about 1540	Birthplace of Aldington, Kent, Engl.		
	Christening date	Christening place		
	Marriage date	Marriage place	Spouse	
	Death date after 13 November 1566	Death place (Father's Will)		
	Other parents and other spouses			
5	Name Mary Blechynden (L4S6-LTG)			☐ Male ☒ Female
	Birth date about 1542	Birthplace Of Aldington, Kent, England		
	Christening date	Christening place		
	Marriage date 16 October 1579	Marriage place	Spouse Daniel Nethersole (K63Z-QW2)	
	Death date after 13 November 1566	Death place (Father's Will)		
	Other parents and other spouses			
6	Name Arthur Blechynden (L4S6-LY8)			☒ Male ☐ Female
	Birth date about 1544	Birthplace Of Aldington, Kent, England		
	Christening date	Christening place		
	Marriage date	Marriage place	Spouse	
	Death date 1612	Death place		
	Other parents and other spouses			
7	Name Humfrey Blecchingen (L4S6-LYQ)			☒ Male ☐ Female
	Birth date about 1546	Birthplace Of Aldington, Kent, England		
	Christening date	Christening place		
	Marriage date	Marriage place	Spouse	
	Death date after 13 November 1566	Death place (Father's Will)		
	Other parents and other spouses			

Family Group Records: John Blechynden, Anne Blecchinden

Family Group Record—continued

Family group record number _____. Page 2 of 3.

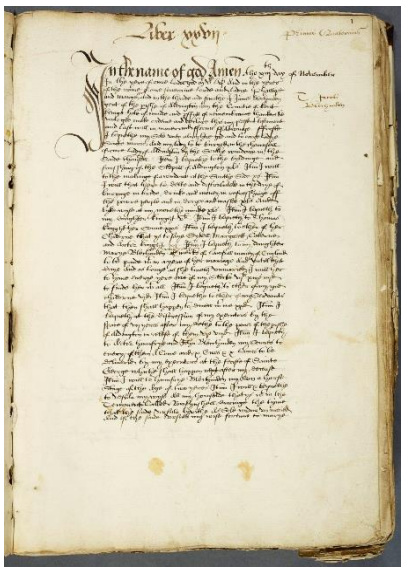
Husband James Blechynden (L4TT-HRM)	Wife Ursula Whetenhall (L4TT-HRB)

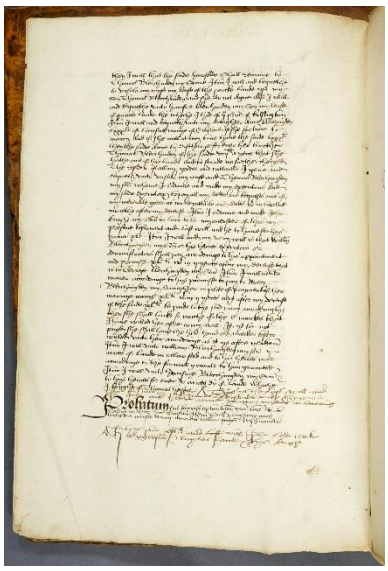
Children—continued

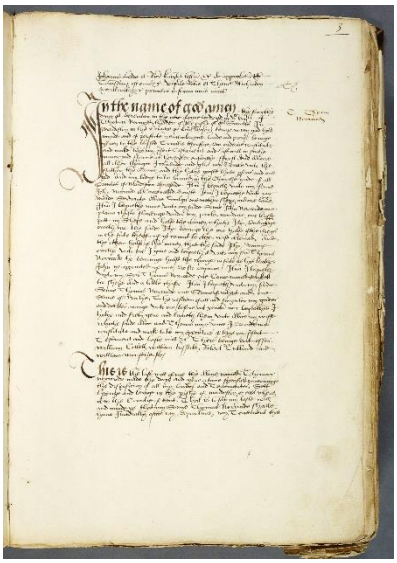
8	Name John Blecchinden (KCS5-YHV)		☒ Male ☐ Female
	Birth date about 1548	Birthplace of Aldington, Kent, Engl.	
	Christening date	Christening place	
	Marriage date	Marriage place	Spouse
	Death date after 13 November 1566	Death place (Father's Will)	
	Other parents and other spouses		
9	Name Ann Blecchinden (KDS6-PLC)		☐ Male ☒ Female
	Birth date about 1550	Birthplace of Aldington, Kent, Engl.	
	Christening date	Christening place	
	Marriage date	Marriage place	Spouse
	Death date after 13 November 1566	Death place (Father's Will)	
	Other parents and other spouses		

WILL OF JAMES BLECHYNDEN

Will of James Blechynden as obtained from the Kent Archives Office in Maidstone. The first name in the right column doesn't look like James but the content certainly suggests it is. The mixture of Latin and English styles doesn't make it easy to read. Attempts to interpret this Will have been difficult and only a very small number of words and partial sentences figured out. It has therefore been left to interested persons to try for themselves. Some similarly written wills further on in this Kent section have been worked out by persons unknown so it can be done.







Copy of the three pages of the Will of William James Blechynden.

Following are larger copies of each page with cropped edges for easier reading. An attempt at interpretation of the Will is following the larger copies of the pages.

WILL JAMES BLECHYNDEN
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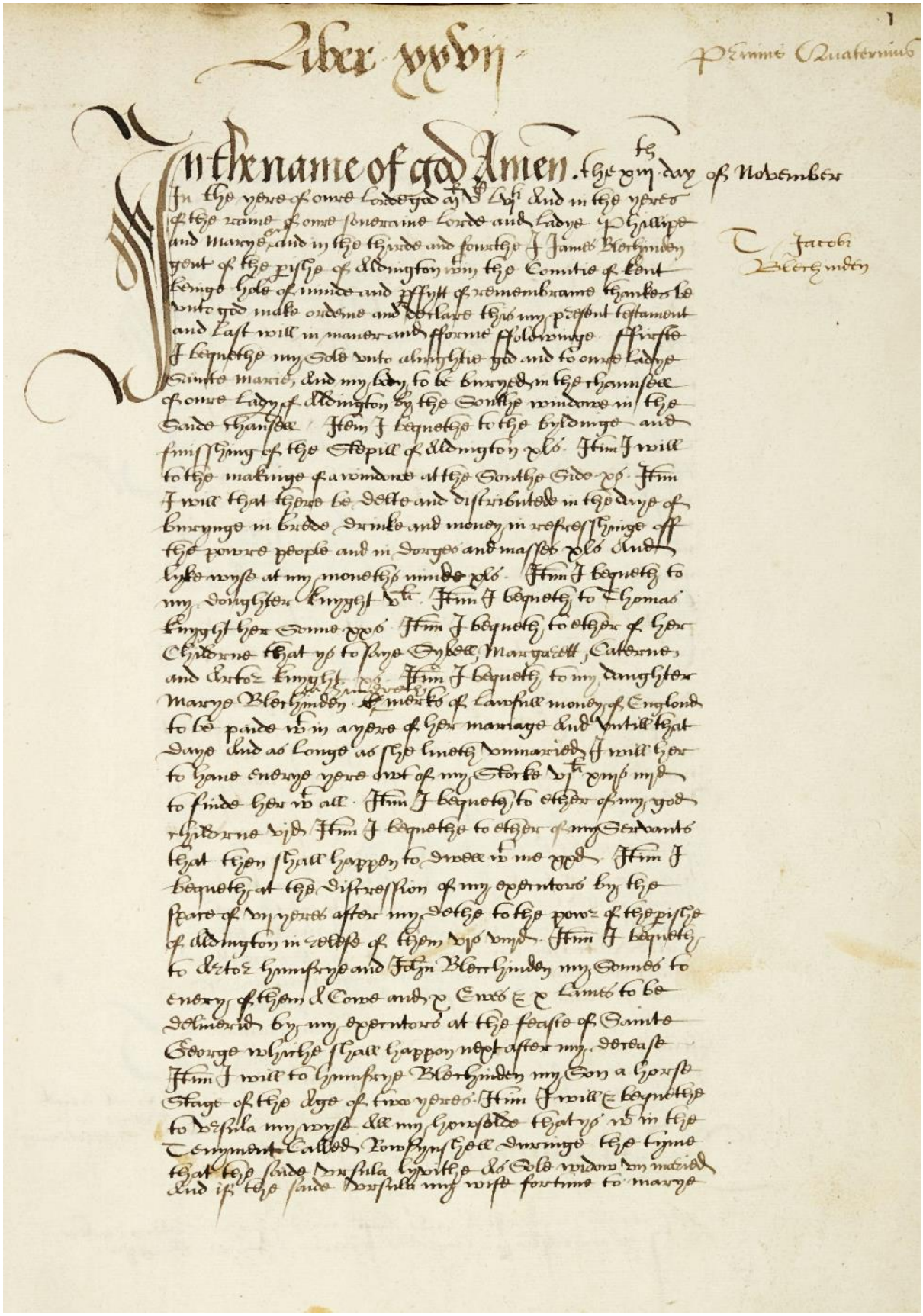

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Primus Quaternus

Liber wyll

In the name of god Amen. the xvij day of November
In the yere of our Lorde god a M Cccc lxxx and in the yere
of the reame of our soueraine Lorde and Ladye Philippe
and Marye and in the thirde and fourthe J James Blechynden
yeomen of the pyche of Aldington in the Countie of Kent
being hole of minde and perfyte of remembrance thankes be
unto god make ordeine and declare this my present testament
and last will in manner and forme folowinge ffirste
J bequethe my soule unto almightie god and to our Ladye
Saynte Marie, and my bodye to be buryed in the chauncell
of our Ladye of Aldington by the southe windowe in the
sande chauncell. Item J bequethe to the buildinge and
finishyng of the steple of Aldington xl.s. Item J will
to the makinge of a windowe at the southe side xx.s. Item
J will that there be delte and distributed in the daye of
buryinge in bredde drinke and money in reffreshinge of
the poure people and in doueles and masses xl.s. And
lyke wise at my monethes mynde xl.s. Item J bequethe to
my doughter Knyght vj.li. Item J bequethe to Thomas
Knyght her sonne xx.s. Item J bequethe to eyther of her
children that ye to saye Sybell, Margarett, Catherine
and Anne Knyght xx.s. Item J bequethe to my doughter
Marye Blechynden the summe of Lawfull money of Englande
to be paide vnto hym at the daye of her marriage and vntill that
daye and as longe as she kepeth unmarried J will her
to have endinge yere out of my Stocke vj.li. xiij.s. iij.d.
to finde her vnto all. Item J bequethe to eyther of my godchildrene xij.d. Item J bequethe to eyther of my Seruantes
that then shall happen to dwelle vnto me xx.d. Item J
bequethe at the distresse of my executors by the
space of iij yeres after my dethe to the poure of the pyche
of Aldington in reliefe of them xl.s. xij.d. Item J bequethe
to Anne Humphrye and John Blechynden my Sonnes to
every of them a Cowe and ij Ewes & ij Lambes to be
delyuered by my executors at the feaste of Saynte
George whyche shall happen next after my decease
Item J will to Humphrye Blechynden my Son a horse
stage of the age of two yeres. Item J will & bequethe
to Dorothie my wife all my howsholde that is in the
Tenement called Longhyngholt during the time
that the sayde Dorothie keepeth the sayde widowe unmarried
and if the sayde Dorothie my wife fortune to marye

T Jacobi Blechynden

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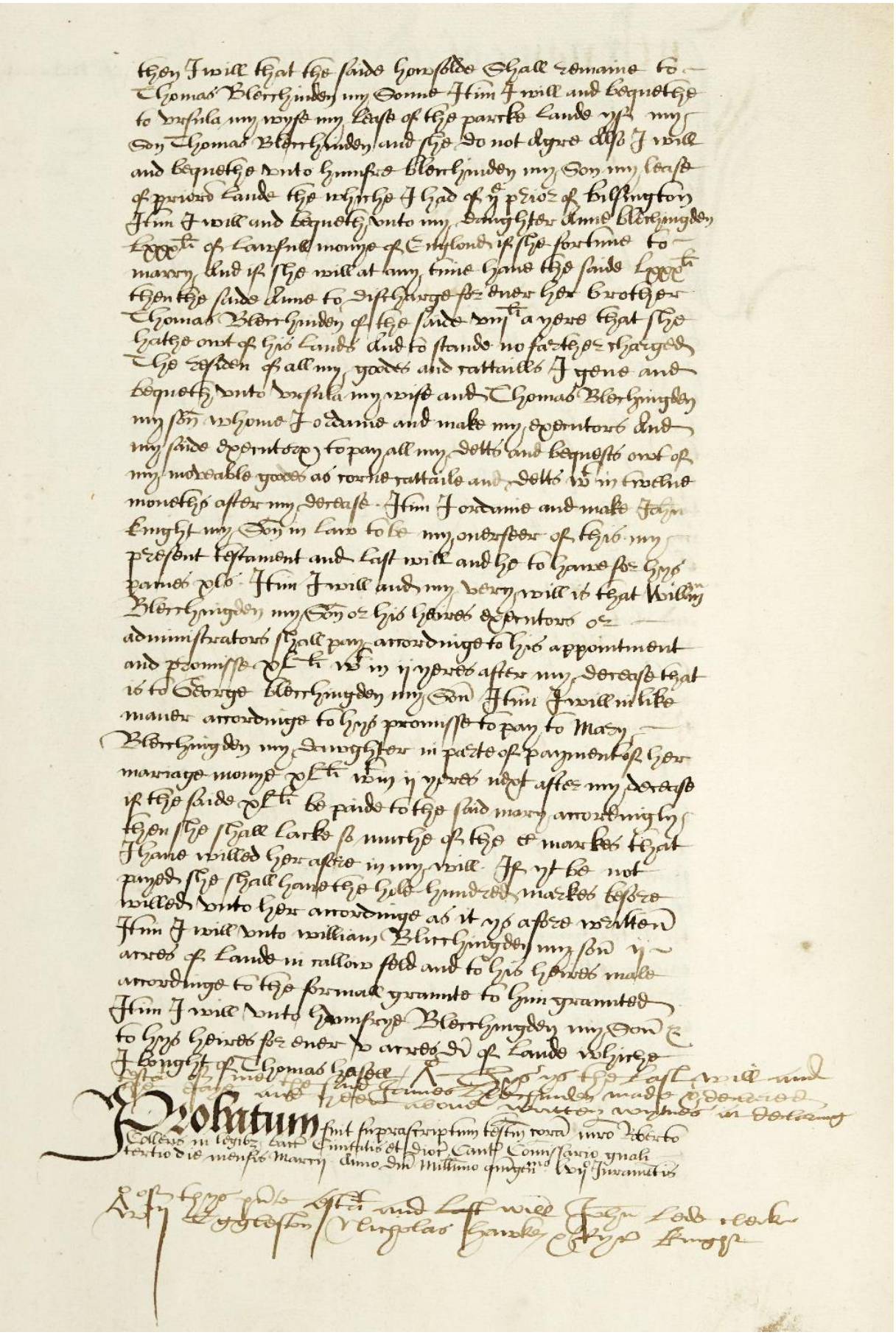


WILL - JAMES BLECHYNDEN – Pg 3

Johannis Leder et Ric knight testm & de approbatione
Commissionis est omnes & singulos Petro et Thome Blechynden
executoribus & permittens in forma mris inrat

In the name of god amen, the fourthe
daye of december in the yere of our lorde god a thousand
Thomas Norwood the elder of the pishe of all Saintes In
Maidestone in the Countie of Kent Mason, beinge in my good hole
mynde and of perfecte remembrance, Laude and praise beinge
geven to the blessed Trinitie therefore do ordeine constitute
and make this my present Testament and Last will in suche
manner and forme as hereafter ensuethe, ffirst and above
all other thynges I remende and give my Soule unto the
ffather, the Sonne, and the holye goaste three persone and one
god and my bodye to be buried in the Churche yarde of all
Saintes of Maidestone aforesaide. Item I bequethe unto my sonne
John Norwood a Cowe called drinste. Item I bequethe unto my
maide Servante Alice Tomlyn one moteyer sheepe, and one lamb,
Item I bequethe more unto my saide Sonne John Norwood one
plaine rysshe standinge under my parlor windowe, one brasse
pott in Shepe and halfe the money wherthe John Dommyge
oweth me the saide John beringe the one halfe of the rhaye
in the sute therof, yf yt cannot be other wise determed, And
the other halfe of the money that the saide John dommyge
owethe unto me I give and bequeth it unto my son Thomas
Norwood he beringe halfe the rhaye in sute as his brother
John yt appointed yt rate, do so require. Item I bequeth
unto my Son Thomas Norwood one Cowe named Myskell
two sheepe and a little rhaper. Item I bequeth unto my saide
Sonne Thomas Norwood one Seame of whyte and one
Seame of Barlye, The residue of all and singuler my goodes
and debtes owinge unto me before not given nor bequethed I
holye and freely give and bequeth them unto Alice my wiffe
wherthe saide Alice and Thomas my Sonne I do ordeine
constitute and make to be my executors of thys my present
Testament and Laste will & Theyes beinge witnesses,
William Collett, William Russell, Robert Ensbard and
William Morse hostes

Thes be the last will of me the above named Thomas
Norwood made the days and yere above specified touchinge
the disposition of all my Landes and Tenementes, Sett
lyenge and beinge in the pishe of maidestone, or else where,
in the Countie of Kent, That is to say my laste will
and mynde yt that my Sonne Thomas Norwood shalle
have Imediatly after my departure, my Tenement that

T Thomas Norwood

A valiant attempt at interpreting by Mary Coulthard. A challenge for others to add to her effort.

In the Name of God Amen……..?.....? day of November

In The yere of oure Lorde god ……? …..? and in the yere of the raine of oure soveraine Lorde and Ladye Phillipe and Marye …. and in the thirde and fourthe I James Blechyinden gent of the …….. of Aldington in the countie of Kent beinge hole of minde and …….. of remembrance thanks be unto god make ordaine and declare this my present testament and last will in maner or fform ffolowinge .

ffirst I bequeathe my sole unto almightie god and oure Ladye Sainte Marie, and my body to buryed in the channcell of our Lady of Aldington by the southe window in the saide chancel .

Item I bequethe to the byldinge and finishing of the Stephill (Steeple) of Aldington ……?

Itim I will to the making of a windowe at the southe side ……?

Item I will that there be delte and distributed in the day of buryinge in brede drinke and money in repressinge/refresshinge? of the poure people in dirges and masses ……..? and like …….? at my months mind …….?

Item I bequeath to my daughter Knight ……?

Item I bequeath to Thomas Knight her sonne ……..? (Money?) Then I bequeath to other of her children that is to saye? Sybell, Margarett, Caterne? and Artoe? Knight …….? (Money)

Item I bequeath to my daughter Marye Blechinden ……? Marks of lawful money of England to be paide …….? In a yere of her marriage and until that daye and as long as she liveth unmarried I will her to have every …….. of my Ssocke/Stocke? u…….? x…….? (Exec'?) …. to find her ….? all.

Item I bequeath to other of my god children u……?

Item I bequeath to other of my servants that they shall happen to dwell ……? ….? ….?

Item I bequeath at the discression of my executors by the seace (search) of my u…….? after my deathe to the ……..of Aldington in …….? Of them ….. ….. ? .

Item I bequeath to Artoe ? Humfrye and John Blecchinden my sonnes to every of them …….. Come and …… ….. ….. lambs to be delivered by my executors at the feast of Sainte George which shall happen next after my decease,

Item I will to Humfreye Blechinden my sonne a horse stage? of the age of …….? yeres.

Item I will and bequeath to Ursula my wife all my household that is not in the tennyment cellar …… ….. ? shall …..? the tyme that the saide Ursula livethe as sole widow ?? unmarried and if the said Ursula my wife fortune to marrye then I will that the said household shall remaine to Thomas Blecchinden my sonne .

Itim I will and bequeathe to Ursula my wife the lease of the Park Land if my son Thomas Blecchinden and she do not agre …..?

I will and bequeathe unto Humfre Blecchinden my son my lease of Priors? Land I had of ……? Of Billington.

Item I will and bequeathe unto my daughter Anne Blechingden …….. of lawful moneye of England if she fortune to marrye and if she will at any time have the said …….? (money amount) from the said Anne to discharge forever her brother Thomas Blecchinden of the saide u……? a yere that she hathe out of his lands and to stand no farther charges.

The re…….? of all my goods and cattails I give and bequeath unto Ursula my wife and to Thomas Blecchinden my son whom I ordaine and make my executors and my saide executor to pay all my debts and bequests out of my movable goods as c……..? cattails (Chattels) and debts …….. months after my decease.

Item I ordaine and make John Knight my son in law to be my overseer of this my present Testament and last will and he to have for his pamnt? …….(money amount?) .

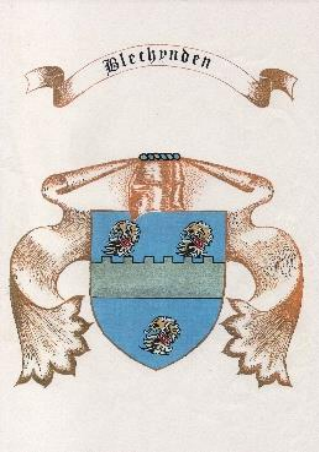
Item I will and my will is that William Blecchinden my son or his heires executors or administrators shall pay accordinge to his appointment and promise ……? Not in ……? Yeres after my decease that is to George Blecchinden my son Item I will in like manar according to his promise to paye Marye Blecchinden my daughter in part of payment of her marriage moneye …….? ……..? yeres next after my decease if the saide moneye be paid to the saide Mary accordingly then she shall lack so much of the ….? marks I have willed her ……? In my will ……..? be not paide she shall have the hole hundred Marks before willed to her according as it is afore mention .

Item I will unto William Blecchingden my son …….? Acres of land in callow? feld? And to his heires male according to the formall grannte to him grannted.

Item I will unto Humfre Blecchingden my son to his heires forever ……..? acres ……? Of Land that I bought of Thomas Hasell?

3. THOMAS BLECHYNDEN (~1534-1610) & ANNE ASHBURNHAM (~1526-~1555)

SON OF JAMES BLECHYNDEN (~1508-1566) & URSULA WHETENHALL (~1512-1584)



Thomas Blechynden was born about 1534 in Aldington, Kent, England, son of James Blechynden (~1508-1566) and Ursula Whetenhall (~1512-1584). He was one of eleven known children: William, James, Thomas, Daughter, George (died as a baby), George, Mary, Arthur, Humphrey, John and Anne Blechynden. His father had married twice, his step brother William being from the first marriage.

Thomas grew up with his brothers and sisters at Ruffin's Hill, Alderton, Kent, England.

THOMAS BLECHYNDEN (~1534-1610) was married about 1555 in Aldington, to **ANNE ASHBURNHAM (~1526-),** of Geslings Earls Ashburnham –

Ashburnham family, baronets, of Broomham, Sussex (Broomham in Guestling, etc) estate accounts

ASHBURNHAM, ANNE (~1526-)

Anne was born about 1526 in Barnham, Sussex, England, daughter of Thomas Ashburnham of Broomham, Sussex, and Benett Cromer, daughter of John Cromer of Tunstall Kent. There is an area called Broomham about 20 kilometres North West of Ruffins Hill and Tunstall is about 30 kilometres North West of Ruffins Hill. Anne resided in Geslings Earls when she married Thomas Blechynden. There is also a place called Guestling about 30 kilometres South West of Ruffins Hill near Hastings and Winchelsea where her father had several official roles. It is also located about 30 kilometres from Ruffins Hill but near Rye, see below.

LANDED FAMILIES OF BRITAIN AND IRELAND - Ashburnham family of Broomham, baronets
https://landedfamilies.blogspot.com/2015/12/201-ashburnham-of-broomham-baronets.html:

Ashburnham, Thomas (c.1460-1523). *Elder son of Richard Ashburnham (fl. c.1450-60) of Broomham* and his wife, born by 1462. High Sheriff of Surrey and Sussex, 1499-1500; jurat of Winchelsea, 1508-23 (Mayor 1509-10, 1521-22); MP for Winchelsea, 1510, 1523; JP for Sussex, 1511-23. He married, by 1483, Elizabeth (1458-1523), daughter of John Dudley and aunt of John Dudley, Duke of Northumberland, and had issue:*
(1) Thomas Ashburnham (b. c.1483) (q.v.);
(2) Ellen Ashburnham (d. by 1523); married, by 1520, as his first wife, Sir Walter Hendley MP (d. 1550) (who m2, 1527, Margery, daughter of Thomas Pigott of Whaddon (Bucks) and widow of Thomas Cotton of Landwade (Cambs), and had issue three daughters; died before Apr 1523;
(3) Anne Ashburnham (fl. 1523); unmarried in 1523.
He inherited the Broomham estate from his father. *He died between April and Jun 1523; his will was proved 27 Jun 1523. His widow was living when his will was written but apparently died shortly afterwards.*

* The History of Parliament says he was the son of Thomas Ashburnham (fl. 1434) of Ashburnham (see Ashburnham of Ashburnham), but this appears to omit a generation.

Ashburnham, Thomas (b. c.1483; fl. 1552). *Only son of Thomas Ashburnham (d. 1523) and his wife Elizabeth, daughter of John Dudley, born about 1483. Comptroller of Customers for the Chichester district, 1504-14 or later; MP for Winchelsea, 1512, 1515; jurat for Winchelsea, 1515; bailiff of Yarmouth, 1515. He married Bennet, eldest daughter and heiress of John Cromer of Tunstall (Kent) and had issue:*
(1) Alice Ashburnham; married Hugh Good;
(2) Anne Ashburnham; married Thomas Bletchingdon of Allington (Kent)
(3) Lawrence Ashburnham (d. 1565) (q.v.);
(4) Elinor Ashburnham; married Hugh Waller;
(5) Katherine Ashburnham;
(6) Thomas Ashburnham;
(7) William Ashburnham;
(8) Jane Ashburnham; married Henry Shoebridge;
(9) John Ashburnham (fl. 1577);
(10) Robert Ashburnham (fl. 1577);
(11) Elizabeth Ashburnham.

This Thomas inherited the Broomham estate from his father also Thomas in 1523.
*He was living in 1552 but his date of death is unknown.**
*The History of Parliament says he died between 1518 and 1523 and probably before 1521, but his father's will, written in April 1523, makes it clear that he was then living, and he and his son Lawrence are parties to a final concord dated the Quindeme of Easter 1552 [East Sussex RO, FRE/7003-4]. Perhaps the Parliament records referred to another Thomas Ashburnham.

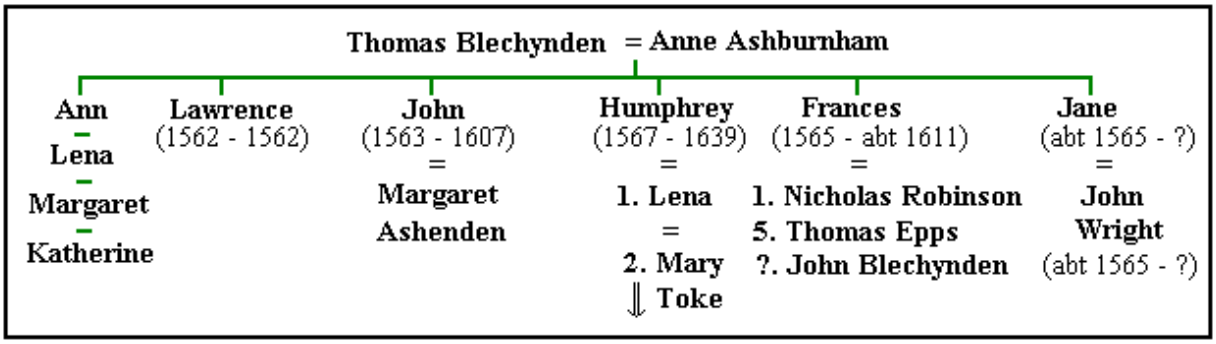
Broomham Hall by S.H, Grimm, 1783, Image: British Library Add MS, 5670, f.26

Broomham Hall in the 1920s. Image: Historic England/Nathaniel Lloyd

Broomham Hall on OS 6" map of 1873

Broomham Hall, as remodelled by C.F. Callow, 1926

Broomham house became a school in the late 1950s or early 1960s, and the present owners, 2020, are Buckswood School, a co-educational independent school founded in Surrey in 1933. Image via Google.



Thomas Blechynden and Annie Ashburnham had at least ten children, eight of which appear to have survived to adulthood: Anne, Lena, Margaret, Katherine, Lawrence (1562-1562), died at 4 weeks of age, John died as a baby, **John (1563-1607),** Jane (~1565-), Humphrey (1567-1639), Frances (1565-~1611)

Gerald Fox summarised thus: *"The first son to be born to Thomas Blechynden and Anne Ashburnham was Lawrence though he died before he was four weeks old. A second son, John, appears to have suffered the same fate but in his case, he died within a day. Very little is known about Katherine, Margaret and Anne, three daughters of Thomas and Anne Ashburnham, though apparently another daughter, Lena, married a Thomas Tyndale."*

"Jane, who was born 23 March 1565, married John Wright of Aldington 31 December 1588. They had four known children, Francis, Thomas, Anne and John. John married Priscilla Byfield and the couple appear to have emigrated to America, or at least visited there, since their son Joseph was born in Woburn, Massachusetts."

"The third son of Thomas Blechynden and Anne Ashburnham was again named John but this time the couple succeeded in raising the boy as the heir, though he survived only into his forties. John is described as a gentleman of Simnells, their property in Aldington."

John Blechynden (1563-1607) was married to Margaret Ashenden (~1563-1596), 26 May 1578." For more details see next section.

Humphrey Blechynden (1567-1639) Lord of the Manor of Hurst was born 8 Jun 1567 in Aldington, Kent.

Gerald Fox has written: "*Some accounts say Humphrey had a wife called Lena. This is an unusual name for the period. However, he is also said to have a sister Lena. Perhaps there was no wife Lena."*

If Humphrey was married to Elizabeth (Lena) she must have died before his second marriage.

In 1592 Humphrey Blechynden (1567-1639) married Mary Toke (-bef. 1639).
Gerald Fox wrote: *The marriage to Mary Toke was a good one. She was heiress to the Copperhust, Hurst and other estates in the region of Aldington in Kent. Through this marriage Humphrey Blechenden became owner of almost all the land in Aldington that was not directly owned by the King. It was Humphrey, by now Lord of the Manor of Hurst and a Lord of Romney Marsh, who caused Ruffin's Hill to be rebuilt in what is largely the style that we know today. He also had interests in London where he, and sons Richard and Henry, are known to have been Merchant Taylors. Humphrey*

had at least ten children of whom Thomas became the most influential. See Blechynden of London for the descendants of Humphrey."

"Frances Blechynden (1565-~1611) was born 12 January 1564/65), is said to have married three times. Her first marriage was to Thomas Epps, gentleman of New Romney, 2 Jul 1584 in Aldington. Her second marriage was to Nicholas Robinson (-~1594), gentleman of Monkton in Thanet. The third marriage was to John Blechynden. Clearly, he was a relative, but the exact relationship has not been ascertained."
Gerald Fox commented: "*It is at this generation that there appeared two distinct Blechynden branches. Descendants of Humphrey settled in London, several of whom became merchants. One of the London branch went to India and remained in Calcutta for the remainder of his life. Descendants of John eventually crossed the world to Australia, New Zealand and the U.S.A.*

Thomas Blechynden (~1534-1610) died 11 Jun 1610 in Aldington, Kent, England. Anne Ashburnham (~1526-~) died in Aldington, Kent, England.

FAMILY SEARCH

Note: You need to be a member of Family Search to follow these links.

Thomas Blechynden
1522–1610 • L4TT-7M4
Marriage: Abt 1547of Barnham, Sussex, Eng

Ann Ashburnham
1526–Deceased • 2MPY-BVL

Children of Ann Ashburnham and Thomas Blechynden (7)

John Blechenden
1548–Deceased • LHN2-KKW

John Blechynden
1563–1607 • LZXB-M21

Lawrence Blechynden
1563–Deceased • K41Q-3RV

Francis Blechenden
1565–Deceased • MSXL-VGP

Humphrey Blechynden
1567–1639 • K8BF-YRW

Jane Blechenden
1567–1637 • LB3P-QZ5

Lena Blechynden
1576–Deceased • KHDW-M78

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4. JOHN BLECHYNDEN (~1563-1607) & MARGARET ASHENDEN (~1563-1596)

SON OF THOMAS BLECHYNDEN (~1534-1610) AND ANNE ASHBURNHAM (~1526-)

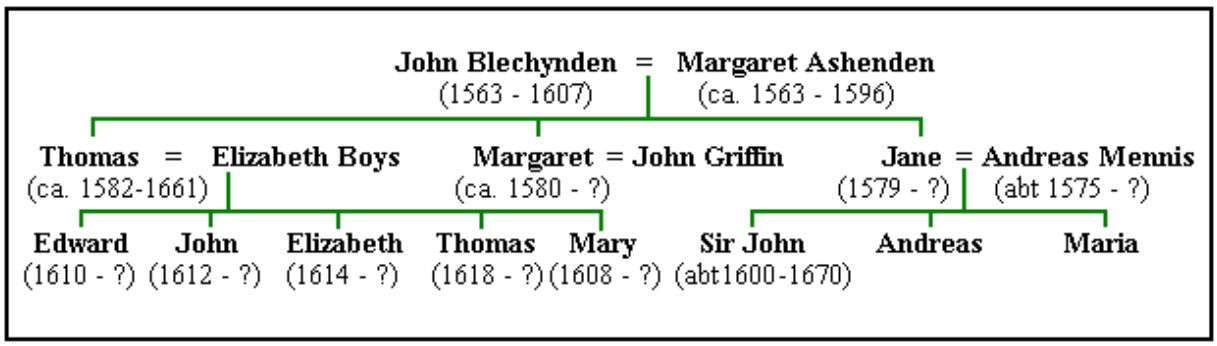
John Blechynden was born about 1563, and christened 3 Apr 1563 in Aldington, Kent, England. He was the son on Thomas Blechynden (~1534-1610) and Anne Ashburnham (~1526-) who were married about 1555 in Aldington Kent. He was the eldest surviving son of eight out of ten children which appear to have survived to adulthood: Anne, Lena, Margaret, Katherine, Lawrence (1562-1562), died at 4 weeks of age, John died as a baby, John (1563-1607), Jane (~1565-), Humphrey (1567-1639), Frances (1565-~1611).

He grew up on Simnells, his father's property.
He was a Gentleman of Simnells, their property in Aldington.

"In a letter to the Kentish Express, A.J. Pearman of Rochester said in 1904:
From the Archeologia Cantania I find that John Blechynden was Captain of one hundred footmen among the forces raised in Kent to repel the Spanish invasion of 1588. Pearman is probably referring to the John son of Thomas Blechynden and Anne Ashburnham."

John Blechenden of Kennington (Part 2)
https://northandsouthroots.com/.../john-blechenden-of.../
John Blechynden (~1563-1607) married **Margaret Ashenden (~1563-1596)** on 26th May 1578, in Nonington, Kent.

Margaret Ashenden was born about 1563 and was the daughter of Richard Ashenden of Tenterden, Kent. Her mother was possibly Joane Engham but this could not be easily confirmed. Apparently, she had a brother Sir William Ashenden who was also a soldier. It is highly likely that this is how she met John Blechynden.



In the first four years Margaret Ashenden and John Blechynden had four children: Anne Blechynden, Jane Blechynden born 18 Jan 1578/79 who married Andreas Mennis about 1596, Margaret Blechynden born about 1580 who married John Griffin on 2 Oct 1615 and **Thomas Blechynden** who was born about 1582 and married Elizabeth Boys on 26 Aug 1607.

Gerald wrote: *"Little is known about two of the three known sons, John and William. The third son,* ***Thomas,*** *married Elizabeth Boys of Nonington 26 August 1607."* For more details on Thomas, see next section.

John Blechynden and Margaret had other children not recorded here. After eighteen years of marriage and bearing children, Margaret Ashenden died 30 Jun 1596 in Aldington, Kent, England. The monument- to Margaret states: "who had by her sayd husband five sonnes and eight daughters."

Following his wife Margaret's death John Blechynden married again but the name of his second wife has not yet been determined. In his later life he moved to Monkton in Thanet.

....a monument for John Blechynden Esq of Simnells who died an immature death, being then married to his second wife and father of numerous issue. He lived the latter part of his life at Monkton in Thanet, abt. 1607, arms Blechynden impaling a lion rampant, gules. See maps of Thanet below.

Via Martin Easton, researcher from England: **Records show that John Blechynden was a JP.**
ASSIZES RECORD, from a published volume – **assizes**. a trial session, civil or criminal, held periodically in specific locations in England, usually by a judge of a superior court.

"Following is a record of John Blechynden's attendance at the Assizes as JP in the Home Circuit from 1600 to 1607? In March 1607 he was absent due to illness (and he died on 19 Sep 1607). He seems to me to be one of the leading members of his family. The wish of his great grandson Thomas to be buried near to his memorial in the South Chancel suggests his lasting reputation."

RECORD OF JOHN BLECHYNDEN'S ATTENDANCE AT THE ASSIZES AS JP
Kent Gaol delivery roll 1596-1604 Law 2

Printed in the Calendar of Assize Records, Home Circuit: Introduction (HMSO 1985) in Birmingham Regerence Library, 2003

p.142 John Starky of Allington, labourer, indicted for burglary. On 20 Mar 1598 he burgled the house of Thomas Blassenden of Allington, Gent, and stole a doublet (4s.) a jerkin (2s.) a shirt (2s.) and a purse containing 49s. 6d. in money belonging to John Carter. Guilty; to hang.

Calendar of Assizes Records: Kent Indictments, Elizabeth I
(HMSO 1979) in Birmingham Reference Library, 2003

Reg. 174 Maidstone Assizes 27 Jul 1562:
Pett, Emily, indicted for murder. By an inquisition held at Stone, 27 May 1562… jury… [includes] Thomas Blachenden [found her guilty].

Reg. 678 Maidstone Assizes 25 Jun 1573:
Swayne, Henry, and Blechynden, John, clothier, of Cranbrook, indicted for grand larceny. On 20 Aug 1572 they broke into the house of Richard Baker at Goudherst and stole 20 pieces of Devonshire Kersey (£30). The principals are at large. Blechynden tried in March 1574 and found not guilty [see next item].

John Blechenden [name always spelled thus] is recorded as Justice of the Peace (as a County Magistrate) at the following Assizes [indicates that he was recorded as present]:*

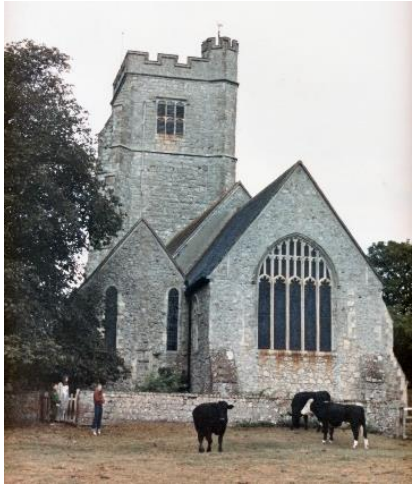
2732	Rochester Assizes	25 Feb 1600
2776	Maidstone Assizes	26 Jun 1600*
2872	Maidstone Assizes	9 Jul 1601*
2920	Rochester Assizes	22 Feb 1602
2960	Canterbury Assizes	7 Jul 1602*
2999	Dartford Assizes	21 Feb 1603*

Calendar of Assizes Records: Kent Indictments, James I
(HMSO) at Bham Reference Library 2003

3	Maidstone Assizes	29 Sep 1603*
53	Rochester Assizes	23 Feb 1604
75	Rochester Assizes	4 Mar 1605*
114	Maidstone Assizes	19 Mar 1606*
166	Maidstone Assizes	21 Jul 1606*
196	Rochester Assizes	9 Mar 1607 (ill)
239	Maidstone Assizes	16 Jul 1607

(In all cases his name is near the end of the list. Is it in order of locality?)
NB. Two Assize Judges rode each circuit. The Home Circuit covered the SE Counties. Within this the Kent Assizes usually lasted 3 days, 17 days in total. Assizes records include a list of officers including JPs, both 'honorary' and 'working' JPs ("members of the Peace Commission"). JPs had to examine suspects and witnesses and certify this to the Assizes."

John Blechynden died 19 Sep 1607 in Monkton in Thanet, Kent, Eng. There are memorials to him and his wife Margaret in Aldington Church.



Aldington Church

Aldington Church

ST MARTINS CHURCH, ALDINGTON PARISH CHURCH, KENT: MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

Via Martin Easton: At the church, Jun 2002. "Looking for Blechynden inscriptions inside the church. The following two were both in the South Chapel":

1. A small brass plate about head height on the west wall of the South chapel:

Here lieth buried that religious and modest gentlewoman Margaret Blechenden the late wife of John Blechenden of Simnels in Alldington gent and daughter of Richard Ashenden late of Tenderden gent: who had by her sayd husband five sonnes and eight daughters. She departed this life in the faith of Christ the 30th of Jun 1596

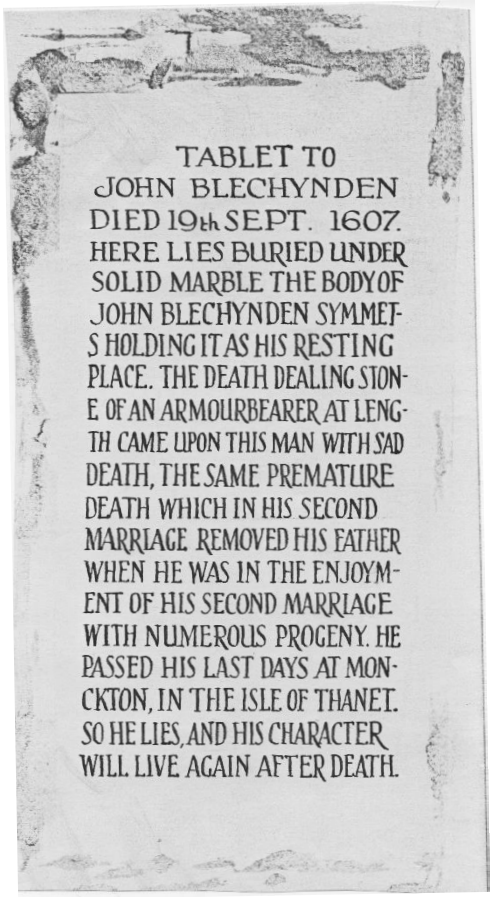
2. A stone inscription above head height on the south wall of the south chapel, framed with decorative panels of different stone and with a shield above (not decipherable):

Gerald Fox wrote:

The transcription of the Latin from John Blechynden's tomb in Aldington Church is inaccurate in one or two places, as Martin's photograph of it shows. Also, we now use the word 'armiger' to indicate someone who has the right to a coat of arms. Hence armiger on the memorial is probably best translated as simply 'armiger'. Though 'gent' is surely implicit in 'armiger', it is not explicitly stated on the memorial.

Here lies enclosed solidly under marble the body of HIC IACET INCLVSVM SOLIDO SVB MARMORE CORPVS John Blechynden whose dwelling [seat] was Simnells IOH: BLECHYNDENI, SYMNELS PRO SEDE TENENTIS, gent at length destroyed [time] ARMIGERI. HVNC TANDEM LETHALIS, FVNERE TRISTI, gallstones? death untimely followed? Or second marriage? CALCULUS INVOLVIT, MORSQ, IMMATVRA SECVNDIS
Marriage union? Many children CONNVIBIIS IVNCTVM, NUMEROSA ET PROLE PARENTEM committed to earth? The thread of his life led TRANSTVLIT E TERRIS. DVCEBAT STAMINA VITAE ultimately [from / to??] Monkton in the isle of Thanet VLTIMA MONCTONIAE, QVAM CONTINET INSULA THANET. Thus lies but resurrect yet/moreover man SIC IACET: AT REVIRESCIT ADHVC POST FVNERA VIRTUS: died anno domini 1607 Sept 19th aged 52.
OBIIT AN: DOM: 1607°. SEPT: 19 ° AETATIS SVAE 52

Here is another translation which has been circulating in the family for many years:



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ALDINGTON
https://kentarchaeology.org.uk/research/monumental-inscriptions/aldington

Some Monumental Inscriptions of ***Aldington*** *Church, Noted by Rev Bryan Faussett 1759*
Transcribed for the website by Pat Tritton

In The South Chancell.

5. On a Mural Monument on the West Wall. *[Arg. a fess wavy betw. 3 lions' hds. erd. or BLECHYNDEN imp. Arg. a ln.rt.gu.]. Hic Jacet inclusum solido sub Marmore, Corpus Joh. Blechyndeni, Symnels pro Sede tenentis, Armigeri; hunc tandem lethalis, Funere trish; Calculus involvit, Morsq immaturae, secundis Connubijs junctum, numerosâ et Prole Parentem, Transtulit e Terris; ducelat Stamina Vitae, Ultima, Monctoniae, quam continet Insula Thanet. Hic jacet, at revirescit adhuc post Funera Virtus.*

6. On a Flat Stone. *Humfredus BLECHYNDEN de Colle Rufino, Armiger viii Jun. A.D. M.D.LXVII Christo publice sacratus ad. vtum. usq Novembris MDCXXXIV Deo, Patriae, Familiae. Sibi faelicitèr militavit, in novissimum, clangen te Archangelo, et redeunte e Caelis Exercitium Domino, triumphaturus Inimicum.*

7. On Another Flat Stone*. Here lieth interred, the Body of Mary, Daughter of Mr. Edward METCALFE of Woodstock in the County of Oxon. and Widow of Henry GREGORY, sometime Rector of Middleton Stoney, in the said County. She departed this Life, May 19 1707 aged 69. She left surviving 2 Daughters, viz. Grace, Wife of Mr. Thomas BRAMSTON of Waterhouse, in the County of Essex; and Mary, Wife of William DEEDES, Dr. of Physick, of the City of Canterbury who buried her in this Part of his Chancell, beneath this Stone, placed to her pious Memeory, in sure and certain Hope of the Resurrection to eternal Life.*

8. On Another Flat Stone. *[Per fess wavy gu. & arg. 3 martlets counterchd. DEEDES imp. Or, 2 bars az. in chief a leopd. az. GREGORY]. Here lieth the Body of Dr. William Deedes, Son of Julius Deedes, Esq. of Hythe. He died 4 Decr. 1738 aged 79 Years. He practised Physick with great Integrity and Humanity, near 50 Years, at Canterbury. He was a charitable Neighbour, a sincere Friend, a good Christian. He left a Son and a Daughter, by Mary his Wife, who is buried in the same Grave. She was Daughter of Henry Gregory, Rector of Middleton Stoney, Oxon; and died 26 Oct. 1737 aged 64 Years. She was beloved and admired by all who knew her; The best Wife; The most Tender Mother; The most desirable Friend; truly pious; strictly religious; An Ornament to her Family; a Pattern to her Sex.*

9. On a loose brass Plate*, now kept in the Parish Chest, but, which was formerly fix'd to a flat Stone in this Chancell. Here lyeth buried that religious, and modest Gentlewoman, Margaret BLECHYNDEN, the late Wife of Richard ASHENDEN, late of Tenderden, Gent; who had by her said Husband, Five Sonnes and Eight Daughters. She departed this Life, in the Fayth of Christ the 30th Day of Jun 1596.*

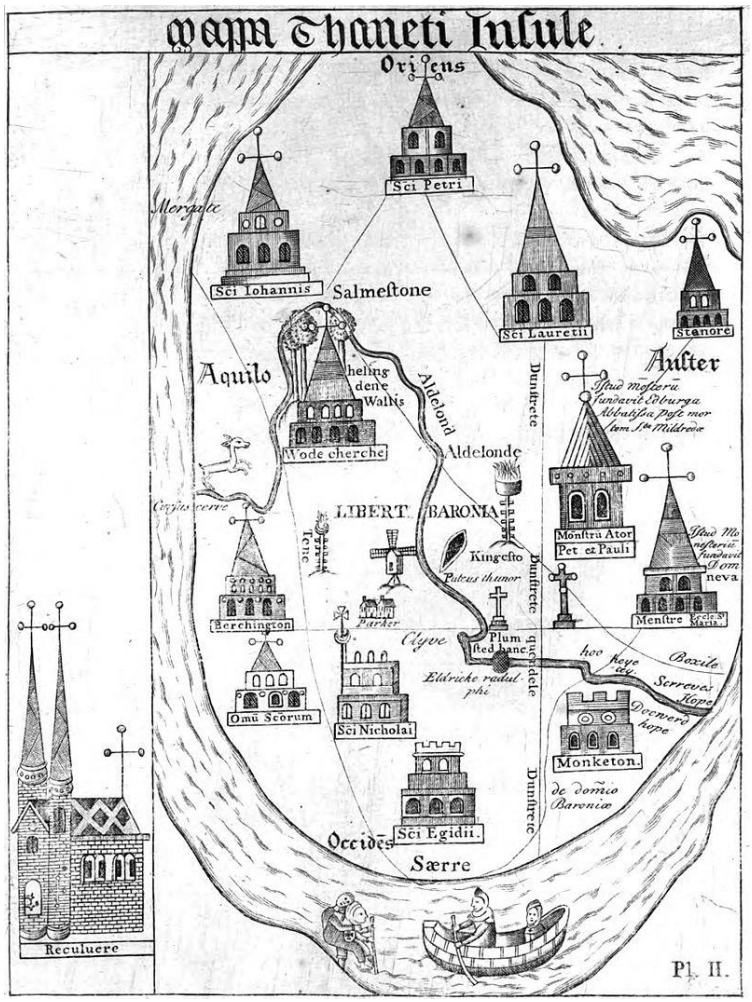
10. Here are 2 Other ancient Flat Stones*, not legible. On One of which, I, with much ado, made out the Arms of GODFREY, at the Feet; and (in a Lozenge) some other Coat at the Head – but I could not tell whose. It looks like the *HONEYWOODs. *I have, now, Reason to think it, ye Arms of BLECHYNDEN – as they intermarried with the GODFREYs, B.F.*

ISLE OF THANET, KENT, ENGLAND
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Isle_of_Thanet

Adaptation of a 15th-century map of the Isle of Thanet, with north on the left:
Thomas Elmham, Historia Monasterii S Augustini Cantuariensis

The Isle of Thanet lies at the most easterly point of Kent, England. While in the past it was separated from the mainland by the 600-metre (2,000 ft)* Wantsum Channel, it is no longer an island.

Note: Monkton is a village and civil parish in the Thanet District of Kent, England.



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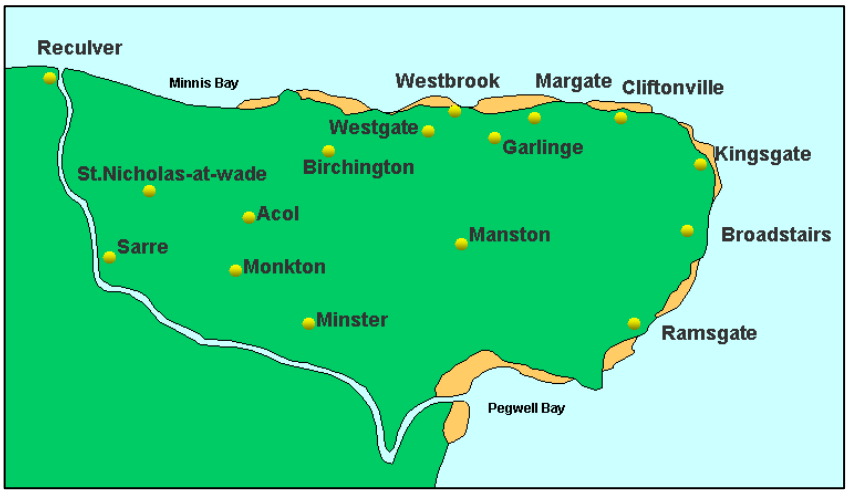

Map showing Monkton

Via Gerald Fox:

"Since his son Thomas became the owner of Simnells, one assumes Thomas moved there after his parents had moved to Thanet. It is quite possible that the Monkton property there had previously belonged to the family of John's second wife."

Indenture BETWEEN Robert Fenwicke of Bitchfied, Northumberland, and Jane his wife,...

Catalogue description

Indenture between Robert Fenwicke of Bitchfield, Northumberland, and Jane his wife,...

Reference:	WARD 2/21/81B/17
Description:	Indenture between Robert Fenwicke of Bitchfield, Northumberland, and Jane his wife, daughter of James Wilford of Stillington, Yorkshire, clerk, and Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Jane, late wife of Edward Boys the elder, deceased, of Fredville (Fretfield), Kent, on the first part, and Stephen Brett of Canterbury on the other part, stating the bargain and sale by Robert Fenwicke and Jane for £183 to Stephen Brett of a moiety or half part of 30 acres of marshland in Midley and Brookland, Kent, in the marsh called Walland Marsh, in occupation of Thomas Brett. The said lands belong to Jane Fenwicke, by indenture made between Edward Boys of Nonington, Kent, Jane his wife, on the first part, John Blechenden of Kennington, Kent, on the second part, Mary Ashenden daughter of Jane, on the third part, and Edward Boys the younger, son of Edward Boys, on the fourth part, on 10 January 1586, and by a fine levied in Hilary Term 1586. Witnesses: Peter Riddell, William Cock and W. Jackson. Signatures and seals of Robert and Jane Fenwicke.
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Partial quote from the above Indenture:

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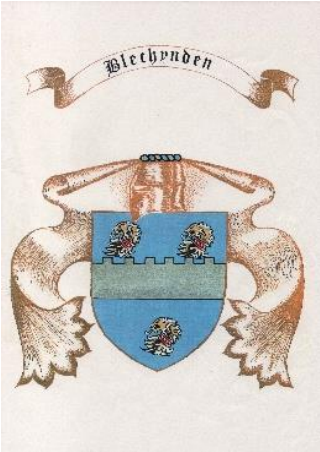
5. THOMAS BLECHYNDEN (~1582-1661) & ELIZABETH BOYS (1587-1618)

SON OF JOHN BLECHYNDEN (~1563-1607) & MARGARET ASHENDEN (~1563-1596)



Thomas Blechynden, the son of John Blechynden (~1563-1607) and Margaret Ashenden (~1563-1596) was born about 1582 in Nonington, Kent, England. He was the eldest son of a large family. His mother died on 30 Jun 1596 at the age of about 33 years. An inscription on a small brass plate in the South Chapel of the Aldington Church tells of his mother as being a religious and modest gentlewoman who bore her husband five sons and eight daughters. Following his mother's death his father married again. The name of his second wife is not known.

Thomas became a Gent of Woodnesborough & Bishopsborne.

Thomas Blechynden owned Simnells and Woodnesborough but sold Ruffin's Hill and entered Gray's Inn 1604 as recorded in the Register of Admissions to Gray's Inn 1520 - 1869 (pg 107): "Oct 24, 1604. Thomas Blechenden, son and heir of John Blechenden, of the Isle of Thanet, esq."

Map showing Bishopsborne, Nonington and Woodensborough, Kent, England.

SOCIETY OF GRAY'S INN:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gray%27s_Inn

The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn, commonly known as Gray's Inn, is one of the four Inns of Court (professional associations for barristers and judges) in London. To be called to the bar and practice as a barrister in England and Wales, an individual must belong to one of these Inns. Located at the intersection of High Holborn and Gray's Inn Road in Central London, the Inn is both a professional body and a provider of office accommodation (chambers) for many barristers. It is ruled by a governing council called "Pension", made up of the Masters of the Bench (or "Benchers"), and led by the Treasurer, who is elected to serve a one-year term. The Inn is known for its gardens, or Walks, which have existed since at least 1597.

Gray's Inn does not claim a specific foundation date; there is a tradition that none of the Inns of Court claims to be any older than the others. Law clerks and their apprentices have been established on the present site since at least 1370, with records dating from 1381. During the 15th and 16th centuries, the Inn grew steadily with great prestige, reaching its pinnacle during the reign of Elizabeth I . . .

Thomas Blechynden (~1582-1661) married Elizabeth Boys (1587-1618) 26 Aug 1607, Nonington, Kent, England.

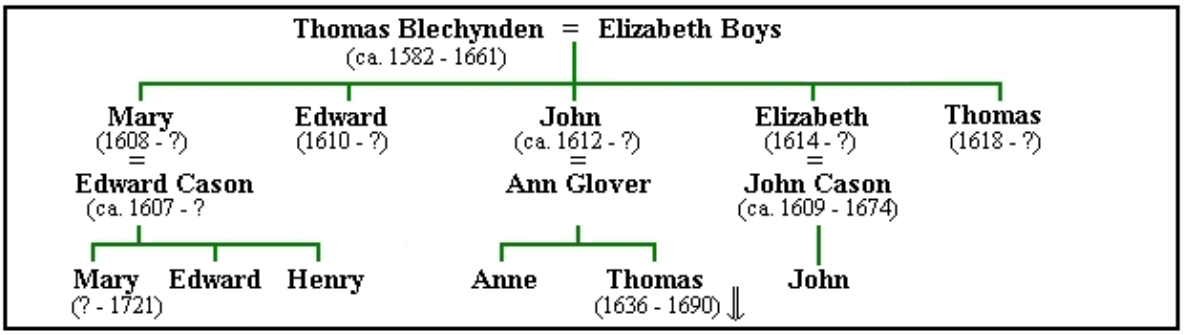
Elizabeth was born in 1587, Nonington, Kent, England, the daughter of Edward Boys (1556-1599) and Mary Wentworth (1557-1616) who were married 16 Sep 1578, in Nonington. Nonington is located about 12 kilometres north west of Dover and about 97 kilometres from the centre of London.

Gerald Fox wrote:

"Elizabeth had a very good pedigree, being the daughter of Sir Edward Boys of Nonington and sometime Sheriff of Kent. Her mother was Mary of the Wentworth family, her father being Sir Peter Wentworth of Lillingstone, Lovell, County Oxford. Sir Peter's wife was Elizabeth Walsingham, sister of the 'Spymaster' of Queen Elizabeth I, Sir Francis Walsingham."

Three years later Thomas's father John Blechynden died 19 Sep 1607 in Monkton in Thanet, Kent, Eng.

Thomas Blechynden and Elizabeth Boys had five known children: Mary, Edward, **John,** Elizabeth and Thomas:



1. BLECHYNDEN, MARY (1608 -) was baptised 21 Aug 1608 in Nonington, Kent, England. She married Edward Cason, born about 1607, Esquire Furneaux, Pelham, Hertfordshire, the son of Edward Cason of Hertfordshire and the Middle Temple. *Edward Cason and Mary Blechynden had sons Edward and Henry and a daughter Mary.*

MIDDLE TEMPLE
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Middle_Temple

The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, commonly known simply as Middle Temple, is one of the four Inns of Court exclusively entitled to call their members to the English Bar as barristers, the others being the Inner Temple, Gray's Inn and Lincoln's Inn. It is located in the wider Temple area of London, near the Royal Courts of Justice, and within the City of London.

Consent to marriage, Canterbury, Kent, England.
https://archive.org/stream/canterburymarria02cant/canterburymarria02cant_djvu.txt

Cason, Edward, of Furneaux Pelham, Herts., g., ba., 21 and upwards, and Mary Blechinden of Woodnesborough, v., about 21, d. of Thomas Blechinden, s. p.. Esquire, who consents. At Woodnesborough. Nov. 14, 1629.

2. BLECHYNDEN, EDWARD (1610-) was baptised 16 Apr 1610 in Woodensborough. An Edward is mentioned in his brother John's Will in 1672.

3. JOHN BLECHYNDEN, (1612-~1672) was born about 1612 at Woodensborough.
John was educated and attended the Oxford University. He married Ann Glover.
More details can be read about John and Ann Blechynden in the next section.

4. BLECHYNDEN ELIZABETH, (1614-) was baptised 26 Jun 1614 and married John Cason (1609-1675), (Edward's brother), on 12 Sep 1633 at Woodnesborough.

"John Cason was also a barrister, having been admitted to Gray's Inn 1629. John and his wife lived at Woodnesborough. After the Restoration of Charles II to the throne of England, John Cason acquired

the Manor of Simnells, which he alienated in 1663 to his nephew Thomas Blechynden husband of Margaret Lynch."

Consent to marriage:

Cason, John, of Furneaux Pelham, Herts., g., ba., about 23, and Elizabeth Blechinden of Woodnesborough, v., about 19, d. of Thomas Blechinden, s. p., Esquire, who consents. At Woodnesborough. Sept. 10, 1633.

5. BLECHYNDEN, THOMAS (1618-) was born / baptised 5 Nov 1618 at Woodensborough. At the age of 17 years, Thomas Blechynden entered Queens College, Easter 1635, Matric. pens. from QUEENS', Easter, 1635. Of Kent. B.A. 1638-9; M.A. 1642. Pedigree of Blechinden of Woodnesborough in *Vis. of Kent*, 1663. Thomas is mentioned in his brother John's Will, 1672.

Ref - British History Online
House of Lords Journal Volume 6: 10 May 1643 Pages 38-41
Journal of the House of Lords: Volume 6, 1643. Originally published by His Majesty's Stationery Office, London, 1767-1830.

Persons added to the Committee for seizing Delinquents Estates, &c. in Kent.

"It is this Day Ordered, by the Lords in Parliament, That Sir William Springate Knight, ***John Boys of Trappam Esquire****, Sir Edward Monins Baronet,* ***Thomas Blechynden****, Thomas Westroe, Esquires, Sir John Roweth, and Mr. Thomas Plummer of Cranbrooke, be added to the Committee for seizing and sequestering the Estates of Papists and Delinquents, and for the Weekly Assessments, in the County of Kent."*

Thomas' mother Elizabeth Boys died 1618, Nonington, Kent, England, buried 7 Nov 1618 – per Boys family tree. Assuming this date is correct, she possibly died in childbirth giving birth to Thomas. The children were all very young; Mary aged 10 years, Edward 8 years, John 6 years, Elizabeth 4 years and Thomas - a baby. Thomas Blechynden died after 27 Nov 1661, Woodnesborough, Kent, England. Name spelt Blechindin.

WOODNESBOROUGH
http://www.british-history.ac.uk/survey-kent/vol10/pp121-144#p55

Street View of the church 2020

THE RECTORY or PARSONAGE, together with THE MANOR OF THE RECTORY OF WOODNESBOROUGH, which still continues part of the possessions of the dean and chapter of Rochester, has been from time to time demised by them, on a beneficial lease. It was formerly held by the family of Appleton, and, afterwards by that of Blechynden, both of whom resided at the parsonage; at length the heirs of the latter, who passed away their interest in it to John Cason, esq. who resided here . . .

Note: John and Edward Cason both had property and marriage associations with the Blechynden family.

England & Wales, Calendar of the Principal Ecclesiastical Dignitaries, 314-1853 Diocese, Canterbury: Canons in the second Prebend. Thomas Blechinden, 18 Nov 1633 Vice Hunt, Bishops Certificates.

Think of the Fasti Ecclesiae Anglicanae as a Who's Who? among the ecclesiastical elite for each cathedral, collegiate church, or chapel in England and Wales, with the universities of Oxford and Cambridge added for good measure.

WILL OF THOMAS BLECHYNDEN Snr, 1661

In the name of God Amen Thomas Blechynden of Winsborough (Woodensborough) in the County of Kent Esquire being in good health of body and of sound and perfect mind and memory praise be to God therefore doe make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say first and principally and before all earthly things I comend my Soul into the hands of allmighty God my Creator hopeing and assuredly believing by and through the ---- Death and merritts of my only Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to inheritt eternall life with the host of God's elect And my body I comitt to the ground from whence it came to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executor hereinafter named and as touching such worldly estate which God in his mercy hath been pleased to bestow upon me in this life do give and dispose of the same in manner and form following that is to say Secondly I give and bequeath ubto my sonne John Blechynden during the terme of his natural life the some of Three score pounds of lawfull money of England during which I will shall be paid to him at the foremost usuall ffeast or ------ in the year that is to say the ffeast of the birth of our Lord God ---------- of the Blessed Virgin mary the Nativity of St John the Baptiste and inherit? ----- by ------ and equall portions the first payment to begin at the first of the said ffeast day which shall happen just after my decease which some or Legacy of Three score pounds per annum soe by mee bequeathed is to be as and when as maintenance to him my Sonne ***John Blechynden*** *over and beside what is already settled uppon him Item my will and meaning is that in* ***case Jane now wife to the said John Blechynden*** *shall survive him my said John that shee shall have and receive the some of Twenty pounds yearly during the terme of her naturall life to be paid her quarterly as instructed Item I give and bequeath unto my sonne* ***Thomas Blechynden*** *the some of Thirty pounds yearlie during the terme of his naturall life to be paid unto him quarterly as instructed item I give and bequeath unto my* ***Grandchild Elizabeth Blechynden*** *the some of Three hundred pounds so soone as it may be raised Item I give and bequeath unto my* ***Grandchildren John Blechynden Thomas Blechynden and Jane Blechynden*** *to be equally divided between the three parte and parte alike for their naturall lives the --*

----------profitt of my half ---- share and interest in the Lease of the Rectory of Winsborough and my will and meaning is that all the beforementioned yearly payments And some of Three hundred pounds so given and bequeathed as aforesaid shall arrise and be paid out of my half part share and Interest in the said Lease And further my will and meaning is And I do hereby expresse and Declare the same that my Executor in his discretion shall so preserve it more necessary and convenient by sale or other disposall of my share half part and Interest in the said Lease to satisfie the severall payments above mentioned and to raise the portions not particularly expressed for my said Three Grandchildren that then my Executor shall and may disperse the same ------- by sale or otherwise Item I give to my Grandchild Thomas Blechynden the some of ffive shillings Item I give and bequeath to the poore of the parish of Winsborough the some of Sixe pounds which I will shall be paid within three months next after my decease Item I give and bequeath unto my ------ ---------- ------- Sir John Mennis? Knight the some of tenn pounds to buy him a ring in his memorie of mee I do hereby constitute and --- and appoint the said Sir John Mennis to be full and sole Exe- cutor of this my last Will and Testament not doubting of his faithfull performance of the same according to my true intent and meaning herein declared And I do hereby revoke and Disannull all former Wills and Testaments by mee heretofore made and I nominate and ordayne this here my only last Will and Testament

*In witness where-on I the said Testator Thomas Blechynden have to every sheete of this my last Will and Testament contained in three sheets of paper and parte of three subscribed my name and to the last affixed on the reverse? of have sett my seale this 1st? day of Octobrisse Anno Dom 1661 and in the thirteenth yeare of in the reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles the Second by the grace of God King of England Scotland France and Ireland Defender of the ffaith Thomas Blechynden Signed as this my last Will and Testament in the presence of us *John Cason? William Barrow --- --- ---*

SUMMARY

Probate date 4 Aug 1666, Winsborough, Kent, England.

Note: John Cason who was a barrister married Elizabeth Blechynden (1614-). John and his wife lived at Woodnesborough, sometimes called Winsborough.
http://www.kent-opc.org/Parishes/Woodnesborough.html

Wife: Probably Elizabeth Boys since this Thomas' sister Jane married Andreas Mennis

People mentioned in the Will:
Executor Sir John Mennis
Son – John
Son's now wife Jane It is possible John married again. I can't find any record. Note the use of 'now wife'.
Son Thomas
Blechynden grandchildren **John, Thomas,** Elizabeth, Jane
Sir John Mennis knight
Witness William Barrow?

Via Gerald Fox:

Jane, Margaret and Anne are the known daughters of John Blechynden and Margaret Ashenden. Jane was born 18 January 1578/79 and in about 1596 she married Andreas (Andrew) Mennis. The 3rd son of Andreas and Jane was Sir John Mennis. John was Comptroller of the Navy from 1660 until 1671, having entered the navy as a youth and by 1642 he was Rear-Admiral. He was a Royalist and commanded a troop of horse for the King in the Civil War and leaving England became a Royalist Agent abroad. After the Restoration of the monarchy, he became Governor of Dover castle. In contrast to his 'man of action' reputation, he was also a writer of comic and sometimes coarse verse.

THE HISTORY OF DOVER CASTLE
https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/dover-castle/history-and-stories/history-dover/

https://www.inspirock.com/united-kingdom/dover/dover-castle-a77191045

Dover Castle commands the Strait of Dover, the shortest sea crossing between England and continental Europe, a position of strategic importance throughout history.
Castle Hill was shaped into massive defences capped by medieval walls and towers and later, from the mid 18th century, by the earthworks of a garrisoned infantry and artillery fortress. Beneath the surface, cut into the chalk of the North Downs, are networks of tunnels to enable the garrison to move, plan and live in safety.
King Henry II began to build the present castle in the 1180s, and over the next 800 years its buildings, defences and tunnels were adapted to meet the changing demands of warfare, right into the era of nuclear weapons.

Dover Castle, Dover, United Kingdom, photo by Nilfanion

Via Gerald Fox:

More summarising re verifying by me that this will is the correct one. Most of it corresponds: If we knew his son John had a second wife Jane it would correspond. Thomas's children: John and Thomas - still alive. Possibly John has remarried to Jane. John's children John, Thomas, Edward and Anne: Perhaps Thomas the only one still alive. I think this John died fairly young. John may have had other children from his second? wife Jane. Grandchildren John, Thomas, Elizbeth and Jane. The other three could be via John and Edward Cason. Mary and Edward Cason alive. Elizabeth and John Cason John Cason still alive, most probably Mary and Elizabeth have died.

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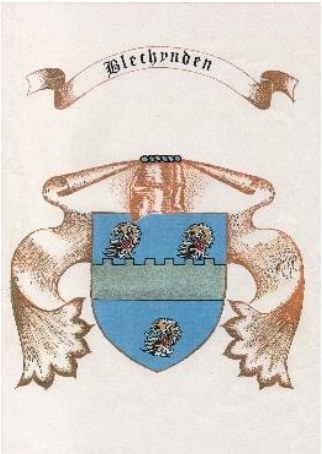
6. JOHN BLECHYNDEN (~1612-~1672) & ANNE GLOVER (1608-)

SON OF THOMAS BLECHYNDEN (~1582-1661) AND ELIZABETH BOYS (1587-1617)



John Blechynden was born about 1612 in Woodnesborough, near Sandwich, Kent, England. He was said to be the eldest son of Thomas Blechynden (~1582-1661) and Elizabeth Boys (1587-1617). It appears however that there was an elder son EDWARD who is mentioned several times – baptised 1610 in the family tree in the previous generation above then mentioned in John's will in 1672.

His parents had five known children: Mary, Edward, John, Elizabeth and Thomas. His sisters Mary and Elizabeth were both married to Cason brothers Edward and John. Nothing is known about Edward and Thomas. There is opinion that John's brother Edward died young however as there is an Edward Blechynden mentioned in John's will in 1672 that is unlikely – see below for the difficult to interpret Will.

John was well educated and attended Oxford University at the age of 15 years in 1627. He was described as *"John, son of Thomas of Bishopsbourne, Kent, in Alumni Oxoniensis."*

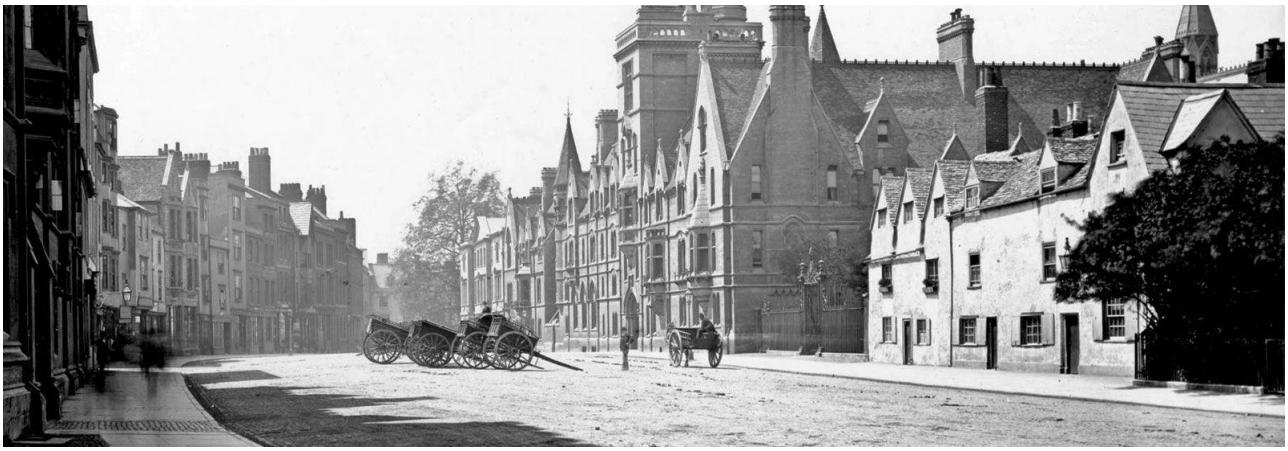
His residence was Woodnesborough. His sister Elizabeth's husband John Cason was a Barrister and they lived at Woodnesborough. See area map a few pages earlier for the location of Woodnesborough.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY ALUMINI, 1500-1886

Blechinden, Edward, s. Thomas, of Bishopsborne, Kent, gent. ST. ALBAN HALL, matric. 4 May, 1627, aged 17.
Blechinden, John, s. Thomas, of Bishopsborne, Kent, gent. ST. ALBAN HALL, matric. 4 May, 1627, aged 15; B.A. from MAGDALEN HALL 1 Feb., 1630-1, brother of the last named.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD Introduction and history
https://www.ox.ac.uk/about/organisation/history

As the oldest university in the English-speaking world, Oxford is a unique and historic institution. There is no clear date of foundation, but teaching existed at Oxford in some form in 1096 and developed rapidly from 1167, when Henry II banned English students from attending the University of Paris...



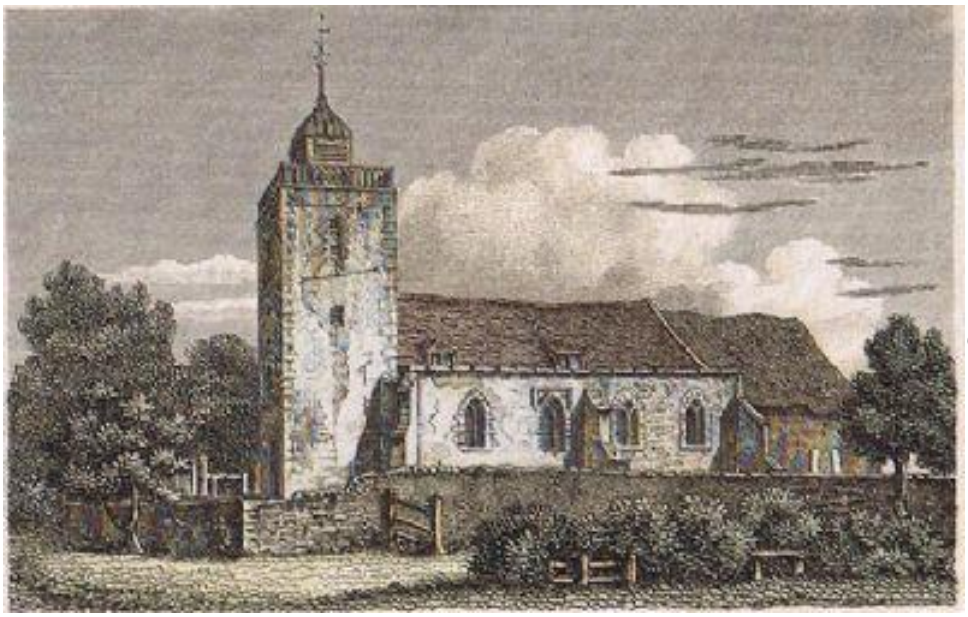
University of Oxford, image, as per link above.

From its early days, Oxford was a centre for lively controversy, with scholars involved in religious and political disputes. John Wyclif, a 14th-century Master of Balliol, campaigned for a Bible in the

vernacular, against the wishes of the papacy. In 1530, Henry VIII forced the University to accept his divorce from Catherine of Aragon, and during the Reformation in the 16th century, the Anglican churchmen Cranmer, Latimer and Ridley were tried for heresy and burnt at the stake in Oxford.

John Blechynden (~1612-~1672) was married in about 1634 to **Anne Glover (1608-)** from Canterbury.

WOODNESBOROUGH - History of St Mary's
https://www.ewbchurches.org.uk/stmarytheblessedvirginschurchhistory.htm



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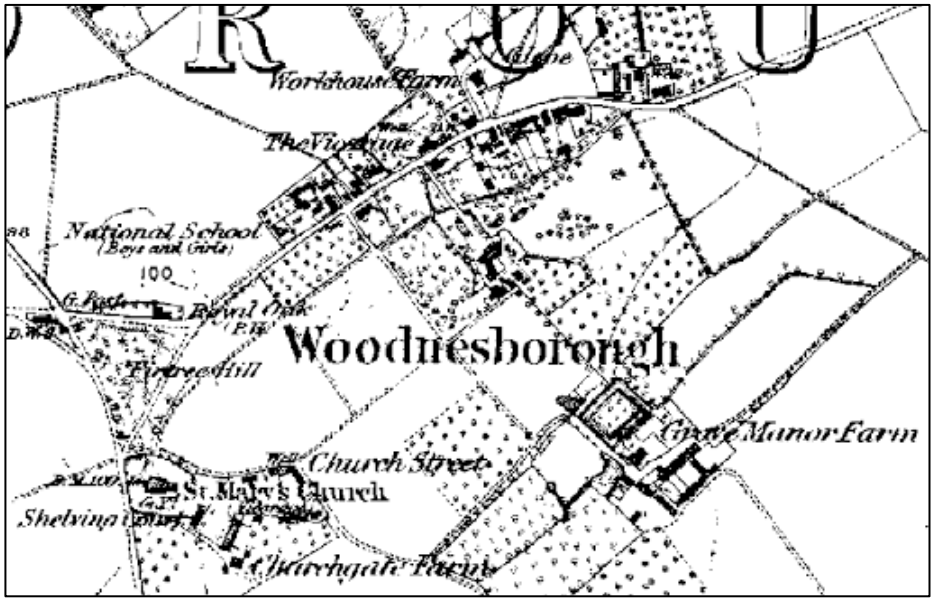

Map showing St Mary's Church, Woodnesborough, Kent

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PARISHES – WOODNESBOROUGH
https://www.british-history.ac.uk/survey-kent/vol10/pp121-144#p48
THOMAS APPLETON, yeoman, of Eastry, by his will in 1593. gave to the relief of the poor 5l (sic.). to be paid to the churchwardens yearly, to be distributed by them to the poor people, inhabitants here,

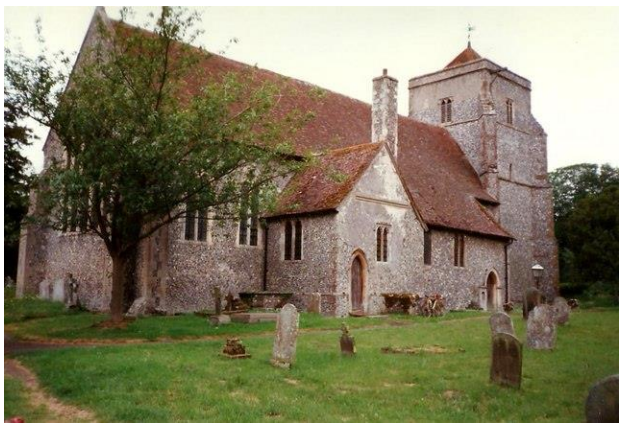
fourteen days before Christmas day, to be paid out of lands belonging to him, called Hardiles, in this parish.
The poor constantly relieved are about sixty, casually one hundred.
THIS PARISH is within the ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION of the diocese *of Canterbury, and* deanry*of Sandwich.*

The church, which is dedicated to St. Mary, consists of a nave, and two isles, having a square tower steeple at the west end, with a modern wooden turret and vane at the top of it, in which are five bells, made in 1676. It had a high spire on the tower, which was taken down some years ago. At the east end of the chancel is a marble tablet for John Cason, esq. of this place, justice of the peace, obt. 1718; John Cason, esq. his son, obt. 1755; arms, Argent, a chevron, sable, between three wolves' heads, erased, gules, on an escutcheon of pretence, sable, a chevron, between three fleurs de lis, of the field*; another for Thomas Blechenden, of the antient family of that name, of Aldington, in Kent, obt. 1661; arms,* Azure, a fess nebulee, argent, between three lions' heads erased, or, attired, gules, *impaling* Boys.

¶*THE RECTORY or PARSONAGE, together with THE MANOR OF THE RECTORY OF WOODNESBOROUGH, which still continues part of the possessions of the dean and chapter of Rochester, has been from time to time demised by them, on a beneficial lease. It was formerly held by the family of Appleton,* ***and, afterwards by that of Blechynden, both of whom resided at the parsonage; at length the heirs of the latter, who passed away their interest in it to John Cason, esq****. who resided here, whose for of the same name dying* s.p. *in 1755, Sarah his youngest sister, married to William Docksey, esq. of Shellston, in Derbyshire, became, as his heir, entitled to it; she survived him, and by her will in 1774, devised the lease of it to Anne, the daughter of Matthew Bookey, clerk, vicar of St. Laurence, in Thanet, . . .*

BISHOPSBOURNE
https://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/KEN/Bishopsbourne/StMary

"BISHOPSBOURNE, a parish in the hundred of Kinghamford, lathe of St. Augustine, in the county of Kent, 3 miles to the S.E. of Canterbury, its post town. It is watered by the Little Stour. The manor of Bourne was formerly held by the archbishops of Canterbury, one of whom entertained Henry I. here when prevented by a storm from embarking for the Continent. Part of the land is laid out in hop-grounds. The living is a rectory in the diocese of Canterbury, of the value of £700, in the gift of the archbishop. The church is dedicated to St. Mary, and contains the grave and a bust of Richard Hooker, who held the rectory the last five years of his life, and died here in November, 1600.



St Mary, Park Lane, Bishopsbourne. © Copyright Roger Smith and licensed for reuse under this Creative Commons Licence

Google map of St Mary's Church Bishopsbourne, Kent

GLOVER, ANNE (1608-) was born /baptised 2 Oct 1608 in Borden, father William Glover (this may be the Anne who married John Blechynden). Marriage date is approximated with the birth of their first child. Perhaps this was a second marriage for Anne as records are not showing a marriage under the surname Glover between her and John Blechynden.

John Blechynden and **Anne Glover** had about four children: Thomas, John, Edward and Anne. Mother's name is written as Anne with an 'e' on children's christenings.

1. BLECHYNDEN, THOMAS (1634-1690) was born / baptised 6 Mar 1634, Woodnesborough, Kent, England. He married married Margaret Lynch, 28 Dec 1658, in Staple, Kent England. More details on Thomas and Margaret Lynch can be viewed in the next section.

2. BLECHYNDEN, JOHN (1635-) was born/baptised 14 Feb 1635 at Woodnesborough, Kent, England. Father, John Blechynden, mother, Anne. There is no obvious other information regarding this man. It has been suggested he died young although there is a John Blechynden jnr mentioned in the Will below.

3. BLECHYNDEN, EDWARD, (1637-~1711) was baptised 21 Jan 1637 at Woodnesborough.

4. BLECHYNDEN, ANNE (1641-) was baptised 20 Feb 1641, also at Woodnesborough, father, John Blechynden, mother, Anne. Little more is known of these two children at this stage.

We do not have a date re the death of Anne Blechynden (nee Glover). As they only had four children one wonders if she died fairly soon after Anne was born in 1641.

Many hours have been spent researching this branch for more information but with little success. At least we have John Blechynden's very difficult to read Will on the following pages.

John Blechynden's Will was dated 2 Dec 1672. Probate date 17 Jan 1672, Woodnesborough, Kent, England. His wife Anne does not appear to be in the will so she must have died prior to this.
England & Wales, Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 1384-1858

WILL OF JOHN BLECHYNDEN, 2 DEC 1672
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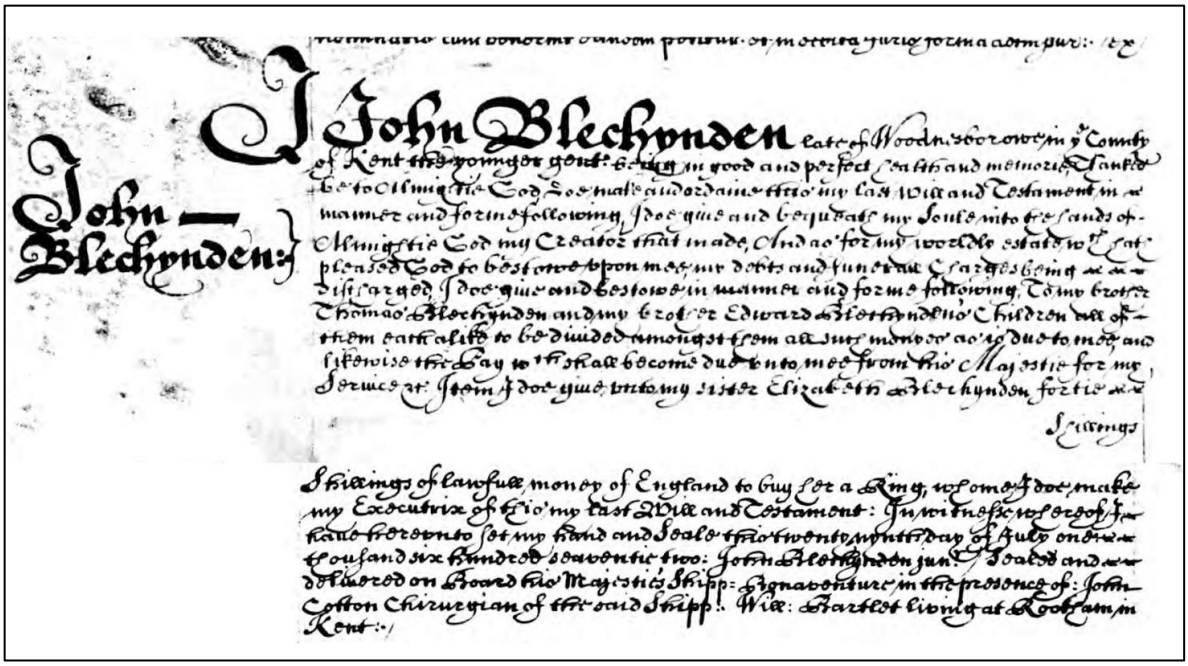

John Blechynden

John Blechynden late of Woodnesborough in the County of Kent the younger gent being in good and perfect health and memorie, Laudeth be to Almightie God doe make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following, I doe give and bequeath my Soule into the hands of Almightie God my Creator that made, And as for my worldly estate wch it hath pleased God to bless me with upon me, my debts and funerall charges being duly discharged, I doe give and bestowe in manner and forme following, To my brother Thomas Blechynden and my brother Edward Blechynden and their Children all of them equally to be divided amongst them as my mind is as aforesaid Also the Pay wch shall become due unto me from his Majestie for my Service at Sea, I doe give unto my sister Elizabeth Blechynden forty pounds

Shillings

Shillings of lawfull money of England to buy her a Ring, wch money I doe make my Executrix of this my last Will and Testament: In witnesse whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seale this twentye ninth day of July in the yeare of our Lord six hundred seventie two: John Blechynden jun: / Sealed and delivered on Board his Majesties Ship: Signaventure in the presence of: John Cotton Chirurgian of the said Ship: Wm: Hartlet living at Cobham in Kent:

Decimo septimo die mensis Januarij Anno Domini (Stylo Anglie) millesimo sexcentesimo septuagesimo secundo emanavit Compus Thome et Edwardi Blechynden Fratrib' naturalib' et legitimis et Curatoribus legitimis a Signatis Johanni Thome Eduardo Cooke Elinor Gratiano Elizabethe Gratia et Margarete Blechynden ac etiam Maria Elizabethe et Sara et Blechynden nepotibus et Nepotibus et Legatariis Testamenti Johannis Blechynden defuncti juniores et habentis ac ad administrandum bona jura et credita ejusdem defuncti juxta tenorem et effectum Testamenti ipsius Defuncti durante minoritate et ad usum dictorum Minorum (Elizabetha Blechynden soror et Executrix in eodem Testamento nominat' executis Cautio' in da parte justiciariorum prius renunciante) de bene et fideliter administrando eadem ad sancta Dei Evangelia juratus:

The will is hard to read and transcribe. People mentioned are his brother Thomas, his brother Edward, his sister Elizabeth and John Blechynden Junior. Thomas and Edward are mentioned more than once. Also, there is a Margaret Blechynden, John Cotton, and others too difficult to easily interpret accurately. Several names could be interpreted as those of his grandchildren. John's sister Elizabeth Blechynden appears to be the Executor.

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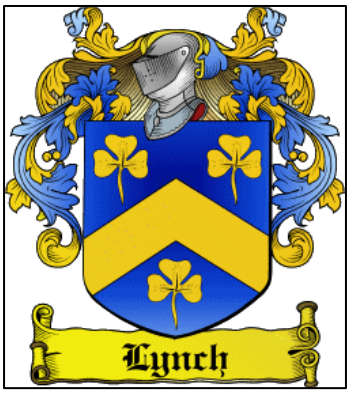
7. THOMAS BLECHYNDEN (1636- ~1690) & MARGARET LYNCH (1629/30- aft.1690)

SON OF JOHN BLECHYNDEN (~1612-~1672) AND ANN GLOVER (1608-)

Thomas Blechynden was born / baptised 6 Mar 1634, Woodnesborough, Kent, England, the son of John Blechynden (~1612-~1672) and Anne Glover (1608-). He was one of four children: John, Thomas, Edward and Anne.

THOMAS BLECHYNDEN married **MARGARET LYNCH** on 28 Dec 1658 in Staple, Kent, England.



LYNCH, MARGARET (1629/30-aft.1690)

Margaret was the daughter of the Reverend John Lynch (1591 - 1680) and Grace Bromfield. Margaret was baptised 13 Mar 1630, Staple, Kent, England.

Map showing Aldington, Canterbury, Deal, Harrietsham, Mersham, Staple, Sandwich and Woodnesborough.

Gerald Fox wrote:

Grace Bromfield was the sister of Sir Edward Lynch, merchant and Lord Mayor of London in 1636. She was the sister-in-law of Sir John Spencer, merchant and citizen of London, of St. Helen's Parish, Bishopsgate. Sir John was also a Lord Mayor of London. Sir John Spencer was of a different family from that of the Earls Spencer of Althorpe.

Thomas Blechynden acquired Simnells in 1663, when it was alienated to him by his uncle John Cason. See Thomas's ancestors William 1470 – 1514 and Agnes Godfrey section at the start of the family line for more information regarding Simnells. See also: **SIMNELLS:** http://www.british-history.ac.uk/survey-kent/vol8/pp314-327

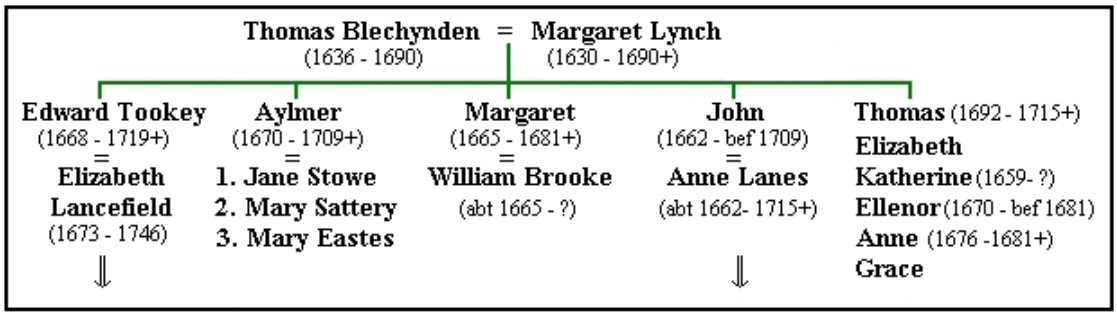
(Simnells) was to become the property of John Cason, esq. of Woodnesborough, who in 1663 alienated it to Thomas Blechynden, gent. of Aldington, who afterwards resided here.

Thomas and his wife Margaret moved to Simnells and brought up their family there.

Gerald Fox wrote: *"Thomas and Margaret had at least eleven children and all were born either at Woodnesborough or Aldington in Kent. Of the daughters of Thomas and Margaret, Only Margaret is known to have married.*

Of the sons, Aylmer married three times, but no children have been found in the records. A wife for Thomas jnr has not been discovered, though it is believed he died after the age of 15 years. Gratian married Ann Robinson at All Hallows Church in London on the 9th December 1700.

They had a daughter Elizabeth in 1703 at Folkestone in Kent. John, born in Woodnesborough, married Anne Lanes of New Romney and raised children in Aldington, Kent. They had at least eight children."



Note: Child nine, Gratian, does not appear in the above chart.

A simplified version of the above chart with children listed in age order.

	Katherine 1659 - 1765
	Grace 1660 -
	John 1662 –
	Thomas 1664 –
THOMAS BLECHYNDEN 1636 - 1690	Margaret 1666 –
married	EDWARD TOOKEY 1668 – 1720
MARGARET LYNCH 1630 – 1690+	Aylmer 1670 –
	Ellenor 1670 –
	Gratian 1672 –
	Anne 1676 –
	Elizabeth born ?

1. BLECHYNDEN KATHERINE (1659-1765) was born about 1659 in Kent, England. There is a burial for Katharine Blechynden, 3 Nov 1765, Aldington, Kent, England.

2. BLECHYNDEN, GRACE (1660-) was baptised 10 Dec 1660 Woodnesborough, Kent, England. She died before 9 Jun 1681, ** father's Will.

3. BLECHYNDEN, JOHN (~1662-) was baptised 1 Jan 1662, Woodnesborough, Father Thomas, mother Margaret. Surname spelt Blechindon. John Blechynden married Ann Lanes (~1662-1715+) 26 Feb 1690, Cheriton, Kent, England. Eldest son, mentioned in his ** father's Will.

The History and Topographical Survey of the County of Kent, Volume 8, pages 322 and 323 By Edward Hasted has the following information about the ownership of Simnells.

The names correlate with family connections which have been detailed in these pages and shows John lived there. It seems his and Anne's son Thomas was the last Blechynden living there.

The History and Topographical Survey of the County of Kent: Volume 8
https://www.british-history.ac.uk/survey-kent/vol8

SIMNELLS, or *Simnolds*, as it is ſometimes ſpelt, is an antient ſeat in this pariſh, about a mile from the church, which had formerly owners, who gave name to it, one of whom, Robert Simnell, as I find by a will in the Prerogative-office, in Canterbury, was poſſeſſed of it as late as the reign of king Henry VI. and then ſold it to Thomas Croſby, of Aldington, who died poſſeſſed of it in 1460, and left it to his ſon Thomas. After which it paſſed into the poſſeſſion of the Godfreys, and in king Henry VII.'s reign, Agnes, daughter of Thomas Godfrey, and coheir of her brothers, entitled her huſband William Blechenden to the poſſeſſion of it. How long it continued in his deſcendants does not appear, but before the reſtoration of king Charles II. it was become the property of John Caſon, eſq. of Woodneſborough, who in 1663 alienated it to Thomas Blechynden, gent. of Alding-

Note the use of f instead of s.

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ton, who afterwards reſided here. His ſon John Blechynden likewiſe reſided at Simnells, who left Anne his wife ſurviving, and ſhe joined with her eldeſt ſon Thomas, gent. of New Romney, in 1715, in the ſale of this eſtate to Stephen Haſſenden, clerk, of Egerton, whoſe grandſon Stephen Greenhill, his daughter's ſon, ſucceeded him in it, and his grandſon of the ſame name is now entitled to it.

4. BLECHYNDEN, THOMAS (1664-)was baptised 8 May 1664, Harrietsham, Kent, England, father Thomas, mother Margaret. Thomas Blechynden died after 9 Jun 1681, ** father's Will)

5. BLECHYNDEN, MARGARET (1666-) was baptised 27 Mar 1666 in Harrietsham, Kent, England, father, Thomas Blechynden, mother, Margaret. Margaret married William Brooke (1672-1707), 29 Sep 1696, Mersham, England. She died after 9 Jun 1681, **father's Will.

6. BLECHYNDEN, EDWARD TOOKEY (1668-1720) was born 14 May 1688, Aldington, Kent, England and baptised on 1 Jun 1668, Kent, England. Edward Tookey Blechynden (1668-1720) married Elizabeth Lancefield (1673-1746), 12 Mar 1694/95 Sevington, Kent, England. For more details see next section.

7. BLECHYNDEN, AYLMER (1670-) was baptised on 26 Apr 1670, Aldington, Kent, England. Found the baptism recorded under Elmor, father, Thomas Blechynden. This is possibly him.
m.1 Aylmer Blechynden married Jane Stowe 24 Jul 1694, Bekesbourne, Kent, England.
m.2 Aylmer Blechynden married Mary Saffory (sic) Sattory, 15 Mar 1696, Deal, Kent, England.
m.3 Alymer Blechynden married Mary Eastes 15 Mar 1708, Parish Church of Deal, Kent, England.
A child named Ailmer (sic) Blechinden (sic) was baptised 31 Dec 1703, father Aylmer Blechinden (sic), mother, Mary in the Parish Church of Deal, Kent, England.

Life did not go well for Aylmer and by Jun 1709, he found himself in debt and was declared bankrupt.

London Lives 1690-1800 ~ Crime, Poverty and Social Policy in the Metropolis.

Criminal Records: Sessions Papers
https://www.londonlives.org/search.jsp?form=persNames&_persNames_surname=Blechenden

Aylmer Blechenden Middlesex Sessions: Sessions Papers - Justices' Working Documents SM | PS, 8th Jun 1709, the first of which Sittings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-mony, and chuse Assignees. Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Aylmer Blechenden of Deal, in the County of Kent.

Hopefully Aylmer was able to survive his bankruptcy, (perhaps assisted by his father Thomas), Aylmer was mentioned in his ** father's will on 9 Jun 1681, so must have died after.

8. BLECHYNDEN, ELLENOR (~1670-) was baptised 26 Apr 1670, Aldington, Kent, England. She died before 9 Jun 1681, **father's Will.

9. BLECHYNDEN, GRATIAN (1672-) was born / baptised 10 Dec 1672, Aldington, Kent, England. Gratian Blechynden married Ann Robinson 9 Dec 1700, All Hallows, Bread St, London, England. Gratiana Blechynden died after 9 Jun 1681 (Father's Will)

10. BLECHYNDEN, ANNE (1676-) Anne Blechynden was baptised 19 May 1676, Aldington, Kent, England father Thomas, mother Margaret. Anne Blechynden died after 9 Jun 1681 (Father's Will)

11. BLECHYNDEN, ELIZABETH. Can't find a birth for Elizabeth with parents Thomas Blechynden and Margaret Lynch. Unfortunately, very little is known about Elizabeth.

The children all grew up on Simnells and six of them were still alive at the time their father wrote his Will dated, 9 Jun 1681. Much can be gleaned about Thomas and his family by reading his Will – following.

Thomas Blechynden died about 1690. Probate to his Will being settled 29 Jul 1690. Margaret Lynch died aft 9 Jun 1681 (Husband's Will). Both have a monument to them on the east wall of the Staple Church, the church where she was baptised. St James Church Staple is located in Thanet – see map a few pages earlier.]

Staple TR2756, St James Church Photograph of water colour 1807
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Monumental Inscriptions of Staple Church, noted by Rev Bryan Faussett noted 1759
http://www.kentarchaeology.org.uk/Research/Libr/MIs/MIsStaple/01.htm

60: On a Monument on ye East Wall:

[LYNCH as Before imp. Sa. on a chevn. arg. 3 branches vert (BROMFEILD)]. Viator, hic dormit Johannes LYNCH, S.T.B. Ecclesiae Anglicanae Presbyter idem et Confessor sanctus Humilitate ac Literis insignior quam inani Dignitatum Serie. Primaevae Pietatis in Deum Fidei in Regem probatae,

Exemplar ingens. Vir sui Temporis optimus sine Invidiâ dicendus; omni Monumento, omnibusq Titulis major. Qui totius Virtutis Zodiacum emensus Caelum appulit Empyraeum, Festo Michaelis Anno Xti 1680. Aet. suae 89, tres Liberos relinquens, quos è Graciâ suscepit; Filiâ natu maximâ Johannis BROMFEILD, de Ewhurst, in Comitat: Sussexiae, Armigeri; nempè Gratiannum Lynch, Armigerum, Militiae Cantianae Majorem; Graciam (Reverendi Johannis SQUIER Relictam) cujus unica Soboles materni Nominis et tantâ Matre digna, hìc etiam requiescit. ***Margaretam Thomae BLECHYNDEN de Aldington*** *Generoso conjugatam. e quibus Gracia, Affectû magno, sed Sumptû modico, hoc Marmor poni curavit. Memoriae justi erit benedicta, Prov. 10.7.*

It is assumed Margaretam Thomae BLECHYNDEN mentioned in the second last line above is Margaret Lynch who married Thomas Blechynden.

WILL OF THOMAS BLECHYNDEN (1634 – 1690)

In the Name of God Amen

I Thomas Blechynden of Aldington in the County of Kent gent the nineth day of June in the three and thirtyeth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles the second by the grace of God of England Scotland ffrance and Ireland king defender of the faith Anno Diem 1681 Do make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following ffirst I commend my soule to God my Creator having by the meritorious death and passion of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to be made ---- of ever-lasting life And my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named in the South Chancell of Aldington near my great grandfather John Blechynden Esq deceased Item I ratifie and confirme unto my loving wife Margarether Joynture and do give and bequeath unto my said loving wife Margaret for and during the terme of her natural life all other my lands and tenements in Aldington aforesaid Item whereas Richard Wickes of Aldington aforesaid yeoman did on or about the 27th day of April in the 33rd year of King Charles the second Anno Dom 1681 make his last Will and Testament and amongst other bequests did give and bequeath unto Richard Wicks his grandsonne one hundred pounds of lawfull English money to be paid at his age of one and twentie years and in case he dyed before he attained his age of one and twentie years then he gave the said one hundred pounds to the surviving Child or Children of Richard Wickes his sonne to be paid at his or their age or ages of one and twentie years And in case the said Richard Wickes the sonne dye childless then he gave the said one hundred pounds to his Cozen Jane Wickes and thereof did make the said Thomas Blechynden Executor And whereas the said Thomas Blechynden upon the renunciation? of the executionship hath securied? into his hands the said one hundred pounds by taking of certaine stocke for part thereof and security by bonds for the other part Now the said Thomas Blechynden doe hereby tye and engage one Tenement ~~and tenement~~ and tenn acres of Land with appurtenances lying in Stone sheds in Aldington in Kent now in the occupation of Nicholas ffisher and Reginald Mantle or their assignes for the payment of the said one hundred pounds given as aforesaid in case an Executor do not pay itt out of my Personall Estate Item I give and bequeath unto my six youngest children Margaret Thomas Edward Tookey Aylmer Gratian and Anne Blechynden the sume of ffifty pounds of lawfull English money apeice to be paid at their severall and respective age and ages of one and twentie years (in case the said Margaret my wife be dead and not before) out of all my lands tenements and hereditaments lying and being in Aldington aforesaid And in case any of the said six Children dye before they attain their or any of their age or ages of one and twenty years then I give his her or their legacy or legacies soe dying and given as aforesaid unto John Blechynden my eldest sonne And my will and meaning is that the owner and owners of my said lands tenements and hereditaments in Aldington aforesaid (after my wife Margaret decease) doe pay and allow unto my said six Children Margaret Thomas Edward Tookey Aylmer Gratian and Anne Blechynden interest for his her and their several and respective legacie and legacies after the ---- of five pounds and rent until their and either of their legacie and legacies shall be due and payable Item I give and bequeath (after my wife Margaret decease) unto my eldest sonne John Blechynden and his heirs my Capitall? Messuage Lands and premises with the appurtenances called Simnells in Aldington aforesaidand also all that Tenement and lands lying att or near Stoneshed in Aldington aforesaid containing by estimate one hundred acres of land arrable meadow or pasture with the appurtenances situate and being in Aldington aforesaid and in the occupation of me the said Thomas Blechynden Nicholas ffisher and Reginald Mantle or of their assigne or assignes And in case my said sonne John Blechynden doe

fortune? To dye before hee shall attain his age of one and twenty years My Legatie Legaties and charge on my said Lands Tenements and hereditaments being first paid and Discharged I give and bequeath the said Messuages Lands and premises with appurtenances unto my second sonne Thomas Blechynden and the heirs males of his body lawfully to be begotten Item I give unto my said wife Margaret during her naturall life the use of my household stuffe and implements of household stuffe Item after my said wife Margaret decease I give my said household stuffe unto my said sonne John Blechynden Item I give unto my said wife Margaret Blechynden and the said John Blechynden my sonne All my goods cattle chattells and residual? estate not herein and hereby before bequeathed they paying and discharging my debts and funerall expences and do make nominate and appoint my said loving wife Margaret and the said John Blechynden my sonne Executors of this my last Will and Testament and do appoint ~~and~~ with? him? my loving sonne George Bussey gent Overseere and desire my Executors to consult and advise with them? in the management of the Executorship and do give unto them the said George Bussey a ring of a marke apiece and give unto the poore of the parish of Aldington aforesaid twentye shillings In witness whereof I the said Thomas Blechynden have to this my last Will and Testament contained in two sheets of paper sett my Hand and putt my seale the both sheets of paper The day and yeare first above written Thomas Blechynden Signed sealed published and declared To be the last will and Testament of the above-named Thomas Blechynden in the presence of Ben. Sladden John Poole Nicholas Foster

SUMMARY (Gerald Fox)

Probate 29 Jul 1690

When mentioning George Bussey? as overseer, it becomes unclear whether there are one or two Overseers. It also appears that eldest son John is both Executor and Overseer.

Persons mentioned in the Will:

Wife Margaret
Executors; wife Margaret and eldest son John
Overseers George Bussey? Gent and son John Blechynden
Great grandfather John Blechynden Esq.
Eldest sonne John Blechynden
Second son Thomas Blechynden
Thomas Blechynden
Six youngest children; Margaret, Thomas, Edward Tookey, Aylmer, Gratian and Anne Blechynden
Richard Wickes of Aldington yeoman
Jane Wickes
Nicholas Fisher?
Reginald Mantle

Eastbridge Marshland

Catalogue description

Eastbridge Marshland

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The receipt of Thos Blechynden & Margaret his wife for £1300 being the portion of the said Margaret

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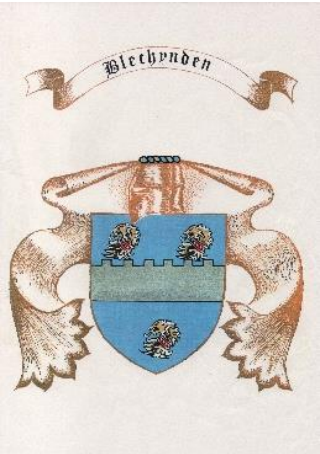
8. EDWARD TOOKEY BLECHYNDEN (1668-1720) & ELIZABETH LANCEFIELD (~1673-1746)

SON OF THOMAS BLECHYNDEN (1634-1690) AND MARGARET LYNCH (~1630-aft.1690)



Edward Tookey was born / baptised on 14 May 1668 Aldington, Kent, England, the third son of Thomas Blechynden (1634 - 1690) and Margaret Lynch (1629/30-aft.1690). He was one of eleven children, seven still living at the time of his father's Will in 1681. John, Thomas, Margaret, Edward Tookey, Aylmer, Gratian and Anne. Edward Tookey was about 22 years when his father died.
. . . and bequeath unto my six youngest children Margaret Thomas Edward Tookey Aylmer Gratian and Anne Blechynden the sume of ffifty pounds of lawfull English money apeice to be paid at their severall and respective age and ages of one and twentie years . . .

Via researcher Martin Easton: *I have a copy of the marriage licence from Canterbury Archives which dates to 1694/5, but I don't have the day, which says in the standard language that Edward Tookey Blechynden aged about 27 wishes to marry Elizabeth Lancefield of Seavington Kent spinster and her father consents, in Cundall Aldington or Seavington.*

Edward Tooky (sic) Blechynden married **Elizabeth Lancefield** on 12 Mar 1695 at Sevington, Kent, England.

LANCEFIELD, ELIZABETH: (~1665-1746) was born about 3 Oct 1665, Crundale, Kent, England. (Not sure this baptism is our Elizabeth). Her parents: **George Lancefield (1634-1719)** from Crundale, and **Rebecca Lott (1642-1675)** from Mersham, were married on 8 Jul 1662 at St Mary Bredin, Canterbury, Kent, England. George and Rebecca Lancefield had six children: Mary, Elizabeth married Edward Tookey Blechynden, George (died as a baby), Thomas, Rebecca married Stephen Hatch, and George married Margaret Elvy. Her mother Rebecca died the same day her brother George was baptised so probably died in childbirth. Her father George Lancefield was married a second time to on 5 Feb 1778-79 at St Mary Bredin, Canterbury to Catherine Brett (1640-1725), widow, from Wye. George and Catherine had one child; John Lancefield born 1680. Harrison Blechynden who emigrated to WA was baptised in the same church, St Mary Bredin.

Via Gerald Fox:

"Elizabeth was the daughter of George Lancefield. Her father left her land at Sevington, Kent, and this land became the property of Edward. Whereas most of the Blechyndens of Kent tended to be land-owning farmers, Edward Tookey was a Malster. Presumably he owned just the one Mill, since his heir George is described as a yeoman, rather than a land-owning 'esquire'."

Map showing Sevington, Crundale, Mersham and Aldington.

More information re Elizabeth and Edward Tookey Blechynden and family can be read in the following three-page article relating to Elizabeth's father: GEORGE LANCEFIELD (1634-1719 and REBECCA LOTT (1642-1675):

GEORGE LANCEFIELD (1634-1719 AND REBECCA LOTT (1642-1675): PG 1
Via Mike Lancefield

7.3.3 Graziers at Sevington (Generations 13 to 15)

The other son of Stephen (b 1591), namely George (b1634), also left Crundale to set up home elsewhere — as a grazier in Sevington near Ashford, some ten miles away.

In July 1662 George married Rebecca Lott[1] from Mersham who died in 1675[2]. She was buried on the same day that her sixth child, George, was baptised — so, probably, she died in childbirth. In February 1678/9 George married for a second time, to Catherine Brett, a widow[3]. The Brett family (of Wye ?) had connections with France; one of the family was a dissenting minister, quite a famous person, travelling to and from France. In his will, George refers to the purchase of property from a William Brett, gentleman, who may have been a brother-in-law or father-in-law of Catherine Brett. George and Catherine had just one child together, a son John (b1680). George was a churchwarden in Sevington during the periods 1668 to 1673, 1681 to 1688, and 1694 to 1697, passing away in 1719 at the ripe old age of 85, survived by his wife who died in 1725. Two of his adult children by Rebecca Lott, namely Thomas (b1663) and Mary (b 1664), had already predeceased him and George (b 1671/72) had died in infancy.

George, 'as residual legatee', had inherited Sole Street Farm from his father who was living with him when he died in 1674 but he was also specifically given half an acre adjacent to the orchard at the farm and Nordens field in Kake Street in Waltham. Within less than a year George had sold Nordens to a John Browning, as recorded in the Court Book of Petham Manor in 1681, bringing to an end the association of Nordens with Sole Street Farm from at least 1513 when Thomas Pilcher mentioned it in his will.

From the time that Stephen Lancefield left Sole Street Farm to live at Sevington with his son, George (b1634), the farm must have been rented out and a certain Thomas Amis seems to have been the first tenant. In May 1679 George Lancefield of Sevington went to the Manor Court at Whiteacre to be acknowledged as the new owner of the 25 acres within that manor which belonged to Sole Street Farm and the land was stated to be in the occupation of Thomas Amis. How much longer Thomas Amis remained in residence is not known but no more of his children were baptised in the parish church at Crundale[4]. In any case, in 1700, George Lancefield decided to sell Sole Street Farm to John Lancefield(b 1677) of Crundale — the son of his cousin George Lancefield of Simonwell Farm. At the time one Stephen Cullen was the occupier of Sole Street Farm, although he may not have been actually resident in the farmhouse as there is no mention of him in the Crundale parish registers and he may

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[1] Rebecca evidently came from a good biblical family; her brothers were Isaac and Abraham.
[2] There is a record in the Wiston Archives(West Sussex Records Office) as follows: Conveyance (bargain and sale), in consideration of £ 900, from John Fagge gent (son and heir of William Fagge late of Stockbury, gent., dec'd.) to Sir John Fagge of Wiston, kt. and bart. - ref. WISTON/4716 - date: 7 Feb 1675/6.
[from Scope and Content] Messuage, barn, stable, yard, garden and orchard, and several pieces of arable, meadow and pasture land (120a.) in Mersham, in occ. of William Whittall and ***George Lancefeild***, yeomen; messuage and 5a. land in Mersham in occ. of Robert Beacon; messuage, barn, stable, yard, garden and orchard, and several pieces of land (25a.) in Hinxhill, in occ. of Robert Diamond; small tenement, barn or outhouse and several pieces of land (33a.) in Wye, at or near a place called Point Pearles, in occ. of John Pilcher.
[3] Catherine Brett's first husband may have been Richard Brett of Wye; there is a marriage record for Catheryne Smart and Richard Brett in November 1665 and a child Katherine was born to Katherine and Richard in Wye in October 1668.
[4] In 1716, a Thomas Amis, a widower of Chilham, was married in Crundale to Susannah Pilcher of Hastingleigh.

GEORGE LANCEFIELD (1634-1719 AND REBECCA LOTT (1642-1675): PG 2
Cont'd Via Mike Lancefield:

have been using the farmhouse to house his farmworkers, living himself most probably in Waltham.

In the 1713 and 1714 Poll Books, George appears as being *of Mearsham* and holding property in Crundale. [This could also refer to George (b1668)]

George has amassed a considerable portfolio of property by the time he died and in his will he describes himself as "gentleman". He bequeathed £80 to his daughter Rebecca who had married Stephen Hatch with a further £20 for Rebecca's son, Thomas, when he came of age. His daughter, Elizabeth had married Edward Tookey Bletchyden, Maltster, and they were bequeathed a dwelling house, barn and an adjoining four acres which George had purchased from William Brett (ibid); George decreed that this should pass to their sons Edward and John in due course, but with a condition that the parents should pay over £100 to George's youngest son, John (b 1680). In accordance with George's wishes, the Will of Edward Tookey Blechynden, dated 27 June 1719, includes instructions for £100 to be paid over to John Lancefeild (sic), albeit that he refers to the property as a *messuage, barn and about twenty acres of land ..... in Seavington*. George's son George (b 1675), married to Margaret Elvy, inherited *my ffarm house wherein I now dwell with the barns, stables, outhouses, courts yards, gardens, lands and premises .... in Seavington and Mersham*, subject to paying an annuity of £6 a year to Rebecca; also a messuage and land occupied by Joan Morris, widow; and a messuage and land in Eggarton which he directed George to sell and hold the proceeds in trust against a possible claim on other property in Mersham that he had bequeathed to son John (b 1680), his only child by Catherine Brett.

To John (b 1680), in addition to the £100 mentioned above, and the 30 acres of land in Mersham[1] that were subject of the possible claim, George bequeathed 5 acres of meadowland in Wye and a moiety (ie half share) in a messuage and lands in Willesborough. Together with his mother, Catherine, John was to share £20 and *my best bed with the furniture of the same being at the time of my death, two pair of my best sheets and pillow coats, one Chest of linen, one case of drawers, one large looking glass, and all my silver plate.* Finally Rebecca, Elizabeth and John were to each have a feather bed making their choice in order of age. His pewter and brass was to be divided equally between his four children *and to each of them a milk pan, a lead to milk in.*

George (b1675) and Margaret Elvy had five children. Three girls: Frances who married John Lambin, a butcher; Margaret who married George Graham[2]; and Mary. Also George (b1712) who died in infancy; and George (b1716) who appears to have remained single (he appears

[1] This property is referred to in an Indenture for Sale dated 1701/ *2 by John Randall now of Brookland late of Brenzett to George Lancefield of Sevington the lands and wood called Westwood in Mersham of 30 acres, also 8 acres of wood in Ruckinge.* There is also a record of *a lease and release of George Lancefield of Sevington to Richard Aland of London of 8 acres of woodland in Ruckinge* dated 24 & 25 June 1709. It is assumed that both these records refer to George (b 1634) or his son George (b 1675). These lease and release arrangements involved establishing a lease for release on the following day as a means of avoiding the need for the lease to be enrolled in Chancery and thereby being made public. Lease and release arrangements figure in a number of the Lancefield property deeds. See www.a2a.org.uk .

[2] Margaret (b 1709) appears to have been the first Lancefield to have "emigrated" to London; being married at St Anne's, Soho when she was residing in the parish of St Bartholomew the Less. She was followed by Sarah (b 1733) who married Thomas Morris at St James, Westminster in 1765. It may be that they were in service to one of the local Crundale gentry who had property or business or social connections in London.

GEORGE LANCEFIELD (1634-1719 AND REBECCA LOTT (1642-1675): PG 3
Cont'd Via Mike Lancefield:

in the Poll Books of 1734 holding freehold in Sevington, was a churchwarden in Sevington in 1751-2 and died in 1752. George (b 1675) was buried 17 January 1748/49 with probate being granted to his wife, Margaret (Elvy), on 9 February 1749/50. When she died, Margaret (Elvy) bequeathed £25 to her daughter Margaret Graham with the stipulation that it should be handed to Margaret personally, not to her husband; £50 and a diamond ring went to her daughter Francis Lambin (who was granted probate on 28 March 1754 in respect of the administration of her mother's and her brother's estates). It seems that the Lancefield name died in this branch of the family with the death of George (b 1716) in 1752.

John, (b1680), was also a grazier, living in nearby Sevington Mersham. He married Frances Hammond[1] in November 1711 at Eastwell near Charing. As mentioned in the will of Attained Goudhurst, tanner, dated 24 February 1715/16, her father was Attained Hammond, a tanner of Faversham; the will also refers to John Lancefield as "gentleman" of Sevington. John and Frances lived in Newchurch where, in the 1713 Poll Books, John is recorded as holding property. For a period up to 1717 Frances and John were joint owners of a house at 49 Tanners Street in Faversham[2] which was almost certainly an inheritance from Frances' family. Indeed Frances's father, Attained, and her grandfather, Joseph, are both recorded in the title deeds of 49 Tanners Street, and there certainly was at least one tannery in Tanners Street at that time. This delightful house still stands, in excellent condition, on the "Faversham Gunpowder Trail"; it started life as an oast house when hops were grown nearby and later became a home for workers at the nearby Home Gunpowder works. See Figure 7.2.

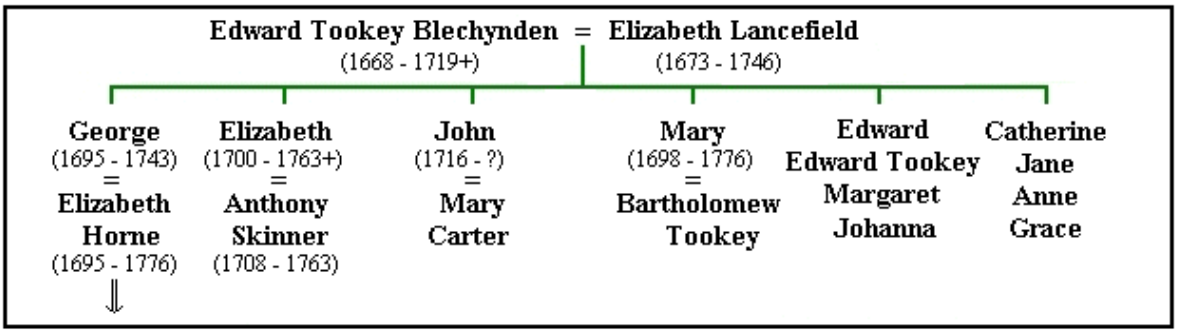
Frances gave birth to at least four children including Attained[3] (b1715) and George (b1718) who both died in infancy and John (b1721) who moved away to the Isle of Thanet in northeast Kent where he became a butcher, the first of a number of butchers in that branch of he family. The first three children were baptised in Newchurch but the baptism of John (b 1721) has not been located. However, a 1727 Poll Book shows John (b 1680) as being *of Willesborough* with freehold property at *Merzam*. This suggests that John (b 1721) may have been born at Willesborough.

A Poll Book of 1734 shows John (b 1680) *of Sellinge* holding freehold property at *Mersham*. It seems that perhaps he tenanted farms in Willesborough and Sellinge on (say) seven-year leases but he could vote because of his freehold property at Mersham. He must have died

[1] Two separate references give her name as Francis rather than Frances.
[2] However, they were not the first Lancefield's to be associated with Faversham. A rental of the manor of Faversham dating from Wednesday 20 April 1653 records that the *heires of Amie Lanckfiled (sic) holdeth a tenement [on the south side of West Street] with the appurtenances late Thomas Lanckfield and before that Henry Thunder by the yearly rent of 2s.* The tenement would have been a door or two down from (ie west of) The Sun public house and may still be there depending which one it is. Amie may have been the daughter or widow of Thomas and reference to *Tree 015* indicates a number of possible candidates. Amie and Ann are often confused in ancient texts and the record could even refer to Ann Chapman, wife of Thomas Lancefield (b 1602)
[3] Attained is an alternative for Ettiene, the French for Stephen though it may also have a meaning "having attained a state of grace" against a non-Conformist/Baptist background if the Hammonds were a Weald family. The will of Attained Goudhurst mentioned in the main text above actually uses the spelling Attainted for both Attained Goudhurst and Attained Hammond. The dictionary quotes *the act of attainting, or the state of being attainted; the extinction of the civil rights and capacities of a person, consequent upon sentence of death or outlawry; as, an act of attainder*. However, it seems unlikely that Attainted is the correct spelling as the deeds for 49 Tanners Street use the spelling Attained, as do subsequent records of the Lancefield children called Attained. Just conceivably, there is a link with the Bretts (mentioned earlier) who travelled between France and England and married into the Lancefield family.

George Lancefield, Elizabeth's father bequeathed Elizabeth and Edward Tookey Blechynden a dwelling house, barn (about twenty acres of land and an adjoining four acres in Seavington. George decreed that this should pass on to their sons Edward and John in due course, but with a condition that the parents should pay over one hundred pounds to be paid to George's youngest son John. . .

CHILDREN OF EDWARD TOOKEY BLECHYNDEN AND ELIZABETH LANCEFIELD



It is said Edward Tookey and Elizabeth had eleven children however the above out of order chart suggests 12 children not 11. Also, Gratiana mentioned below is not in the chart. So, there could have been 13 children. Apparently, there were nine children when Edward died – see paragraph below.

Of the daughters, only Mary and Elizabeth are known to have married. Mary married Bartholomew Tookey, who most probably would have been her relative because the Tookey family name was given to her father by her grandparents, though the exact connection has not been found. It could simply have been given to honour a godparent but that is unlikely in England at that time.

1. BLECHYNDEN, GEORGE (1695-1743) the son and heir, was baptised on 8 Dec 1695, Mersham, Kent, England. George married **ELIZABETH HORN (~1695-1766)**, 26 Dec 1723, Sevington, Kent, England. He was described as a Yeoman, *rather than a land-owning squire*. (Yeoman: a man holding and cultivating a small, landed estate; a freeholder). For more details see next section.

2. BLECHYNDEN, MARY (1698-1776) was baptised 9 Feb 1698, Mersham, Kent, England. Edward Tookey Blechynden wrote in his will: "to my eldest daughter Mary: one Guinea in gold to buy her a ring to wear in remembrance of me." Mary married Bartholemew Tookey Snr. Via the Langdon/Arnold Family Tree, Ancestry, they had one child: BARTHOLEMEW TOOKEY (1731-1797). Bartholemew Tookey was born 1731, Servington, Kent, England. He married Jane Blechynden (1739-1790) 8 Oct 1776, Servington and He died 30 Jul 1797, Mersham, Ashford Borough, Kent, England. Mary Tookey (nee Blechynden) died 25 Dec 1776, Sevington, Kent, England. Buried 1 Jan 1777 Mersham, Kent, England.

3. BLECHYNDEN, ELIZABETH (1700-1763) was baptised 18 Apr 1700 Kent, England. Edward Tookey Blechynden wrote in his will to my two daughters Elizabeth and Catharine [sic] Blechynden: my woodland of nine acres in one or both of Bilsington and Rucking "joining to the highway leading from Bilsington Cross to Rucking towards the South and East to Sir Barnham Rider's wood towards the East and North" and £10 apiece." Elizabeth Blechynden married Anthony Skinner of Faversham, Kent in 1730. They had five surviving children, three boys and two girls. The boys were Anthony, William and George and the girls, Mary and Sarah. All the children were born in Faversham. Elizabeth Blechynden died 8 Jul 1763, Kent, England.

4. BLECHYNDEN, CATHARINE (1701-1776) was born 1701 Kent, England. She died 25 Dec 1776, Sevington, Kent, England. Edward Tookey Blechynden wrote in his will to my two daughters Elizabeth and Catharine [sic] Blechynden: my woodland of 9 acres in one or both of Bilsington and Rucking "joining to the highway leading from Bilsington Cross to Rucking towards the South and East to Sir Barnham Rider's wood towards the East and North" and £10 apiece."

5. BLECHYNDEN, GRATIANA (1704-1711) was baptised 21 May 1704, Mersham, Kent, England. She died 27 Oct 1711, Mersham, Kent, England at the age of about seven years.

6. BLECHYNDEN, JANE (1706-aft. 1720) was baptised 5 May 1706 Kent, England. Edward Tookey Blechynden wrote in his will: "to my daughter Jane Blechynden: my woodland of 7 acres in one or both of Bilsington and Ruckinge "lyeing [illegible...Sir Barnham Rider's Wood both aforesaid pieces of woodland I purchased of Wm Horne", or if she dies without lawful issue before the age of 21, the wood goes to Margaret and Anne. Jane Blechynden married William Kingsnorth, 5 Aug 1730.

Angela McMurtry is descended from this line.

"William was bap 1706 in Pluckley. He was a Carpenter. William died May 1750 in Bilsington and Jane remarried to William Moore 8 Dec 1753 in Bilsington. He was a Yeoman and he died 1782 (no issue from second marriage that I can find).

William K and Jane had the following issue all bap Bilsington with the exception of Sarah who I knew nothing about until I read William Kingsnorth's will. No bap for her that I can find.

Jane 1736 - 1815
Thomas 1734 (apprentice Carpenter)
William 1738
Margaret 1740 d 1742
Fanny 1743
Mary 1745 d 1753
Sarah (mentioned in Will)

I am a descendant of Jane b 1746 who married Peter Waddell 28 Sep 1758 Bilsington. He was born 1737 in Ruckinge and died in 1812 Bilsington. Jane had the license for the pub in Bilsington in her own right in 1788 and in 1795+ her son Peter took over the license. Jane died in 1815 leaving a will (I have a copy). Jane also owned Fagg Farm and Cross Farm which were attached to the White Horse pub."

Will of WILLIAM KINGSNORTH (of Bilsington). Courtesy Angela McMurtry

18th October 1749

I, William Kingsnorth of Bilsington being weak in body but sound in mind do make my last will and testament. In my first place I give my soul to almighty God who gave it to me and my body to earth to be buried in a plain manner. In next place I give my beloved wife JANE the three tenements to have and to hold to the term of her natural life, that is to say Blacksmith Forge at Bilsington and all my lands now here belonging and after my wife decease I give the three tenements laying in Bilsington Cross to my children share and share alike, that is to say Thomas Kingsnorth, William Kingsnorth, Sarah Kingsnorth, Jenny (Jane) Kingsnorth and Mary Kingsnorth to be divided even not to part be sold till my youngest child is sixteen years old. I ..... wife give to my son Thomas Kingsnorth at the day of my wifes marriage £20 of good and lawful money of England to be paid down upon demand. I ....wife give to my daughter Jenny Kingsnorth £25 of lawful money of England. I give to my son William Kingsnorth the sum of £25 of lawful money of England. I give to my daughter Mary Kingsnorth the sum of £25 of lawful money of England to be paid out of my moveables at day my wife Jane Kingsnorth marriage and not until then. I give my son Thomas Kingsnorth all my carpenter tools if he lives to come out of his apprenticeship. I make my wife my sole executor.

Signed William Kingsnorth

Probate granted 4th May 1750 to Jane Kingsnorth

NOTE – Sarah Kingsnorth is a new addition to the tree

7. BLECHYNDEN, EDWARD TOOKEY (1707-1711)was baptised 24 Aug 1707, Mersham, Kent, England. Father Edward Tookey, mother Elizabeth Tooky (sic). Edward Tookey Blechynden died 1711, burial 17 Oct 1711, Mersham, Kent, England at the age of about four years.

8. BLECHYNDEN, MARGARET (1709-aft. 1719) was baptised 8 May 1709, Mersham, Kent, England. Edward Tookey Blechynden wrote in his will: "to my two younger daughters Margaret and Ann Blechynden: £50 each at 21 or marriage."

9. BLECHYNDEN, ANN (1710-aft. 1719) was baptised 31 Dec 1710, Mersham, Kent, England. Edward Tookey Blechynden wrote in his will: "to my two younger daughters Margaret and Ann Blechynden: £50 each at 21 or marriage."

10. BLECHYNDEN, EDWARD TOOKEY (1713-1729) was baptised 10 Dec 1713 Kent, England. He died 21 Jan 1729, Mersham, Kent, England at the age of about 16 years.

11. BLECHYNDEN, JOHN (1716-~1799) was baptised 3 Jun 1716, Mersham, Kent, England. John Blechynden married Mary Carter, 8 Aug,1748, Godmersham, Kent, England. They had at least two children, Elizabeth (died as a toddler) and Carter. John Blechynden died about 1799.

Edward Tookey Blechynden's will was dated 27 Jun 1719. He died in 1720 aged fifty-two years, Probate Jun 1720, Sevington, Kent, Eng. His wife Elizabeth was his executor. When Edward died, his children were aged: George 25 years, Mary 22 years, Elizabeth 20 years, Catherine 19 years, Jane 14 years, Margaret 11 years, Ann 10 years, Edward 7 years and John 4 years of age. Their eldest son George was not yet married. Twenty-six years later, Elizabeth Lancefield died on 11 Sep 1746, burial 15 Sep,1746, Mersham, Kent, England.

Will of Edward Tookey Blechynden, made 27 Jun 1719 by post from Canterbury Cathedral Archives, Oct 2000, proved at the Archdeaconry Court of Canterbury Reg: vol. 85 folio 28 film# 0188986

WILL OF EDWARD TOOKEY BLECHYNDEN, 1719

I Edward Tookey Blechynden of Mersham in the County of Kent Maultster being infirm of body but of sound and perfect memory and understanding (God be praised the Regore) do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) Impris I recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker hoping and trusting through the merits of my blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to receive free pardon and forgiveness of all my Sins and my body I leave to the Earth from whence it came to receive a decent and Christian burial according to the discretion of my Executrix hereinafter named And as for the worldly Estate which God of his mercy hath lent me I give and dispose of the same as followeth Item I give and bequeath unto my Eldest son George Blechynden my Silver Tankard which was given unto me by my Godmother Mrs Joane Goulston deceased and the Sum of Tenn pounds of lawfull money of Great Britain and to my Eldest daughter Mary Blechynden one Guinea in Gold to buy her a Ring to wear in Remembrance of me Item I give and bequeath unto my two Daughters Elizabeth and Catharine Blechynden and their heirs for Ever All that my peece or parcel of woodland containing by Estimation nine acres more or less with the Appurtanences Situate lying and being in the severall parishes of Bilsington and Ruckinge or one of them in the Said County joyning to the highway leading from Bilsington Cross to Ruckinge towarde the South and East to Sth Barnham Riderswood towards the East and North And in Case either of my Said two Daughters last named happen to dye under the age of one and twenty years without lawfull Issue the share of her so dying to go to the Survivor of them and her heirs Item I give Tenn pounds apeece of lawfull money of Great Britain unto the said Elizabeth and Catharine Blechynden Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Jane Blechynden and her heirs for ever All that my peece or parcel of woodland Containing by Estimation seven acres more or less with the appurtenances situate and lying and being in the several parishes of Bilsington and Ruckinge aforesaid In ---- of their tyme of [also that so far unbequeathed part of] Sth Barnham Riderswood both which Said peeces of woodland I purchased of Wm. Horne and in Case my said Daughter Jane happen to dye before she shall have attained the age of one and twenty years without lawfull issue then I give and bequeath the said peece of woodland given unto her as aforesaid unto my two Daughters Margaret and Anne Blechynden and their heirs for ever Nevertheless I will that my said woodlands when fellable at any time after my decease shall be felled for the for the use of the person or persons to whom the same shall then properly belong they first choosing a lawfull Guardian or being of the full age of one and twenty years Item I give unto my said Daughter Jane the Sume of Tenn pounds of Such money as aforesaid which said money given to my said ffour Children George Elizabeth Catharine and Jane I will to be paid unto them by my Executrix hereinafter named within six months next after my decease Item I give and bequeath unto my two Younger Daughters Margaret and Ann Blechynden the Sume of ffifty pounds a peece of lawfull money of Great Britain to be paid unto them and either of them by my Executrix herein after named at their severall and respective ages of one and twenty years or daye of Marriage or either of them which shall first happen without any deductions? Upon any amount whatsoever And in Case either of my said two Daughters last named happen to dye before her legacy shall become due as aforesaid then the legacy of her so dying to remain to my Executrix Item my mind and will further is and I do hereby order charge and appoint my Executrix hereinafter named in Case the Sume of one hundred pounds given ordered and appointed by my Father in Law Mr George Lancefield's Will out of a Messuage Barn and with about twenty acres of land with the appurtenances Situate lying and being in Seavington in the said County (which he by his said Will gave unto Elizabeth my wife for life and afterwards to my two youngest Sons Edward Tookey Blechynden and John Blechynden [the interest] be paid unto his son John Lancefield) to pay the said Sume of one hundred pounds or as much thereof as at the time of my decease shall remain [unpaid] according to the Intent and meaning of my Said Father Lancefield's Will out of my personal Estate Item I make and ordain my loving wife Elizabeth Blechynden whole and sole Executrix of this my last will and testament to whom after my Debts Legacies Moneys by me ordered and appointed to be paid by her my Funerall Expences the charge of proving this my Will and other Incident Charges are paid and discharged I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my ready money Bills Bonds goods Chattells plate house [and all of the residue] of my personal Estate whatsoever hoping she will bring up my youngest Children till they Shall be able to [fend] for themselves And lastly I nominate and appoint my good and Trusty Friends Edward Horne of Seavington aforesaid yeoman and John Boston? of Ashford in the said County Maulster to be

overseers of this my will desiring them to see the same performed and to aid and assist my said wife and Executrix in and about the performance of the same desiring her my said wife to pay and satisfy them for their Care and pains to be taken therein. Revoking all former Wills by me heretofore made and declaring this to be my last Will and Testament in witness whereof I the said Edward Tookey Blechynden have this my last will and testament contained in two sheets of paper to the first thereof have set my hand and to this last my hand and Seale Dated the seven and twentieth day of June in the year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George by the grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the faith [and the fifth year of his reign] 1719 Edward Tookey Blechynden Signed Sealed Published and declared by the said testator Edward Tookey Blechynden to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereupon in his presence Sunscribed our names as Witnesses after the ---- line at the bottom of the first sheet Wild Sharpe ffras Stace? Susanna Stace

Probate 1720

1. Impris means 'firstly'

2. Words inserted in square brackets are to get what is thought to be the intended meaning. The original is undecipherable at these points.

SUMMARY OF WILL by Researcher from England, Martin Easton.

RELATIVES MENTIONED:

wife and executrix Elizabeth Blechynden
Father-in-law George Lancefield
eldest son George Blechynden
younger sons Edward Tookey Blechynden and John Blechynden
Eldest daughter Mary Blechynden
daughters Elizabeth, Catharine
Daughter Jane Blechynden
two younger daughters Margaret and Ann
Godmother – Mrs Joane Goulston
Overseers – Edward Horne yeoman, John Boston?
Witnesses – Wild? Sharpe, Fras Stace? Susanna Stace
Land seller - William Horne

OTHER POINTS:

He lives in Mersham, a Malster.
Elizabeth, the daughter of his trusty friend Edward Horne, married his eldest son George four years later.

SUMMARY:

1. I Edward Tookey Blechynden of Mersham, Kent, Malster, being sick in body but of sound and perfect memory...

2. to my eldest son George: my silver tankard given to me by my godmother Mrs Joane Goulston Deceased; and £10

3. to my eldest daughter Mary: one Guinea in gold to buy her a ring to wear in remembrance of me

4. to my two daughters Elizabeth and Catharine [sic] Blechynden: my woodland of 9 acres in one or both of Bilsington and Rucking "joining to the highway leading from Bilsington Cross to Rucking towards the South and East to Sir Barnham Rider's wood towards the East and North" and £10 apiece

5. to my daughter Jane Blechynden: my woodland of 7 acres in one or both of Bilsington and Ruckinge "lyeing [illegible...Sir Barnham Rider's Wood both aforesaid pieces of woodland I purchased of Wm Horne", or if she dies without lawful issue before the age of 21, the wood goes to Margaret and Anne.

6. to my daughter Jane: £10

7. to my two younger daughters Margaret and Ann Blechynden: £50 each at 21 or marriage

8. the will of my father-in-law George Lancefield [sic] gave my wife Elizabeth £100 "out of" [?] a message, barn, [illegible] and 20 acres of land in Servington, for her life and afterwards to my two youngest sons Edward Tookey B and John B. If any of the £100 remains unpaid at my decease, tit shall be paid to her from my estate as intended.

9. I make my loving wife Elizabeth my executrix and she shall have the residue of my estate, "hoping she will bring up my youngest children till they shall be able to fend for themselves"

10. I appoint my good and trusty friends Edward Horne of Servington Yeoman and John ...orton of Ashford Malster as overseers of my will to assist my wife, desiring her to pay them for their care and pains.

11. signed and sealed 27 Jun 1719 Edward Tookey Blechynden. witnesses Will Sharpe, Thos Stace, Susanna Stace

12. PROBATUM etc decimo die Juny AD 1720 etc Eliza~ Blechynden Vid~

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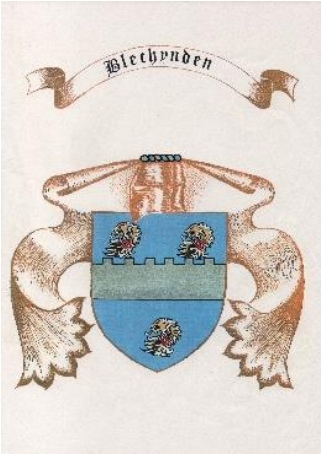
9. GEORGE BLECHYNDEN (1695-1743) & ELIZABETH HORNE (~1695-1766)

SON OF EDWARD TOOKEY BLECHYNDEN (1668-1720) AND ELIZABETH LANCEFIELD (1673-1746)



George Blechynden was a cattle and sheep farmer and yeoman grazier of Mersham. (Yeoman: a man holding and cultivating a small, landed estate; a freeholder.)

He was baptised 8 Dec 1695 Mersham, Kent, England, the eldest child and son of Edward Tookey Blechynden (1668-1720) and Elizabeth Lancefield (1673-1746) who had eleven children.

Gratiana died at the age of about four years and Thomas Tookey died at the age of about seven years. His parents named their 10th child Edward Tookey after the child they had lost. He and his brothers and sisters were all baptised and grew up in Mersham.

His father Edward Tookey died in 1720 when George was about 25 years of age. The older girls in the family were aged as follows: Mary 22 years, Elizabeth 20 years and Catherine 19 years. His mother was left to care for the younger ones: Jane 14 years, Margaret 11 years, Ann 10 years, Edward seven years and John four years of age.

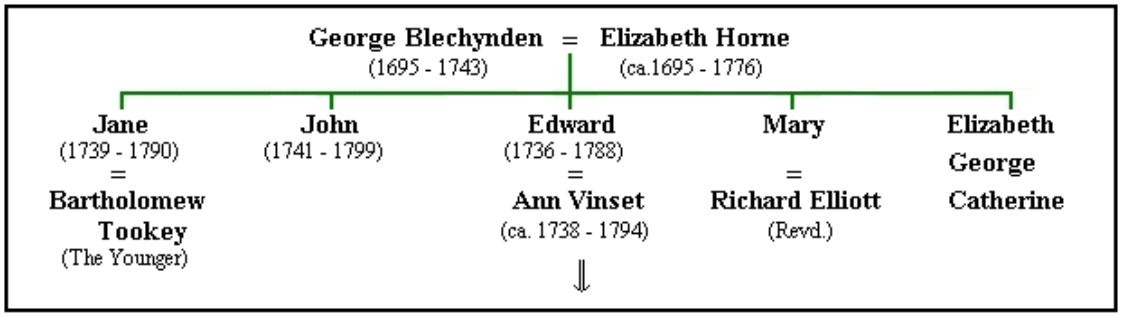
His father Edward Tookey wrote in his will*: I appoint my good and trusty friends Edward Horne of Seavington, aforesaid Yeoman and John ... of Ashford Malster as overseers of my will to assist my wife, desiring her to pay them for their care and pains.*

Three years later on 26 Dec 1723, George Blechynden married Elizabeth Horne (1695-1776) in Servington, Kent, England.

HORNE, ELIZABETH (1695-1776)

Elizabeth Horne was born about 1695, her father, one of the "trusty friends" Edward Horne. John and William Horne (possibly her brothers), were appointed as executors of Edward Tookey Blechynden's Will.

George Blechynden and Elizabeth Horne had seven children: Elizabeth, George, Mary, Catherine, **Edward,** Jane and John Blechynden.



1. BLECHYNDEN, ELIZABETH (1725-) was baptised 30 Mar 1725, Sevington, Kent, England. George Blechynden wrote in his will: *"the residue of my goods chattels cattle ...equally to my youngest sons*

Edward and John and my daughters Elizabeth, Mary, Catherine and Jane when they reach their respective majority."

2. BLECHYNDEN, GEORGE (1728-1765) was born about 1728, Mersham, Kent, England. George Blechynden snr. wrote in his will*: "to my eldest son George: my lease of the farm and land at Bilsington Priory and the Marshland and tythes belonging to it which I hold from Lady Rider; and my lease of the Marshland in Newchurch, Rucking and Bilsington held from Thomas Brett; £350; fourscore sheep now at Bilsington in several fields called [husses?]; a large silver tankard, three beds, six pair of sheets, a large silver spoon, and all the goods and chattels standing in the Oasthouse room in the house I now dwell at in Mersham."* Via Gerald Fox*: George, who was described as a gentleman, lived at Bilsington Priory.* George Blechynden died unmarried, 21 Jan 1765 at the age of about 37 years, Burial 26 Jan 1765, Mersham, Kent, England.

George Blechynden headstone at Mersham. Via Find a Grave.

3. BLECHYNDEN, MARY (1729-) was baptised 18 Jul 1729, Mersham, Kent, England. George Blechynden wrote in his will: *"the residue of my goods chattels cattle ...equally to my youngest sons Edward and John and my daughters Elizabeth, Mary, Catherine and Jane when they reach their respective majority."*
Mary Blechynden married Richard Elliot, 10 Nov 1757 at the Church of St. Peter, Cornhill, London by licence. He was a clergyman.

Tuesday the 17th day of July 1753
At the Twenty Seventh Year of
the Reign of King George the
Gascoyne Mayor Sworn of Great Britain &c.

This Day Mr Chamberlain having presented
unto this Court Mary Blechynden to be made
free of this City as the Sons of Freemen granted unto
him by this Court the 26th June last to be
applyed towards the Discharge of the Publick Debts
of this City Was Ordered that the said Mary
Blechynden be Admitted into the Freedom of
this City by Redemption in the Company of
Musicians paying unto Mr
Chamberlain for this City's Use the Sum of
Forty six Shillings and Eight pence.

Mar

Due to the City
Upon the 1st Feb.

NB If the Order is not Entered
in Four Months it is Void
Williams

Mary Blechynden, Musician, Freedom of the City Admission papers,17 Jul 1753, father – George

4. BLECHYNDEN, CATHERINE (1731-) was baptised 18 Feb 1731 Mersham, Kent, England. George Blechynden wrote in his will: *"the residue of my goods chattels cattle ...equally to my youngest sons Edward and John and my daughters Elizabeth, Mary, Catherine and Jane when they reach their respective majority."*

5. BLECHYNDEN, EDWARD (1736-1788+) was baptised 20 Dec 1736 Mersham, Kent, England. George Blechynden wrote in his will: *"the residue of my goods chattels cattle ...equally to my youngest sons Edward and John and my daughters Elizabeth, Mary, Catherine and Jane when they reach their respective majority." "to my son Edward Blechinden: £100; a silver salver, a large silver spoon and my little [brown?] horse."* Edward Blechynden married Ann Vinset, 7 Dec 1758 Aldington, Kent, England. For more details on Edward Blechynden and Ann Vinset see next section.

6. BLECHYNDEN, JANE (1739-) was baptised 30 Aug 1739, Mersham, Kent, England. She married Bartholemew Tookey (1731-1797). George Blechynden wrote in his will: *"the residue of my goods chattels cattle ...equally to my youngest sons Edward and John and my daughters Elizabeth, Mary, Catherine and Jane when they reach their respective majority."*
Jane Tookey (nee Blechynden) died 29 Dec 1790, Mersham, Ashford Borough, Kent, England.
https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/185425144/jane-tookey

Headstone Bartholemew and Jane Tookey (nee Blechynden), St. John The Baptist Graveyard, Church Rd, Mersham

7. BLECHYNDEN, JOHN (1742-) was baptised 12 Feb 1741m Mersham, Kent, England. George Blechynden wrote in his will: *"the residue of my goods chattels cattle ...equally to my youngest sons Edward and John and my daughters Elizabeth, Mary, Catherine and Jane when they reach their respective majority."*

WILL OF GEORGE BLECHYNDEN

Will of George BLECHYNDEN (1695-1743) was dated 2 Mar 1743. George Blechynden died 8 Mar 1743 Mersham, Kent, Eng. The Will of George Blechynden was proved on 3 Apr 1744 with the oaths of John Horn, William Horn and John Blechynden executors to whom administration was granted."

At the time of George Blechynden's death the children were aged: Elizabeth 18 years, George 17, Mary, 17 years, Catherine 11 years, Edward 7 years, Jane 4 years and John 1 year of age.

In the Name of God Amen I George Blechinden of Mersham in the County of Kent Yeoman being weak in body but of sound Mind Memory and Understanding praised be God for the same do make my last Will and Testament as followeth ffirst I will that all my just Debts Legacies and ffuneral Expences be fully paid and discharged by my Executors herein after named Also I give and devise unto John Horne of Old Romney in the said county Grazier William Horne of Seavington in the said county Yeoman and John Blechinden of Bilsington in the said county Yeoman all that my ffarm and Lands with the Appurtenances situate in Kingsnorth in the said County of Kent to hold to the said John Horne William Horne and John Blechinden their heirs and assigns to the Use of the said John Horne William and John Blechinden their heirs and assigns In Trust nevertheless to permit suffer my Wife Elizabeth Blechinden to receive and take the Rents and profits thereof for her life and after her decease to sell and dispose thereof for the best price that can be got for the same and to pay and divide the Money that shall be raised thereof unto and amongst all my children sons and daughters share and share alike Also I give and bequeath to the said John Horne William Horne and John Blechinden the sum of one hundred pounds in trust to place the same out on the best security they can get and to pay the Interest thereof when received to my said Wife Elizabeth Blechinden for her life and after her decease to In Trust to pay the said principal sum of one hundred pounds unto and amongst all my said children share and share alike Also I give and bequeath the sum of one hundred pounds to my said Wife to be paid her within six months next after my decease and also the use of my household Goods Utensils and Implements of household excepting what is herein after by me particularly mentioned and disposed of To hold to my said wife for and as long as she shall live single and unmarried but if my said Wife shall happen to die or marry again then I give and bequeath the said household Goods Utensils and premises last above mentioned unto the said John Horne William Horne and John Blechinden their Executors and Administrators and Assigns In Trust to sell and dispose of the same unto and amongst all my *said sons and daughter share and share alike And also I give and bequeath unto my eldest son George Blechinden All my Lease term of Years to come and Interest of and in all that ffarm and Land at Bilsington Priory together with the Marshland and Tythes thereto belonging which I hold under the Lady Rider and also all my Lease term and Interest of and in all that Marshland situate in Newchurch*

Rucking and Bilsington which I hold by Lease from Mr Thomas Brett to hold to the said George Blechinden his Executors Administrators and Assigns from the twenty ninth of September next after my decease at and under the yearly rent and covenants in the said Lease severally reserved and contained for and during the residue and remainder of the Terms and Interest in the said Leases to me severally granted Also I give and bequeath to my said son George Blechinden the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds to be paid him in six months next after my decease Also ffour store sheep that are now at Bilsington aforesaid in several fields there called Hulses? Also, a large silver tankard three beds six pairs of sheets and a large silver spoon and all the Goods and Chattells standing and being in the Washouse Room in the house I now dwell at Mersham aforesaid and my Will is that my said son George Blechindens receipt shall notwithstanding his ------- be good and sufficient for the said sums of Money Goods Chattels and Premises by me above given to him as aforesaid Also I give to my son Edward Blechinden one hundred pounds a silver salver and a large silver spoon and my little brow? horse To my son John Blechinden one hundred pounds a large silver spoon punch ladle and seal and my best china punch bowl Also All the rest and residue of my Goods Chattels cattle stock debts ready Money personal Estate and Effects whatsoever not before disposed of I give and bequeath to and amongst my said Younger sons Edward and John Blechinden and my Daughters Elizabeth Mary Catherine and Jane Blechinden equally to be divided between them share and share alike to be paid to my said Younger sons at their respective Ages of Twenty Years and to my said Daughters at their respective Ages of Twenty one Years Days? of Marriage provided always nevertheless and my Will is that my Executors hereafter named shall pay and apply the Interest of the said several sums of Money above by me bequeathed to my said children for and towards maintaining and bringing them up during their Minority Also I appoint the said John Horne William Horne and John Blechinden of Bilsington Executors and Trustees of this my last Will and Testament and Guardians and overseers thereof and of my said children and hereby revoke all former Wills by me heretofore made or executed in Witness whereof I have this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal the second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty three Geo: Blechynden signed sealed published and declared by the said testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto in his presence A Hughes Ed: Werger? Stephen Quested.

The before registered Will of George Blechynden late of Mersham deceased was proved the third day of April in the Year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty-four before the Reverend Richard Nonins? clerk lawful surrogate to the Worshipful Edward Simpson Doctor of Laws Official General to the Reverend the Archdeacon of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oaths of John Horn William Horn and John Blechinden Executors therein named to whom administration of the Goods Chattels and credits of the said deceased was committed they, being first sworn well and truly to perform the same.

SUMMARY OF WILL by researcher from England, Martin Easton.

PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL:

Wife - Elizabeth
Eldest son – George Blechynden
Younger sons – Edward Blechynden, John Blechynden
Daughters – Elizabeth, Mary, Catherine, Jane
Trustee and Executors - John Blechynden, John Horne Grazier, William Horne Yeoman
Witnesses – A Hughes, Ed Werger? Stephen Quested

"RELATIVES MENTIONED:

wife Elizabeth Blechinden
eldest son George Blechinden (a minor at 2 Mar 1743 so born in 1722 or later)
younger sons Edward Blechinden and John Blechinden
daughters Elizabeth Mary Catherine and Jane (also minors)
John Horne of Old Romney Kent, Grazier

William Horne of Seavington Kent, Yeoman trustees and executors
John Blechinden of Bilsington Kent, Yeoman, (not his son)

OTHER PEOPLE:

Witnesses A Hughes Ed: [Warger?] Stephen Quested

OTHER POINTS:

He lives in Mersham; one room is called the Oasthouse room suggesting continuation of his father's occupation of Maltster. He farms sheep and cattle but no indication of tillage.

1. I George Blechinden [sic] of Mersham, Kent, Yeoman, being sick in body but of sound mind...

2. to my trustees: all my farm and lands in Kingsnorth, Kent, but to allow my wife to take all the rents and profits from it for her life, and sell it after her death and divide the proceeds equally between my children

3. to my trustees: £100 on trust, for my wife to receive the income, and after her death to share it equally between my children

4. to my wife: £100

5. to my wife: the use of my household goods, utensils and implements of household for as long as she remains unmarried, and when she marries or dies to be sold and the proceeds shared equally between my children

6. to my eldest son George: my lease of the farm and land at Bilsington Priory and the land and tythes belonging to it which I hold from Lady Rider; and my lease of the Marshland in Newchurch, Rucking and Bilsington held from Thomas Brett; £350; fourscore sheep now at Bilsington in several fields called [husses?]; a large silver tankard, three beds, six pair of sheets, a large silver spoon, and all the goods and chattels standing in the Oasthouse room in the house I now dwell at in Mersham

7. to my son Edward Blechinden: £100; a silver salver, a large silver spoon and my little [brown?] horse

8. to my son John Blechinden: £100; a large silver spoon, punch ladle and seal and my best china punch bowl

9. the residue of my goods chattels cattle ...equally to my youngest sons Edward and John and my daughters Elizabeth Mary Catherine and Jane when they reach their respective majority

10. the trustees to apply the interest on the money bequeathed to my children for their upbringing during their minority

11. I appoint the said, John Horne, William Horne and John Blechinden as executors and trustees and as guardians of my children

12. signed and sealed, Geo: Blechynden [sic]
witnesses A Hughes Ed: [Warger?], Stephen Quested.
Proved on 3rd Apr 1744 with the oaths of John Horn, William Horn and John Blechynden executors to whom administration was granted."

WILL OF ELIZABETH BLECHYNDEN (NEE HORNE)

Will Of Elizabeth Blechynden (nee Horne) (1695-1766) was dated 28 Sep 1765. Elizabeth Horn died 4 Jun 1766 Mersham, Kent, England. The will was proven 11 September 1776, her daughter, Jane Blechynden the executrix – see further on.

In the Name of God Amen

I *Elizabeth Blechynden* of Seavington in the County of Kent widow being of sound perfect and disposing my Memory and understanding God be praised do make and ordain this my last Will and testament in writing in manner and fform following that is to say Whereas upon or previous to marriage with late deceased husband George Blechynden my ffather Edward Horne since deceased entered into an article of agreement to lay out the sum of one hundred pounds in the purchase of Lands and Tenements to be settled to such Uses as in the said article is mentioned and expressed of and touching a certain Messuage or Tenement and Lands in Kingsnorth in the said County and whereas no such purchase hath been made but the said one hundred pounds was paid by my said ffather unto my said husband in his Life time who gave my said ffather a Bond to indemnify him on account of such payment and the said one hundred pounds since the Death of my said husband coming to my Hands I have given to my said husbands Executors and Trustees a Bond to pay the said one hundred pounds according to the purport of the said article Now I do hereby declare that the said one hundred pounds is yet in my hands and I do by this my Will charge my Executrix hereinafter named with the payment thereof by and out of my personal Estate hereinafter given and bequeathed to her and I desire that she will take care the same be paid according to the purport and true meaning of my said Marriage Articles and Bonds and to see that the said Bonds be delivered up to her but nevertheless not to indulge? Or hinder my said Executrix in or to the share exactness therein Item I give and bequeath unto my son George Blechynden the sum of fforty pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain and to my Grandaughter Elizabeth Blechynden two? Guineas in Gold and to my Niece Elizabeth Horne? one Guinea in Gold which said three Legacies my will and mind is shall be paid by my Executrix hereinafter named by and out of my personal Estate hereinafter given to her within six Months next after my decease Item I give and bequeath unto my son John Blechynden his Executor admons and assigns to his and their use and benefit all those my true parts and all my parts and shares Right Title Term Estate and interest of and in certain Lands and Tenements lying and being in Ruckinge in the said County which is held by Lease of the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church Canterbury he and they paying thereout the sum of twenty pounds of lawful money of Great Britain unto my daughter Jane Blechynden within six months next after my decease and I do give and bequeath the said sum of twenty pounds unto my said daughter Jane Blechynden accordingly with full power and authority to and for her my said daughter Jane Blechynden her Executors admons and assigns to enter into and upon my said Leasehold Estate and premises and receive the Rents Issues and Profits thereof until she or they shall be fully paid and satisfied the said legacy of twenty pounds and all costs and charges occasioned by the nonpayment thereof Item I give and forgive unto my Grandaughter Elizabeth Kennett the sum of fifteen pounds which I advanced and paid in or towards placing her out apprentice Item I give and bequeath unto my said Grandaughter Elizabeth Kennett the further sum of ten pounds of like lawful money of Great Britain within six months next after my decease and the further sum of ten pounds of like lawful money at her age of twenty one years Item I give and bequeath unto my Grandaughter Katherine Kennett the sum of five and twenty pounds of like lawful money within six months next after my decease and the sum of ten pounds of like lawful money at her age of twenty one years which said legacies so as aforesaid given to my Grandaughters Elizabeth Kennett and Katherine Kennet my will and mind is shall be paid by my Executrix hereinafter named by and out of my personal Estate hereinafter given to her and my will and mind is that if either of my said two Grandaughters Elizabeth Kennet and Katherine Kennet shall happen to die before she shall have received her respective legacy or legacies before mentioned then the other or survivor shall have the legacy or legacies of her so dying which shall not have then become payable provided always that if I shall advance any Monies for or towards the placing out of my said Grandaughter Katherine Kennet Apprentice then the Monies which I shall so advance for her shall be deducted out of her said legacy of five and twenty pounds aforementioned to be given Before anything in this my Will (be bequeathed?) to the contrary and whereas it is proposed that a certain Quantity of Timber Trees now standing and being on a certain ffarm and Lands lying in the parishes

of Mersham and Bilsington or out of them in the said County shall be felled and taken down with the Tops and Ten thereof one Moeity of which said ffarm and Lande belongs to my said Grandaughters Elizabeth and Katherine Kennett and the other Moeity to their cousin Miss? Dorothy Kennett and it is also proposed that one Moeity or half part of the Monies arising by the sale of the said Timber computed at about twenty pounds shall be paid into my Hands for the use and benefit of my said Grandaughters Elizabeth Kennett and Katherine Kennett for which I am to give a Note or Memorandum or other Security for the payment thereof to them as they shall severally attain their ages of twenty one years Now my will and mind is that if I shall take the said half part of the Monies arising by the sale of the said Timber then my Executrix hereinafter named shall pay the same to my said Grandaughters Elizabeth Kennett and Katherine Kennett according to the purport of such Note Memorandum or other Security shall be thereupon delivered up to my said Executrix and my will and mind further is that if my said Executrix shall be sued or troubled for or concerning the taking down and selling such Timber (other than for the Monies thereby arising that shall be actually and bona fide at the time of my decease in my Hands) then and in such case the aforesaid Legacies of ten pounds apiece so as aforesaid endowed to be paid to my said Grandaughters Elizabeth and Katherine Kennett and ordered to be paid at their respective age and ages of twenty-one years shall not be paid but shall be and remain in the Hands of my Executrix hereinafter named as void Legacies anything in this my Will contained to the contrary Item I give and bequeath unto my Grandson James Elliott son of my daughter Mary Elliott one Guinea in Gold to be paid into the Hands of his said Mother and her receipt shall be a discharge for the same Item I give and devise unto my son Edward Blechynden and his Heirs one annuity yearly Rent or sum of three pounds and four shillings of lawful money of Great Britain to be issuing going and paid out of all that such? Messauge or Tenement Barn Lands and premises situate lying and being in Seavington aforesaid which I purchased to me and my Heirs of and from William Naborn during the term of the natural Life of my said daughter Mary Elliott by yearly payments ffree and clear of all reductions for Taxes or otherwise the first payment thereof to begin and be made on that Day twelve Month happening next after the Day of my Death In Trust nevertheless for the sole use and benefit of my said Daughter Mary Elliott during her natural Life and to be from time to time paid into her own Hand separate and apart from the Reverand Richard Elliott her husband and her receipt shall be a sufficient discharge for the same and my will is that the said annuity yearly Rent or sum of three pounds and four shillings shall not be subject to the Debts Control or Engagements of her said Husband and if it shall happen that the said Annuity yearly Rent or Sum of three pounds and four shillings shall be behind or unpaid unto the said Edward Blechynden his Heirs or Assigns in part or in all by the time and space of twenty-one Days next over or after any of the yearly Days and times of payment on which as aforesaid the same ought to be paid altho' no Demand shall be thereof made then it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Edward Blechynden and his Heirs into and upon the said Messuage and Lands in Savington aforesaid or into or upon any part or parcel thereof to enter and Distrain and the Distress and Distresses then and there found and taken from thence to Load Bear Drive take and carry away impound and keep sell or dispose or dispose of until the said annuity yearly Rent or Sum of three pounds and four shillings and all arrears thereof and the Costs and Damages for nonpayment thereof sustained and the charges of Distress shall be well and truly satisfied contented and paid Item I give and bequeath unto my said sons Edward Blechynden and John Blechynden their Executors admons and assigns all my said Messuage or Tenement Barn Lands and premises hereinbefore mentioned to be lying and being in Savington aforesaid for and during the full end of term of one hundred years to commence from the day of the death of my said Daughter Mary Elliott from thence next ensuing and fully to be Compleat and ended without impeachment of waste in Trust nevertheless and for the intent and purpose and under and subject to the declaration hereinafter mentioned of and containing the same Term and subject to the said Term of one hundred years and to the payment of the said annuity yearly Rent or Sum of three pounds and four shillings and to the Remedies for the raising and payment thereof as aforesaid I give and devise the said Messuage or Tenement Barn Lands and premises hereinbefore mentioned to be lying and being in Savington aforesaid unto my said Daughter Jane Blechynden her Heirs and assigns for ever and as to for and concerning the said term of one hundred years hereby given and limitted to the said Edward Blechynden and John Blechynden their Executors admons and assigns as aforesaid I do hereby declare that the same Term is so limitted to them in Trust that they the said Edward Blechynden and John Blechynden and the Survivor of them or the Executors or admons of such Survivor by demising selling or mortgaging the said Term of one hundred years or any part thereof

after the death of my said Daughter Mary Elliott or by the Rents and profits of the premises therein comprized raise the Sum of eighty pounds of lawful money of Great Britaain and pay the same unto and amongst all and every the child and children of the Body of my said Daughter Mary Elliott lawfully begotten or to be begotten which shall be living at the time of the Decease of my said daughter Mary Elliott in equal shares and proportions share and share alike if more than one And if there shall be but one such child then living then to such one or only child And whereas I did sometime after the death of my said Husband take down and fell some Trees and Timber from the said ffarm and Lands in Kingsnorth aforesaid now my will and mind is that if any of my children or any person or persons claiming under them or any of them shall sue vex or trouble my Executrix hereinafter named for or on account of my taking down or disposing of the said Trees and Timber or the Monies which did arise therefrom or any part thereof then and in such case the person or persons so suing vexing or troubling my said Executrix shall have no benefit or advantage of this my Will and I make and ordain my said Daughter Jane Blechynden whole and sole Executrix of this my Will and I do give and bequeath unto my said Daughter Jane Blechynden to her own use and benefit all and singular my Goods Chattels and personal Estate not hereinbefore given and bequeathed except such Goods and Effects which in a Note Wrote with my own handwriting and put up with this my Will shall appear to be otherwise disposed of which Note shall be a part of this my Will then my said Executrix paying my just Debts Legacies my ffuneral Expences and the Charge of proving this my Will and my Will and Mind further is that is shall and may be lawful to and for my said Trustees hereinbefore named by or out of the Trust Moneys coming to their Hands to deduct all such Costs Charges and Expences which they or any or either of them shall be put unto in the management or performance of the Trusts hereby in them reposed and also that they my said Trustees or other or any of them shall not be Chargeable or accountable for any Sum or Sums of Money other than such Sum and Sums of Money which they or any or either of them shall actually receive by virtue and other Wills by me made and so declare this to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I the said Elizabeth Blechynden the Testatrix to this my last Will and Testament contained in seven sheets of paper together annexed have to the first six sheets thereof only set my Hand but to this seventh or last Sheet have set and put my Hand and so Dated the twenty eighth Day of September In the ffifth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George the third and in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty ffive *Elizabeth Blechynden* Signed Sealed published and Declared by the said Elizabeth Blechynden the Testatrix for and as the last Will and Testament in the presence of us who hereunto at her request and in her presence subscribed our Names as Witnesses *John Horn ~ Mary Horn ~ Elizabeth Webb ~*

This Will was proven at London the twelfth Day of September in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and seventy six before the Right Worshipful Sir George Say Knight Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully Constituted by the Oath of Jane Blechynden Spinster the Daughter of the Deceased and the sole Executrix named in the said Will to whom admon was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased having been first sworn by Commission only to administer.

SUMMARY

1. My late father Edward Horne entered into an article before my marriage to my late husband George Blechynden to spend £100 to purchase lands and tenements for the purposes set out in the Article. The lands (comprising a messuage and lands in Kingsnorth, Kent) were not purchased, but my father gave the £100 to my husband (who gave my father a bond indemnifying the payment). The £100 came to me following my husband's death and I gave his executors a bond to pay the £100 in accordance with my father's Article. I now charge my executrix to pay the £100 in accordance with the Article.

2. To my son Edward Blechynden £40 [line 30]

3. To my granddaughter Elizabeth Blechynden 2 Guineas in Gold

4. To my niece Elizabeth *Bix* [?] one Guinea in gold

5. To my son John Blechynden all my parts and shares in tenements and lands in Rucking which is leased from the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church Canterbury

6. To my daughter Jane Blechynden £20 (charged on the above leasehold land)

7. To my granddaughter Elizabeth Kennett £15 which I advanced for her apprenticeship; plus £10; plus, a further £10 when she reaches 21

8. To my granddaughter Katherine Kennett [63] £25 plus a further £10 when she reaches 21 (deducting any monies which I may advance for her apprenticeship)

9. It is proposed to fell some timber on a farm in Mersham and Bilsington [82] which belongs partly to my granddaughters Elizabeth and Katherine Kennet and partly to their cousin Mrs Dorothy Kennett. It is also proposed that half (about £20) of the proceeds of sale will be paid to me for the benefit of my above granddaughters, and that I will give a memorandum to pay them the sum when they reach 21. If I do enter such a memorandum, my executrix shall make the payments to my granddaughters.

10. To my grandson James Elliot [117] son of my daughter Mary Elliot one Guinea

11. To my son Edward Blechynden in trust for my daughter Mary Elliott a yearly rent or sum of £3-4-0 for her life from my messuage, barn, lands and premises in Seavington which I purchased to myself from William Maborn (to be paid into her own hands and not to her husband Reverend Richard Elliott)

12. To my sons Edward B and John B [157] my said messuage, barn, lands and premises in Seavington, for 100 years from the death of my daughter Mary Elliott, on trust for the purposes below and paying the annual sum of £3-4-0; and

13. To my daughter Jane Blechynden my said messuage, barn, lands and premises in Seavington, subject to the above trust, forever [176];

14. my sons Edward B and John B as trustees shall sell the 100-year lease after my daughter Mary Elliott's death to raise the sum of £80 to be shared equally between all the children of my daughter Mary then living.

15. If any of my children sues my executrix for the aforesaid timber which I felled on the farm in Kingsnorth after my husband's death [194], then they shall receive nothing under this will

16. my executrix is my daughter Jane Blechynden

17. To my daughter Jane Blechynden, all the residue of my goods chattels and personal estate [207] (except anything in a Note written by me appended to this will).

18. My trustees under this will may deduct all lawful expenses etc dated 28 September 1765, witnessed by John Horne, Mary Horne and Elizabeth Webb Proved at London on 12 September 1776 and admon granted to Jane Blechynden the executrix.

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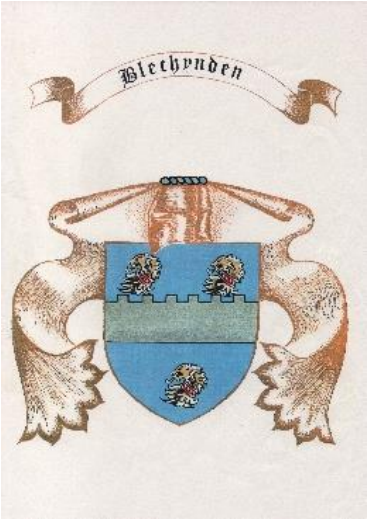
10. EDWARD BLECHYNDEN (1736-1788) & ANN VINSET (1738-1793)

SON OF GEORGE BLECHYNDEN (1695-1743) AND ELIZABETH HORN (~1695-1766):



Edward Blechynden was a sheep farmer and yeoman grazier of Mersham. (Yeoman: a man holding and cultivating a small landed estate; a freeholder.)

He was baptised 20 Dec 1736 Aldington, Mersham, Kent, England, the second son of seven children born to George Blechynden (1695-1743) and Elizabeth Horn (~1695-1766): Elizabeth, George, Mary, Catherine, Edward, Jane and John Blechynden. The children were all baptised and grew up in Mersham. His father, George Blechynden, died when he was just seven years of age.

When he was 22 years of age, **Edward Blechynden (1736-1788)** married **Ann Vinset (1738-1793)**, aged 19 years, on 12 Dec 1758 in Aldington, Kent, England. Marriage license 7 Dec 1758. Ann was baptised 5 Feb 1738, Aldington, Kent, England, one of four daughters of Jeremiah Vinset. Her parents Jeremiah Vinset (1704-1765) and Mary Rigden (1698-1763) were married 27 Jul 1730, Shadoxhurst, Kent, England. Her father Jeremiah Vinset, born about 1704 was a yeoman of Orlestone, Kent. He died 14 Jul 1765, Oare, Kent, England. Her mother Mary was born in 1698, Kent, England and died 12 May 1763, Oare, Kent, England.

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Elizabeth STAPLEY died 14 May 1814 aged 78. Mary Vinset her sister died 24 February 1818 aged 86. Mary wife of Jeremiah VINSET? died 5 May 1763 aged 65 issue 4 daughters Margaret, Mary, Elizabeth and Ann. Jeremiah Vinset? died 14 Jul 1765 aged 61.

CHILDREN OF JEREMIAH VINSET AND MARY RIGDEN:

1. VINSET, MARGARET (~1731-)

2. VINSET, MARY (1732-1818) was born about 1732 and died 24 Feb 1818, Oare, Kent, England.

3. VINSET, ELIZABETH (1736-1814) was born 1736, Oare, Kent, England. She was married 14 Oct 1760 East Guildford, Sussex, England to John Stapley. Elizabeth died 14 May 1814, Kent, England.

4. VINSET, ANN (1738-1793) was baptised 5 Feb 1738, Aldington, Kent, England. Ann died Nov 1793, Bilsington, Kent, England. More details about Ann in this section.

EDWARD BLECHYNDEN (1736-1788) and ANN VINSET (1738-1793) had ten children: Six girls and four boys, all born in Mersham.

Note: The next section can be quite confusing as three Blechynden sisters, daughters of Edward Blechynden (1736-1788) and Ann Vinset (1738-1793) were married to or partnered a Giles. Elizabeth Blechynden (1760-1824) was spouse to William Giles, (Elizabeth had no children?), Sarah Blechynden (1774-1796) married Horne Giles. Ann Vinset Blechynden (1777-1806) married William Giles. This can be read in more detail in their own sections.

1. BLECHYNDEN, ELIZABETH (1760-1824) was baptised 17 Jun 1760, Aldington, Kent, England. Following her sister Ann's death in Aug 1806, Elizabeth eloped with William Giles (1767-1831) and

helped to bring up his children. It is not known if she was married previously. Elizabeth's will states that she was a spinster.

GILES, WILLIAM (1767-1831) was a farmer. He was baptised 18 Mar 1767, Canterbury, Kent, England. **m1. William Giles married Ann Vinset Blechynden, 28 Feb 1794, Hackington, Kent, England. Ann Vinset Blechynden died August 1806, and following this William eloped with her sister. m.2 William Giles married Elizabeth Blechynden – Eloped.** William Giles died Nov 1831, Buried27 Nov 1831, Hackington, Kent. England.

Researcher from England, Martin Easton wrote:

"The story handed down in my family of how Elizabeth Blechynden eloped with William Giles:

No wonder Elizabeth & William "eloped". William had very young children to look after and they needed a mother. Aunty Elizabeth would have been devastated at losing her sister and would have loved her nieces & nephews. Elizabeth would have been 46 when she eloped with William Giles. (I wonder if she had been married before?)

Because of her being first born I had assumed without much thought Elizabeth and William were together first. Obviously, this was not so.

I often wondered why she didn't have any children. She was 46 years old when her sister died and was obviously too busy mothering looking after the children of William and her sister Ann.

I also wondered why they featured in her will. Obviously, she acted as mother to them and loved them until she died."

Elizabeth Blechynden died Jul 1824, Canterbury, Kent, England. Burial 30 Jul 1824, Mersham, Kent, England. Burial date 30 Jul 1824.

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/185477400/elizabeth-blechynden

Headstone Elizabeth Blechynden (1760-1824), St. John The Baptist Churchyard, Mersham, Ashford Borough, Kent, England.

2. BLECHYNDEN, ANN (1762-1762) was baptised 23 May 1762 Place Aldington, Kent, England. She died Oct 1762, burial, 28 Oct 1762 Place Aldington, Kent, England as an infant.

3. BLECHYNDEN, GEORGE (1763-1763) was baptised 31 May 1763 Place Aldington, Kent, England. He died, 1763, burial, 14 Aug 1763, Aldington, Kent, England as baby.

4. BLECHYNDEN, MARY (1764-) was baptised 22 Jul 1764, Aldington, Kent, England. Mary Blechynden married Robert Reynolds, 6 Jan 1794, Kent, England. Mary Blechynden died Oct 1860, Elham, Kent, England.

5. BLECHYNDEN, CATHERINE (1768-) was baptised 5 Jun 1768, Bilsington, Kent, England. She is mentioned in Edward Blechynden's Will: *"I give and bequeath to my said Three Eldest Daughters Elizabeth Blechynden. Mary Blechynden and Catherine Blechynden, the sum of . . .* Catherine appears to have not married. She died after 1788, Kent, England.

6. BLECHYNDEN, JOHN (~1771-1835) was born January 1771, Place Bilsington, Kent, England baptised 24 January 1771, Bilsington, Kent, England. John Blechynden (~1771-1835) Esquire married Sarah Harrison (~1776-1866), Canterbury, Kent, England on 6 Aug 1805. John Blechynden died 1835, Aldington, Kent, England. For more details see next section. **Gerald Fox commented**: *The descendants of John are found in large numbers in Australia*.

7. BLECHYNDEN, GEORGE (1772-1850) was baptised 6 May 1772, Bilsington, Kent, England. **George Blechynden (1772-1850**) married **Mary Jones (1779-1856)** on 15 Oct 1804, Lyminge, Kent, England.

Thank you to Kit who is a descendant and researcher from this line. **Gerald Fox commented:** *The family of George were responsible for the continuation of the Blechynden family in Kent and a branch in the North-East of England and eventually in* ***New Zealand***.

JONES, MARY (1779-1856) was baptised 12 Nov 1779, Saint Mary the Virgin, Aldermanbury, London, England. She was the daughter of John Jones and Mary. Family Trees have her mother as Ann Philpott.

GEORGE BLECHYNDEN (1772-1850) and **MARY JONES (1779-1856)** had at least eight children:

1. BLECHYNDEN, EDWARD (1805-1864) was baptised 3 Aug 1805, Bilsington, Kent, England.

Gerald Fox wrote:

"In March 1828 Edward left any ideas of farming behind and joined the Customs and Excise, nominating George Blechynden of Bilsington Priory Farm, farmer, of Bilsington Priory (presumably his father) and John Blechynden, farmer, of Aldington as guarantors. He held positions in Kent between 1828 and 1829 and was then posted to Northumberland."

Edward Blechynden married ***Elizabeth Anderson****, 8 Mar 1832 at Northampton Tweed Church, Northam, Northumberland, England.*

"From this union began a branch of the family in the North East of England. The Newcastle Journal of the 4 Apr 1864 is the report: "Death at Wooler on the 1st inst. after a short illness, aged 57 years, Mr Edward Blechynden, Excise Officer."

Edward Blechynden died April 1864, Glendale, Northumberland, England.

EDWARD and **ELIZABETH** had seven children as follows:

1. BLECHYNDEN, ELIZABETH (1833-) was baptised 31 Mar 1833.

2. BLECHYNDEN, ANN (1835-) was baptised 24 May 1835, Norham, Northumberland, England. Remained single. She died 1914.

3. BLECHYNDEN, MARY (1837-1876) was baptised 11 Jun 1837, Norham, Northumberland, England. Mary Blechynden married John Dixon in 1864. Mary Dixon (nee Blechynden) died in 1876.

4. BLECHYNDEN, GEORGE (1839-1883) was baptised 30 Jul 1839, Norham, Northumberland, England. George Blechynden married Elizabeth Crow (1844-1911) who died at Whitely Bay, Northumberland. George Blechynden died 6 Nov 1883 at Gosford. George Blechynden and Elizabeth Crow had six children: Edward, Robert, George, Mary, Alfred and Frederick.

5. BLECHYNDEN, EDWARD (1843-1890) was born Jul 1843, baptised 10 Oct 1843, Norham, Northumberland, England. Edward Blechynden died 6 Jul 1890 at Cabbage Bay, New Zealand.

6. BLECHYNDEN JOHN (1846-1924) (Engineer) was born 3 Jun 1846, Thorneyburn, Northumberland, England. Baptised 18 Aug 1846, Falstone, Northumberland, England. John Blechynden married Isabella Lindsay 12 Feb 1879, Falstone, Newcastle On Tyne, Northumberland, England. John Blechynden and Isabella Lindsay had three children: Alfred Lindsay Blechynden (1880-1939), Norah Blechynden (1882-1947) and Isabel Elizabeth Blechynden (1884-1978). Isabella Lindsay died 15 Jul 1888, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

John Blechynden married Sarah Jane Newton, 28 Oct 1889 Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, China. Residence at time of marriage, Kobe Japan. Sarah Jane Newton was baptised 17 Oct 1862, Asuncion, Central Paraguay, South America. John Blechynden and Sarah jane Newton had seven children: Kathleen Blechynden (1891-1968) born in Kobe, Japan, Edith Blechynden (1893-1978) born in Kobe, Hyogo, Japan, Edgar Blechynden (1895-1902) born in Shanghai, China, Dorothy Blechynden (1896-1897) born in Nelson, New Zealand, John Newton Blechynden (1903-1992) born in Shanghai China, Eileen Blechynden (1905-1995) twin, Harold Blechynden (1905-1968) twin - both born in Soochow, China. John travelled all over the world. Places mentioned: England, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Japan and China. In 1919 he was residing in Nelson, New Zealand.

John Blechynden died 8 Jan 1924, Nelson, New Zealand. Burial 9 Jan 1924, Nelson, New Zealand. Sarah Jane Blechynden (nee Newton) died 2 Feb 1957, Nelson, New Zealand. See the New Zealand section for more details about this family.

7. ALFRED BLECHYNDEN (1849-1897) was baptised 1 Jun 1849. He died 20 Feb 1897 at Blackheath, London, England.

2. BLECHYNDEN, GEORGE (1806-1889) was born in 1806, Kent, England. George, the son of George and Mary Jones emigrated to WA with his cousin Harrison, arriving there in 1830. George Blechynden died 11 Feb 1889, Bridgetown, WA. In 1864, some 34 years later, George's son, named George, born 1833, Perth, married an aboriginal girl, Jane Nilgie (or Nyilgee), born 1844, 19 Jul 1864, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Busselton, WA. See also George's own section for details about his life.

3. BLECHYNDEN, JONES (1809-1886) was baptised 8 Feb 1809, Bilsington, Kent, England. Jones Blechynden married Mary Ann Gore, 1858, Westminster, Kent, England. *Grandmother of H Blechynden Knell of Brighton.* Jones Blechynden died Jan 1886, West Ashford, Bilsington, Kent, England.

4. BLECHYNDEN, VINCENT (1811-1869) was baptised 24 Feb 1811, Bilsington, Kent, England. He does not appear to have married. Vincent Blechynden died April 1869, St George Hospital, Belgrave, Hanover Square, London, England.

5. BLECHYNDEN, PHILPOT (1812-1864) was baptised 6 Dec 1812, Bilsington, Kent, England. Philpot Blechynden married Maria Strand 1847, Bilsington Church, Kent, England. They had three boys and four girls. Gamekeeper of Priory Farm. Philpot Blechynden died 1883, Bilsington, Kent, England. Had a son William of 'Norwich Farm', Newchurch. See Letter of 1904 written by his son William Blechynden of Norwood farm, to the Kentish Express 16 Jan 1904. Gerald Fox World-wide Blechyndens: P.40-41.

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THE ANCIENT FAMILY OF BLECHYNDEN

"To the Editor of the Kentish Express."

Sir:- In reply to your correspondents letter in last week's issue with reference to the Blechynden family, I think I can supply some information concerning them.

The John Blechynden he mentioned as having known in Brighton is the one whose death was referred to in the paper. A slight mistake having been made in the first letter, the Christian name being sent is an Edward, instead of John. He was the youngest of that family, the eldest son Edward died at Newcastle on Tyne in 1864 leaving two sons and two daughters, one son Alfred is dead, the other son John is still living in Shanghai, China and has a family of six, one daughter is married and living in New

Zealand, the other is in Scotland, George the second son, went to the Swan River, Western Australia in company with a cousin Harrison Blechynden, when quite a young man (about 18 years old).

He kept up no correspondence after he went away, but about two years ago John Blechynden in China met a timber merchant from Australia who informed him that George Blechynden had been dead about twelve years. He was never married1. Harrison Blechynden married and has descendants numbered about eighty in a radius of twenty miles from Bridgetown, W.A. They went out with a Mr. Brookman about the year 1830.

Vincent Blechynden died in "St George's Hospital", Belgrave in May 1869, he was a bachelor too. Philpott Blechynden (my father) died in Bilsington in Jul 1893, and Jones Blechynden at Ashford, January 1886, they had one sister Mrs. Chandler who died in London in Oct. 1872.

The family left Bilsington about 76 years ago. There had been Blechyndens living there, we are told, for about 200 years.

yours faithfully
(Sgd) William Blechynden
"Norwood Farm"
Newchurch

6. BLECHYNDEN, ALFRED (~1815-1893) was born about 1815, Bilsington, Kent, England. He does not appear to have married. Alfred Blechynden died 18 Jul 1893, East Ashford, Kent, England.

7. BLECHYNDEN, ANNE (~1817-1914) was born about 1817, Bilsington, Kent, England. Anne Blechynden married m.2 Frederick Chandler, 22 Jul 1856, St Saviour, Southwark, Surrey, England. Via Miller Family Tree Gallery. Born 1813, Bap. 21 Mar 1813, Capel, St John, Surrey, England. Tobacconist/licensed victualer.m.1 Frederick Chandler married Margaret (1813-1852). Margaret Chandler died March 1852, Southwark, Surrey, England. Three children: James (1838-1878), Phillip (1840-1876), Henry (1842-1874). m.2 Frederick Chandler married Ann Blechynden. Quite soon after the marriage, Anne Blechynden and Frederick Chandler emigrated to Australia where two girls were born in Melbourne and three boys in Sydney between about 1863 and 1876.

It is probable that Anne returned to England, since she apparently died in 1914 in Northumberland, the death being registered at Tynemouth." As did Frederick Chandler. Frederick Chandler died March 1852, Southwark, London, Anne Blechynden died Tynemouth, Northumberland, England.

8. BLECHYNDEN, JOHN (1819-1893) was born abt. 1819, Bilsington, Kent, England. John Blechynden died 1893, Ashford, Kent, England. Refer letter written by William Blechynden, son of Philpott Blechynden to the Kentish Express, 1904. Also, Gerald's World-wide Blechynden Family. P.41-42.

9. BLECHYNDEN, SARAH (1774-1796) was baptised 7 Apr 1774, Bilsington, Kent, England**.** Sarah Blechynden married **Horn Giles** on 30 Jul 1793 Place Bilsington, Kent, England. The marriage was witnessed by John and George Blechynden. Marriage Licence 16 Jul 1793, Bilsington, Kent, England.

> **GILES, HORN (1772-1828)** was a butcher from Canterbury. Kent, England. Trade Directory 1770-1941. (Gallery). He was baptised 14 Jun 1772, Canterbury, Kent, England. Parents: Father Hercules Giles (1741-1795), mother Catherine Horn (1741-1814). Siblings: Hercules Giles, Anne Catherine Giles, Elizabeth Giles, John Giles.
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> **m.1 HORN GILES married SARAH BLECHYNDEN**, 30 Jul 1793. Sarah gave birth to a son, John Giles (1795-1796) who was baptised 1 Mar 1795, Canterbury, Kent, England. John Giles died in April 1796, burial 24 Apr 1796, Thanington, Kent, England. They appear to have had no other children between 1793 and 1796. Sarah Giles (nee Blechynden) died 23 Feb 1796 at Bilsington, Kent, England, possibly in childbirth. A very sad time for Giles Horne.

m.2 HORN GILES married ELIZABETH SMITH, 22 Apr 1826, St Mary Lambeth, Surrey, England. Elizabeth Smith (~1791-1826) Elizabeth Smith died Oct 1827, buried 11 Oct Southwark, England. She appears to have died the same year she was married.

m.3 HORN GILES married JANE PRINGLE, 13 May 1827, St Mary's Church, Lambeth, Surrey, England. Jane born about 1772. Perhaps a marriage of convenience. Horn appears to have died about a year later. Horn Giles died Feb 1828, aged 63 years, Southwark, Surrey, England. Buried 17 Feb 1828, St George, Southwark, Surrey, England.

Banns of the second two marriages were 1826 and 1827-, 18- and 19-years following Sarah's death.

Gallery records show Giles, fell into hard times and in 1808, a year after Sarah's death going into bankruptcy.

From the *Kentish Gazette* of Fri 8 Jul 1808:

The Creditors who have proved their debts under a Commission of Bankrupt issued against Horn Giles, late of Canterbury, grazier, dealer and chapman, may receive a Dividend of Two Shillings in the Pound on their respective debts, by application to Kinderley, Long and Ince, Gray's Inn, London, on Tuesday, 26th day of Jul instant, and every succeeding Tuesday, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock in the forenoon.

London England, King's Bench and Fleet Prison Discharge Books and prisoner Lists, 1734-1862 for Horn Giles: 6 Apr 1812 Horn Giles and Elizabeth Smith before the courts for the sum of 30.00 pounds.

Horn Giles and Elizabeth Smith were committed at King's Bench Prison 6 Apr 1812 - thirty pounds, and discharged, 1812. Their relationship was over a reasonable period of time prior to their marriage. Jury-Qualifies Freeholders and Copyholders, 1813 London Road.

One feels sorry for Horn Giles who financially fell on hard times.

9. BLECHYNDEN, ANN (1776-1776) was baptised 25 Feb 1776, Bilsington, Kent, England. Father Edward Blychendon (sic) and mother Ann. Anne was buried 26 Sep 1776, Mersham, Kent, England. If this is her, she died as a baby, which accounts for the two different Baptism dates for Ann Vinset Blechynden.

10. BLECHYNDEN, ANN VINSET (1777-1806) was baptised 28 May 1777 Bilsington, Kent, England. Father Edward Blechynden, mother Ann. Two records: 26 and 28 May 1777. Ann was only eleven years of age when her father died in 1788 and 16 years of age when her mother died in 1793. **Note: This Ann Vinset Blechynden is the daughter of William and Ann (nee Vinset) Blechynden** whom this whole chapter is about. Based on the above information she is the aunt of Harrison Blechynden of Australia who also has Anne Blechynden (nee Vinset) as his grandmother. This can be quite confusing, so I have explained that here to clarify it a little.

Gerald Fox wrote:

*"Ann Vinset Blechynden married **William Giles**, "of Ashford Spinster a Minor with consent of Guardians" by licence on 6 Mar 1794, in Hackington Parish Church near Canterbury [par 5]. The Guardians, appointed under her father's will, were Edward Hughes of Mersham, William Chittenden of Bilsington, and Edward Coleman of Burmarsh [will 2] Sam Giles a witness* at the marriage of William Giles and Ann Vinset Blechynden on 6 Mar 1794 in Hackington PC [par 5]."

GILES, WILLIAM (1767-1831) was baptised 18 Mar 1767, Canterbury, Kent, England. Parents: father, Samuel Giles (1733-1815) and mother, Elizabeth Speed (1736-1801). **m1. WILLIAM GILES** married

ANN VINSET BLECHYNDEN, 28 Feb 1794, Hackington, Kent, England. Ann Vinset Blechynden died Aug 1806, and following this William eloped with her sister Elizabeth. **m.2 WILLIAM GILES** married **ELIZABETH BLECHYNDEN** – Eloped. William died Nov 1831, buried 27 Nov 1831, Hackington, Kent. England. **ANN** and **WILLIAM** had five children as follows:

1. GILES, JOHN (1795-1877) was baptised 20 Jul 1795, Canterbury, Kent, England. John's mother Ann Vinset Giles (nee Blechynden) died 9 Aug 1806 John was 11 years of age. John Giles died 12 Sep 1877, 14, Redman's Row, Mile End, Middlesex, England.

2. GILES, MARY ANN (1798-1874) was baptised 21 Dec 1798, Hackington, Kent, England. **Mary Ann Giles** married **Alfred Hubbard**, 9 Mar 1825, St Stephen, Coleman Street, London, England. Tailor. Alfred Hubbard (1804-1892) was born 1804, Canterbury, Kent, England. Alfred Hubbard died 29 Jan 1892, Holborn Union Infirmary, Hoxton, London, England. Mary Ann Giles died abt. May 1874, Holborn area, London, England.

3. GILES, GEORGE (1801-1871) was born 1801, Canterbury, Kent, England. **GEORGE GILES** married **JEMIMA BATEMAN**, 6 May 1840, St Mildred, Canterbury, Kent, England. JEMIMA BATEMAN (~1814-1847) was born abt. 1814, Kent, England. Jemima Bateman died 8 Jun 1847, Sun Street, Canterbury, Kent, England. George Giles and Jemima Bateman had two children: 1. JEMIMA GILES (1841-1886) 2. JOHN SAMUEL GILES (1843-1908) George Giles died 21 Oct 1871, Stepney area, Middlesex, England.

4. GILES, ELIZABETH (1803-1884) was born 1803, Canterbury, England. Baptised 11 Jun 1803, Hackington, Kent, England.1803, Canterbury, Kent, England. Elizabeth's mother Ann Vinset Giles (nee Blechynden) died 9 Aug 1806; Elizabeth was only three years of age. **ELIZABETH GILES (1804-1884**) married **m.2 DAVID EASTON (1797-1877)**, 7 Jun 1842, Thanington PC, Kent, England. (Martin Easton has a copy of the marriage certificate). **DAVID** was born 1797, Winchelsea, Sussex, England. **m.1 DAVID EASTON** married **SARAH GILES**, 1827. Following Sarah's death, David married her sister Elizabeth. **m.2 DAVID EASTON** married **ELIZABETH GILES**, 1842. David Easton died Sep 1877, East Ashford area, Kent, England. Elizabeth Giles died 18 Feb 1884, Aldington, Kent, England. Elizabeth and David had one child, **EASTON, WILLIAM GILES (1842-1881)** was baptised 5 Mar 1843, Aldington, Kent, England. William Giles married Martha A Bull, in 1866. William Giles died, 1 Feb 1881, Woodford, Essex, England.

5. GILES, SARAH (1804-1884) was born 1804, baptised 29 Aug 1804, Hackington, Kent, England. **SARAH GILES** married **DAVID EASTON (1797-1877)** 30 Nov 1827, Ruckinge, Kent, England. **DAVID** was born 1797, Winchelsea, Sussex, England. **m.1 DAVID EASTON** married **SARAH GILES, 1827**. Following Sarah's death in 1839, David married her sister Elizabeth. **m.2 DAVID EASTON** married **ELIZABETH BLECHYNDEN, 1842**. David Easton died Sep 1877, East Ashford area, Kent, England. Sarah Giles died Oct 1839, East Ashford area, Kent, England. Burial 25 Oct 1839, Aldington, Kent, England. **SARAH** and **DAVID** (via Easton Family Tree) had five children as follows:

1. EASTON, JOHN GILES BLECHYNDEN (1827-1854) was born 1827, Aldington, Kent, England. He died Jul 1854, Elham, Kent, England.

2. EASTON, MARY ANN (1830-1861) was born 1830, Aldington, Kent, England. She died 13 Jul 1861, Aldington, Kent, England.

3. EASTON, GEORGE GILES (1833-1885) was born 1833, Aldington, Kent, England. Bapt. 15 Sep 1833, Bonnington, Kent, England. He died 21 Aug 1885, Widnes, Lancashire, England.

4. EASTON, THOMAS (1836-) was born 1836, Bonnington, Kent, England. Bapt. 17 Apr 1836, Bonnington, Kent, England.

5. EASTON, EMILY (1838-1861) was born 1838, Aldington, Kent, England. Emily Easton died 13 Jul 1861, Aldington, Kent, England.

6. GILES, SAMUEL (1806-1806) died as a baby. Born 1806, Baptised 18 Aug 1806, Hackington, Kent, England. Samuel died Aug 1806, Burial 27 Aug 1806, Hackington, Kent, England. Samuel's mother Ann Vinset Giles (nee Blechynden) died 9 Aug 1806, probably in childbirth.

11. BLECHYNDEN, M CHILD DANILE\DANIEL. M Child Danile\Daniel Blechynden. Probably died young.

Martin Easton, researcher from England *is descended from the line of Sarah - one of the daughters of Ann Vinset Blechynden & William Giles. See the quote from some of his notes below.*

"It is curious that two sisters married the same man (sequentially of course!) in two successive generations: The story handed down in my family of how Elizabeth Blechynden eloped with William Giles is very romantic! That was after her sister Ann Vinset's death (William's first wife). Sarah, the sister of the 2 Blechynden girls above, married Horn Giles.

Then in the next generation, William and Ann's daughters Sarah and Elizabeth Giles both married David Easton – which is where my family comes in. Sarah named one of her sons John Giles Blechynden Easton – they obviously felt it was worth remembering the connection back to the well-bred Blechynden family."

Martin Easton continues*:* "Annie and Winnie Tutt wrote*: "There is a tombstone at the door of the church [Aldington] to (A.B.) Annie Blitchindon (E.B.) Elizabeth Blitchindon and William Giles" [let. 3]."* They have elaborated on this as follows:

"A certain William Giles had a wife, who died. Later, he and his dead wife's sister wished to marry. However, this was frowned upon, so they eloped secretly: he took her away on horseback one night from where she lived (perhaps as a maid), at Bilsington Priory. "The sisters' names were Annie and Elizabeth Blitchindon.

Gerald Fox wrote: *"Marian Johnson of Nottingham, a descendant of Edward Blechynden and Ann Vinset, said the following concerning William Giles and Sarah and Elizabeth Blechynden:"*

"*I have a memorial ring of a lady pointing at a gravestone with the initials EB, AB and WG on it. The story goes that William Giles Married Elizabeth Blechynden and then eloped with her sister Annie [Ann Vinset - GJF]. The original gravestones are up against the wall of Aldington Church but nearly covered with grass.*

Photo via Hubbard Family Tree

Marian then poses the questions:

"1. Who are Elizabeth and Annie? I have them as daughters of Edward and Ann (Vinset) Blechynden but have no marriage for Elizabeth [Elizabeth may have been betrothed to William Giles but not married. Elizabeth's Will states she was a spinster - GJF]

2. Why do the gravestones have their maiden names rather than their married names?" In, answer to these questions, Marian is probably correct in her suggestion that the initials refer to Elizabeth and Ann Vinset Blechynden and William Giles. As for the use of maiden name initials on headstones, this is not without precedent."

The Will of Harrison Blechynden's grandfather, Edward Blechynden, was dated 17 May 1788. Edward Blechynden died in Oct 1788. Burial, 29 Oct 178, Mersham, Kent, England. Name in records via Ancestry spelt Blychanden and Blychenden. His Will was proven, 29 Nov 1788.

Ann Blechynden (nee Vinset) died 26 Nov 1793, Bilsington, County of Kent, England. Burial, 29 Nov 1793, Mersham, Canterbury, England. Probate date 1 Feb 1794, Bilsington, Kent, England.

There is an amazing amount of information to be found in these wills.

WILL OF EDWARD BLECHYNDEN OF BILSINGTON, 1788

This is the last Will and Testament of Edward Blechynden of Bilsington in the County of Kent Grazier made in writing in manner following that is to say

I give and devise all that my Messuage or Tenement Barn Stable Lime Kiln Orchard and several pieces of land to the same belonging containing together by Estimation fifteen Acres more or less with their Appurtenances situate lying and being in Aldington in the said County of Kent at or near Aldington ffrith and now or late in the several tenures or Occupations of myself William Lee and Edward Dogben or one of us and also all that my one other piece of land and the small Messauage or Tenement lately built thereon containing by Estimation Two Acres and an half more or less with their Appurtenances situate lying and being in Aldington aforesaid being part of or near to Aldington ffrith aforesaid and now or late in the Occupation of Edward Eldridge his Assigns or under tenants which said Messuage and Lands I purchased to me and my Heirs of Henry Cripps and also all those my Three undivided seventh parts of and in several pieces of Arable pasture and Woodland containing by Estimation twenty Eight Acres more or less with their Appurtenances situate lying and being in the several parishes of Kingsnoth and Werstam or one of them in the said County and known by the name of Omersden late in the Occupation of Smith Breachley or his Assigns and now of Thomas Dogben or his Assigns unto my Three Eldest Daughters Elizabeth Blechynden Mary Blechynden and Catherine Blechynden to be equally divided between them share and share alike as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants and to their several and respective Heirs and Assigns for ever

I give and bequeath to my said Three Eldest Daughters Elizabeth Mary and Catherine the sum of Two hundred pounds apiece of lawful Money of Great Britain to be paid to them respectively within Six Months after my decease

I give and devise all that my Messuage or Tenement with the Barn Stable Close Garden Orchard and Two pieces of Arable and pasture Land formerly in Three pieces containing in the whole by Estimation Three Acres more or less with the Appurtenances situate lying and being in the several parishes of Bonington and Bilsington in the said County of Kent or in one of them and also all that one small Messuage or Tenement One Barn and ffive pieces of Arable pasture and Wood Land thereto belonging containing by Estimation Six Acres more of less with the Appurtenances situate lying and being in the several parishes of Bonington and Bilsington aforesaid or one of them and now or late the several tenures or Occupations of Edward Stone and John Post of the said aforementioned Messauages or Tenements Lands and premises I purchased to me and my Heirs of and from William Hunt and also all that undivided Moiety or equal half part of the whole in Two equal parts to be divided of and in all that one piece of Wood or Wood Land with the Ground and Soil thereof containing by Estimation Nine Acres more or less with the Appurtenances situate lying and being in the several parishes of Bilsington aforesaid and Ruckinge in the said County of Kent or in one of them formerly called or known by the Name of Queen? Sheets and now in the several tenures or Occupations of myself and the Heirs of Elizabeth Skinner Widow or one of us which said Moietys I lately purchased to me and my Heirs of and from Catherine Horne Widow and also all that piece or parcel of Marsh Land formerly in Two pieces called Pinnock? Leares? containing by Estimation twenty ffive Acres be the same more or less lying together within the several parishes of Snave? and Brenzett or one of them in the level? of Romney Marsh in the County of Kent late in the tenure or Ocupation of John Skinner or his Assigns and now in my own Occupation with all rights Members? and Appurtenances thereto belonging which said piece or parcel of Marsh Land lately purchased to me

and my Heirs of and from John Sawbridge Esquire and others unto my Dear Wife Ann Blechynden and my ffriends Edward Coleman of Burmarsh in the said County of Kent Grazier Edward Hughes the Younger of Mersham in the said County Grazier and William Chittenden of Bilsington aforesaid Grazier their Executors Administrators and Assigns to hold the same until the tenth day of October which will be in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Three upon the several Trusts

And to and for the several ends intents and purposes hereinafter mentioned expressed and declared of and concerning the same and from and after the end and expiration of the said term and in the meantime subject thereto as to for and concerning the said several Messuages or Tenements Lands Wood Lands and premises hereinbefore mentioned to be situate in Bilsington and Bonington aforesaid and to be in the several tenures or Occupations of Edward Stone and John Post and also the said undivided Moiety or half part of an in the said piece of Wood Land and containing Nine Acres hereinbefore mentioned to be situate in Bilsington and Ruckinge and called by the Name of Queen Sheats with the rights Members and Appurtenances thereto respectively belonging

I give and devise the same unto my Two Youngest Daughters Sarah Blechynden and Ann Vinset Blechynden to be equally divided between them share and share alike as Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants and to their several and respective Heirs and Assigns for ever subject nevertheless to the proviso hereinafter contained concerning the same and as to for and concerning the said piece or parcel of Marsh Land containing twenty ffive Acres more or less situate in the several parishes of Snave? and Brenzett aforesaid with all Appurtenances thereto belonging

I give and devise the same unto my Two sons John Blechynden and George Blechynden their Heirs and Assigns as Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants during the term of the natural life of my said wife Ann Blechynden and it is my Will and I do hereby declare that the devise of the said Marsh Lands to my said sons is made to them upon this Condition that they my said sons John Blechynden and George Blechynden shall and do within One Calendar Month next after the said Tenth day of October One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Three at their own Costs and Charges enter into a Bond to my Executors hereinafter named in the penalty of One thousand pounds Conditioned for payment of the Sum of twenty Eight pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain unto my said wife Ann Blechynden yearly and every Year for so long time as she shall continue my Widow and unmarried

Also for payment of the Sum of One pound Ten Shillings of like lawful Money to each of my ffive Daughters above named yearly and every year for so long time as my said wife shall continue a Widow and Unmarried the said time to be paid to my said Wife and Daughters clear of all deductions whatsoever by Four even quarterly payments on the fifth day of April the fifth day of July the tenth day of October and the fifth day of January in every year the first quarterly payment thereof to be made on the fifth day of January One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety ffour and the said Bond? to be further Conditioned for payment in case my said Wife shall Marry again unto my said Wife or her Assigns the yearly Sum of Eight pounds of like lawful Money and unto each of my said ffive Daughters their respective Executors Administartors or Assigns the yearly Sum of ffive pounds Ten Shillings of like lawful Money yearly and every year during the natural life of my said Wife the said several Sums of Eight pounds and ffive pounds Ten Shillings respectively to be paid clear of all deductions by equal Quarterly payments at the times aforesaid the first payment to be made at such of the said times of payment as shall happen next after that Marriage again of my said Wife and in case my said Sons or either of them shall neglect or refuse to enter into such Bond and deliver the same to my said Executors within the time aforesaid then I revoke the said device of the said Marsh Lands so made to my said Two Sons and in such case

I do hereby give and devise the said piece or parcel of Marsh Land with the Appurtenances from and after the Tenth day of October which shall be in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Three unto my said ffive Daughters Elizabeth Mary Catherine Sarah and Ann Vinset their Heirs and Assigns for ever as tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants subject nevertheless to the proviso hereinafter mentioned concerning the same charged and Chargable nevertheless and I hereby in such case charge the same with the payment of a clear Annuity of twenty Eight pounds of lawful

Money of Great Britain unto my said Wife or her Assigns so long as she shall continue my Widow and Unmarried by Quarterly payments at the terms above mentioned the first payment to be made on the ffifth day of January One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety ffour and in case my said Wife shall Marry again then charged and Chargeable with the payment of a clear Annuity of Eight pounds of like lawful Money by ffour Quarterly payments on the days above mentioned the first Quarterly payment of the said last mentioned Annuity to be paid on such of the said days as shall happen next after the Marriage of my said Wife and

I do hereby give to my said Wife and her Assigns full power and Authority to distrain for the said Annuities respectively in case any part of either of them shall be unpaid for the space of Twenty-One days after it shall become due and to proceed them in such way as is usual in cases of Distress for Rent Item from and after the decease of my said Wife in case such Bond shall have been given by my said Sons as aforesaid

I give and devise the said piece or parcel of Marsh Land last mentioned with their Appurtenances unto the said Edward Coleman Edward Hughes the Younger and William Chitterden their Heirs and Assigns upon the several Trusts hereinafter mentioned that is to say in case my said Two Sons John Blechynden and George Blechynden shall and do within Six Calendar Months next after the decease of my said Wife well and truly pay cause to be paid unto my said ffive Daughters and their respective Executors Administrators or Assigns the full Sum of Two hundred and Twenty pounds apiece of lawful Money of Great Britain with Interest for the same after the rate of ffour pounds per Centum per Annum to be computed from the day of the decease of my said Wife then upon Trust to convey the said Marsh Lands and premises with their Appurtenances unto and for the only proper use and behoof of my said Two Sons John Blechynden and George Blechynden their Heirs and Assigns for ever as Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants but in case my said Sons or either of them or their respective Heirs or Assigns shall not pay or tender to my said ffive Daughters their Executors Administartors or Assigns the said Sum of Two hundred and Twenty pounds apiece with such interest as aforesaid within the time by me limitted for payment thereof whether any demands shall be made thereof or not then upon Trust that they the said Trustees and the Survivor of them and the Heirs and Assigns of such Survivor shall and do convey the said Marsh Land and premises and every part thereof and all rights Members? and Appurtenances thereto belonging and pay the Rents and profits thereof which shall have accrued from and after the death of my said Wife unto my said ffive Daughters Elizabeth Blechynden Mary Blechynden Catherine Blechynden Sarah Blechynden and Ann Vinset Blechynden their Heirs and Assigns to hold the same unto them my said ffive Daughters their Heirs and Assigns for ever as Tenants in Common in equal shares and proportions and not as joint Tenants anything herein contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding provided nevertheless

And it is my express will and meaning that in case either of my said Two Daughters Sarah Blechynden and Ann Vinset Blechynden shall happen to dye before she shall attain the Age of Twenty One Years and before marriage then the part and share or parts and shares of her or them so dying as well her or their Original share as such as may accrue to her or them respectively of and in the said Messuages or Tenements and Wood Lands Moiety and premises by me devised to my said Two Youngest Daughters and also of and in the said piece or parcel of Romney Land shall go to and among the others of my said ffive Daughters and to my said Two Sons John Blechynden and George Blechynden equally to be divided between them share and share alike and to their several and respective Heirs and Assigns for ever as Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants and

I hereby give and devise and direct that the same shall be conveyed to them accordingly

I give and bequeath to my Brother John Blechynden the Sum of Ten pounds to buy him a suit of Mourning to be paid to him within Three Calendar Months next after my decease

I give and bequeath to my Two Sons John Blechynden and George Blechynden and the survivor of them Two ffields known by the several Names of the Twelve Acres and Six Acres Den? Land being part and parcel of the ffarm held by me under Lease from Ingram Rider Esquire and which Two fields they now Occupy to have the same from the time of my decease until the tenth day of October which will

be in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Three they paying to my Executors the yearly Sum of ffourteen pounds and all Tenants Taxes and Charges attending the same in the same manner as they pay the same and it is my Will and I do hereby declare that the said Annuity of Twenty Eight pounds given to my said Wife during her Widowhood and the Annuity of Eight pounds by me given to her for her life in case of her Marrying again is in full Satisfaction of the Annuity secured to her by a Bond entered into previous to our Intermarriage and dated on or about the Sixth day of December One thousand Seven hundred and ffifty Eight for payment to her of the Sum of Two hundred pounds and also of an Annuity of Eight pounds for her life in case of her surviving me and it is also my Will and I do hereby direct that my said Wife do accept of the said Annuity of Twenty Eight pounds hereinbefore given to her in her Rate? and Satisfaction of and for her Dower which she may Claim out of all or any of my Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever either by the Common Law or the Custom of Rent and my Will and mind further is that if my said Wife shall for the space of Three Months next after my decease and after request to be made to her for that purpose refuse or neglect to Seal and executed a good and sufficient release of all her Claim and right of Dower of and in to all and singular my Messuages or Tenements Lands and Hereditaments and premises that there and in such case the said Annuity or Yearly Rent Charge of Twenty Eight pounds hereinbefore given to my said Wife shall cease and shall not be payable anything herein contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding

I give and bequeath unto my said Wife Ann Blechynden the Sum of Ten pounds to be retained by or paid unto her within One Month next after my decease out of my personal Estate

Also, I give and bequeath unto my said Wife during the term of her natural life the use of my Silver Watch and Seal and the use of my best Bed ffour pair of Sheets Two best Table Cloaths Two case of Drawers my best-looking Glass Six best Chairs and One Silver Spoon marked A.B.

Also I give and bequeath unto my Two Sons John Blechynden and George Blechynden all my Wearing Apparel of all Sorts and all my Books equally to be divided between them by my Executors hereinafter named

Also I give and bequeath to my said Son John Blechynden my Silver Tankard One large Silver Spoon my best Gun One Chest and my best China Punch Bowl

Also I give and bequeath unto my said Son George Blechynden One large Silver Spoon my other Two Guns my Punch Ladle One China Punch Bowl One Chest and my Writing Desk

Also I give and bequeath unto my said Daughter Elizabeth Blechynden One Silver Pint Mug One large Silver Spoon my Silver Salter and One large Deal Chest marked E.B.

Also I give and bequeath unto my said Daughter Mary Blechynden my best Silver Salver and One large Silver Spoon

Also I give and bequeath unto my said Daughter Catherine Blechynden my other Silver Salver and One large Silver Spoon

Also I give and bequeath unto my said Daughter Sarah Blechynden One Silver Milk Pot One large Silver Spoon and Two Guineas

Also I give and bequeath unto my said Daughter Ann Vinset Blechynden my other Silver Milk Pot One large Silver Spoon and Two Guineas

I also give and bequeath unto my said Two Youngest Daughters Catherine and Ann Vinset Blechynden the Sum of Two hundred pounds apiece of lawful Money of Great Britain to be paid to them respectively on the Tenth day of October One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-Three but in case either of them shall dye before that time and before Marriage then I direct that the Legacy given to her so dying shall lapse and become part of the residue of my Estate

I give and bequeath unto my said Wife Ann Blechynden the said Edward Coleman Edward Hughes the Younger and William Chittenden their Executors and Administartors all and every my Lease and Leasehold premises Stock Cattle Household Goods Husbandry Tackle and Implements of Husbandry Corn Hay Goods Chattels Ready Moneys and Securities for Money and all other my personal Estate of what nature or kindsoever not by me hereinbefore otherwise disposed of and it is my will and meaning and I hereby declare that the devise of the said Messuages or Tenements Lands Marsh Lands Moiety and premises by me made to my said Wife and the said Edward Coleman Edward Hughes and William Chittenden and the bequest made to them of my said Leases and Leasehold Premises are so made to them respectively upon Trust that they and the Survivors and Survivor of them and the Executors and Administrators of such Survivor shall and do from time to time use manage and occupy as well the several ffarms Lands Marsh Lands and premises held by me under any Leases granted or to be granted except the ffields the use whereof I have given to my Sons as the said freehold Messuages or Tenements Lands Marsh Lands Hereditament and premises and not hereinbefore given and devised in such manner as they or the Survivors or Survivor them his or her Executors or Administrators shall in his her or their judgement or discretion think most proper and beneficial to my Estate until the Tenth day of October which will be in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Three and that they and the Survivors and Survivor of them and the Executors and Administrators of the Survivor of them shall and do in the first place pay and discharge the Sum of Two hundred pounds to my said Wife which she will be entitled unto by virtue of the said Bond made previous to our Intermarriage as aforesaid any just Debts ffuneral Expences the Charges of proving this my Will and other incident Charges and the Legacies of Two hundred pounds each given to my Three Eldest Daughters and also the Sum of Two hundred pounds apiece to my said Two Sons John and George Blechynden to be paid to them respectively as and when they shall attain the age of Twenty One Years

I give the same I do hereby order and direct that they my said Wife and the said Edward Coleman Edward Hughes and William Chittenden to them accordingly and my said will and mind is and the Survivor of them and the Executors and Administrators of such Survivor of them shall or do put place or keep and at Interest all such Sum or Sums of Money which shall remain after the several payments aforesaid and which shall not be wanting for the use and Management of the said ffarm and Lands in some of the Publick Stocks and ffunds of this Kingdom or upon some good Security or Securities and shall and will pay apply and dispose of the Interest and dividends thereof? and also the profits arising and coming to their hands from the use and Management of the said ffarms and Lands or from the Rents and profits thereof in the first place in payment of a clear Annuity of Twenty Eight pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain unto my said Wife during so much of the said time as she shall continue my Widow and in case of her Marrying again then in payment to her of a clear Annuity of Eight pounds of like lawful Money during so much of the said time as she shall live to be paid by ffour equal Quarterly payments in each year in the manner I have before directed concerning the same in such manner as they or the Survivor of them shall see proper for and towards the Cloathing Maintenance and Education or otherwise for the use of them my said Sons John Blechynden and George Blechynden and my Two Youngest Daughters Sarah Blechynden and Ann Vinset Blechynden in equal shares and proportions and my will and mind further is and I do hereby will order and direct that they and my said Wife in case she shall be then my Widow Edward Hughes and Edward Coleman and William Chittenden and the Survivors and Survivor of them and the Executors and Administrators of the Survivor of them shall and do on the Tenth day of October One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Three pay the Sum of ffive hundred pounds apiece of lawful Money of Great Britain to my said Sons John Blechynden and George Blechynden and the Sums of Two hundred pounds apiece to my said Daughters Catherine and Ann Vinset Blechynden if the same shall become payable and also shall one do pay apply dispose of and divide all and every my Stock Cattle Household Goods Husbandry Tackle and Implements of Husbandry Corn Hay Goods Chattels and the Moneys to ordered to be out and kept out at Interest as aforesaid and the Interest dividends proceed and profits thereof which shall then remain unapplied for the purposes aforesaid and all and every the Moneys coming to their hands by virtue of this my Will after such payments as aforesaid unto and amongst my said Sons and Daughters John Blechynden George Blechynden Elizabeth Blechynden Mary Blechynden Catherine Blechynden Sarah Blechynden and Ann Vinset Blechynden equally to be divided between them share

and share alike as Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants and to their several Executors and Administrators and

I do hereby give and bequeath the same accordingly and my will and mind is and I do hereby order and direct that they my said Wife (in case she be then living and unmarried) and the said Edward Coleman Edward Hughes and William Chittenden and the Survivors and Survivor of them and the Executors and Administrators of such Survivor shall and do on the Tenth day of October which shall be in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Three surrender and yield up all such Leases as are or shall be granted to me and the ffarms Lands Marsh Lands and premises thereby demised unto them my said Sons John Blechynden and George Blechynden or to such one of them as shall be then living to and for his and their own use and benefit and

I do hereby give and bequeath all my Estate and term and terms of Years which shall be there to come and unexpired on the Tenth day of October One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-Three of and the said Leasehold Messuages ffarms Lands and premises together with the Leases thereof unto my said Sons John Blechynden and George Blechynden or to such one of them as shall be then living and it is my will that my said Sons shall not pay or allow to cut? Wood which shall be then growing in the Hedges or Shaves? belonging to the said Leaseholds Marshes? and Lands nor for any ffatting? Lodges or Closes or Abode? Lodges or Buildings by me erected and built or to be erected and built thereupon and

I do hereby will order and direct that if my said Sons or any or either of them shall be willing to Work and Labour on the said ffarms on which I have conducted my Business to be carried on as aforesaid in? the manner of the Servants that my said Trustees do allow them the Sum of Ten Guineas each yearly wages together with their Board

And if my said Daughters or any or either of them shall be willing to Work as Maid Servants in the Management thereof that they be each of them allowed Six Guineas Yearly Wages together with their board

And that if my said Wife shall continue my Widow and Unmarried and shall live in the House where I now dwell called Bilsington Priory and shall be aiding and assisting to my said other Trustees in the Management of the said ffarm and Lands according to the best of her knowledge then and in such case, she shall not be charged anything for her board provided always

And it is my will and meaning that in case my said Wife shall Marry again her Estate and Interest in the real and personal Estate by me devised and bequeathed to her and the said Edward Coleman Edward Hughes and William Chittenden In Trust as aforesaid and her right of acting in the said several Trusts aforesaid or any of them shall from Henceforth absolutely cease and determine and the said Edward Coleman Edward Hughes and William Chittenden and the Survivors and Survivor of them his Executors and Administrators shall stand and be seized and possessed of the said Trust Estates and Act in the several Trusts of this my Will without my said Wife in the same manner as they might do if she was actually deceased

And I do hereby make and appoint my said Wife during her Widowhood and the said Edward Coleman Edward Hughes and William Chittenden Executors of this my last Will and Testament and also Guardians to my said Sons and Daughters John Blechynden George Blechynden Catherine Blechynden Sarah Blechynden and Ann Vinset Blechynden until they shall attain the several and respective age and ages of Twenty One Years and my will and mind further is and I do hereby will order and direct that my said Wife during her Widowhood and the said Edward Coleman Edward Hughes and William Chittenden and the Survivors and Survivor of them and the Heirs Executors and Administrators of the Survivor of them shall and may have all just and reasonable allowances for the time Pains and Trouble bestowed by them or any or either of them in or for the Management or Execution of the Trusts by this my Will in them reposed?

And also shall and may be lawful for them and the Survivors and Survivor of them and the Heirs Executors and Administrators of the Survivor of them in the first place to deduct or retain in their his or her hands out of the Rents Issues Interest dividends proceed and profits of any part of my real and personal Estate to them so given devised or bequeathed as aforesaid or out of any other of the Moneys arising or coming to their hands by virtue of this my Will all and every such Sum and Sums of Money Costs Charges Expences and Damages whatsoever which they or any or either of them shall pay expend bestow sustain or be put into for or by reason or means of any of the Trusts in this my Will contained or any Act matter or thing whatsoever which shall or may happen in about or relative to the execution thereof or touching or concerning the same and also that they or any or either of them shall not be Chargeable with or accountable for any Sum or Sums of Money other than such Sum and Sums of Money which they or any or either of them shall respectively and actually receive by virtue of this my Will and also that the one of them shall not be answerable or Chargeable for or with the Act receipt payment or default of the other or others of them but each of them for himself and herself and for his or her given Act receipt payment or default only and also that if any loss shall happen of the Rents Issues and Profits of my said real Estate or any part thereof or any Sum or Sums of Money so ordered to be put and placed out at Interest as aforesaid of any part thereof or of any part of my personal Estate whatsoever by virtue of keeping on my ffarming Business or otherwise without the wilful neglect or default of them my said Wife and the said Edward Coleman Edward Hughes and William Chittenden their Heirs Executors or Administrators or some or one of them respectively then and in such case they or either or any of them shall not be Charged or Chargeable with such Loss or liable to answer or make good the same or any part thereof and

Lastly I do hereby revoke any other Will by me at any time heretofore made and do declare this only to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I the said Edward Blechynden the Testator have to this my last Will and Testament contained in Nine Sheets of paper together annexed to the first Eight Sheets thereof set my hand and to this Ninth and last Sheet have set and put, my hand and Seal this Seventeenth day of May in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Eight Edwd. Blechynden [Seal] Signed Sealed Published and declared by the said Edward Blechynden the testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses the Interlineation between the third and fourth lines from the bottom of the Sixth Sheet being first made - Benm Dearie Geo. Jemmetts Mary Jemmetts Junr.

This Will was proved at London the Twentieth day of November in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty-Eight before the Right Worshipful Sir William Wynne? Knight Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oaths of Ann Blechynden Edward Coleman Edward Hughes the Younger and William Chittenden the Executors named in the said Will to whom Administration was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased they having been first sworn by Commission duly to Administer.

SUMMARY:

THE WILL OF EDWARD BLECHYNDEN (1736-1788+)

This valuable document is a fascinating piece of writing, nine pages long, written in legal language and is full of information re his family, land and holdings. Below are a few quotations.

"THIS IS THE LAST WILL & TESTAMENT of Edward Blechynden of Bilsington in the County of Kent. Grazier. made in writing in manner that is to say . . ."

"Unto my dear wife Ann Blechynden . . ."

"I give and bequeath to my said Three Eldest Daughters Elizabeth Blechynden ** Mary Blechynden and ***Catherine Blechynden the sum of . . . "

I give and devise the same unto my Two Youngest Daughters Sarah Blechynden and Ann Vinset Blechynden. . ."

"Unto my said ffive Daughters and to my said Two sons . . ."

Note: *Mary & *Catherine could be added to the family group report above:

"I give and bequeath to my Two sons John Blechynden & George Blechynden and the survivor of them Two ffields known by the several Names of the Twelve Acres and Six Acres Den? Land being part and parcel of the ffarm held by me . . . . . ."

"I give and bequeath to my **** Brother John Blechynden the Sum of Ten pounds to buy him a suit of mourning to be paid to him within Three Calendar Months next after my decease."

"containing by Estimation fifteen Acres . . . being in Aldington in the said County of Kent at or near Aldington ffrith. . . " "being in the several parishes of Bonnington and Bilsington . . . Two pieces called Pinnock? Leares? containing by estimation twenty ffive Acres . . . within the several parishes of Snave? and Brenzett . . ." "Two equal parts to be divided of and in all that one piece of Wood or Woodland with the Ground and Soil thereof containing by Estimation Nine Acres more or less with the Appurtenances situate lying and being in the several parishes of Bilsington aforesaid and Ruckinge in the said county of Kent or in one of them formerly called or known by the name of Queen? Sheets . . ." *and so on. (It would be interesting to see if one could exactly pinpoint these areas today. I'm sure people in the local area could make sense of it all.)*

Note the use of ff in the words ffrith ffarm ffields and ffive.

Note: Aldington, Aldington Frith, Bonnington etc. can be viewed in the Web Site on Kent: see below. It also has excellent links to other valuable information relating to Kent.

Kent Genealogy: Kent places: Old Kent maps. http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~mrawson/
The family retained its ownership of Quarrington Manor, Mersham until 1603, and other lands and manors which they had acquired through marriages; Ruffins Hill retained until 1677, and Sinnells Manor remained within the Family until 1715.

WILL OF ANN BLECHYNDEN (NEE VINSET) (1738-1794)
This is The Last Will and Testament Ann Blechynden 1793

Of me Ann Blechynden of Bilsington in the County of Kent widow
Made this Thirty First Day of January in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-Three, in the manner following / That is to say.
I give and bequeath all my wearing apparel of every kind, rings, books, plate,
China, Linen and household furniture to my five Daughters Elizabeth, Mary Catherine, Sarah and Ann Vinset, to be divided between them share and share alike, by my Executors after named, as soon as maybe after my decease
By such made of ? allotment as my Executors shall see most proper.
I give and bequeath unto my two sons John Blechynden & George Blechynden
The sum of Twenty Pounds apiece to be paid to them within Two Calendar months next after my decease.
I give and bequeath unto my Sister Margaret Smith now of Maidstone in the County of Kent widow, the sum of Ten Pounds to be paid to her within Two Calendar months next after my decease.
I give and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of my Estate and effects of what nature or kind soever which I shall have at my decease charges and expenses of my Executors, in and about their discretion? thereof with a reasonable .....? For their journeys and trouble.
Unto my said Daughters Elizabeth, Mary, Catherine, Sarah, & Ann Vinset,
To be equally divided between them, share and share alike.

I nominate and appoint Edward Hughes of Mersham in the said County of Kent Grazier, and William Crittenden of Bilsington in the said County of Kent
Grazier, Executors of this my Last Will.
And Whereas my late Husband Edward Blechynden by his fathers Will gave the use of Silver Watch and Seal for my life, now it is my earnest wish and desire that my Daughter Elizabeth Blechynden may have and take the Watch and Seal for her own use, and I trust that all my dear children will express their consent to her keeping them in such manner as mu Executors shall require of them.
And I hereby revoke and make void all former and …… Wills by me at anytime heretofore made and do declare this to be my Last Will and Testament.
In witness thereof, the said Ann Blechynden here unto set my hand and Seal /
To say this day and year, first above written Ann Blechynden Signed Sealed
Published and Delivered by the said Anne Blechynden the Testatrix, as and for the Last Will and Testament in the presence of the said. John Williames / Elizabeth Hughes

This Will was Proved at London on the First Day of February in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Four, before the Right Honourable William Wynne Knight Doctor Of Laws Master Keeper and Consistory of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, Lawfully constituted by the Oathes of Edward Hughes & William Crittenden, the Executors named in the said Will, to whom Administration was granted of all and singular the goods and chattels and credits of the said deceased having been first sworn …… ? duty to administer .

SUMMARY

Copy of Will of Ann Blechynden: 31st Jan 1793.Thank you, Mary Coulthard.
She bequeathed to her five daughters: Elizabeth, Mary: Catherine: Sarah: & Ann Vinset.

She also mentioned her two sons, John Blechynden & George Blechynden.

Ann had a sister Margaret Smith (nee Vinset.). In 1793 she was a widow of Maidstone in the County of Kent.

The Will was Proved at London in 1794.

WILL OF ELIZABETH BLECHYNDEN (1760-1824)
DAUGHTER OF EDWARD BLECHYNDEN AND ANN VINSET

(NOTE: Elizabeth is Harrison Blechynden's aunt and he is mentioned in this will)

The last Will and Testament
Of
Elizabeth Blechynden
1824

In The Name Of God Amen I Elizabeth Blechynden
Of the city of Canterbury Spinster, being well and of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, Praise of our Almighty God for the same, but considering the uncertainty of the mortal life do hereby make and ordain this my last will and testament as follows / That is to say /
*First I give and bequeath all my plate and my two rings unto my brothers **John Blechynden and George Blechynden** equally to be divided between them.*
*I give and bequeath unto the several persons herewith named the several legacies of sums of lawful money of Great Britain hereinafter named mentioned / That is to say / To my said brother **George Blechynden** Fifty Pounds to my nephew **Edward Blechynden** son of my said brother George **Blechynden***

*Ten Pounds for mourning, to my nephew **Harrison Blechynden** son of my said brother John **Blechynden** Ten Pounds for mourning.*
*To my niece Mary **Ann Giles** Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds and also Ten Pounds for mourning.*
*To my nephews John **Giles & George Giles** Fifteen Pounds apiece.*
*To my nieces **Elizabeth Giles & Sarah Giles** Ten Pounds apiece.*
*And to Susanna **Rigdon** Widow, **Ann the** wife of **William Marshall** and*
***Elizabeth Francis** Widow, Two Pounds apiece, but in the case of any or other of them the said **Susanna Rigdon, Ann Marshall, & Elizabeth Francis,** shall depart this life before the end of two calendar months after my decease, then the Legacy or Legacies of her or them dying shall go to my said brothers*
***John Blechynden & George Blechynden** equally to be divided between them.*
And I direct all the said Legacies to be paid within Two calendar months next after my decease.
*And I direct that the receipts of my said nieces Mary **Ann Giles & Elizabeth Giles, & Sarah Giles** for the Legacies so bequeathed to them respectively as afore said under their own respective hands shall not withstanding any coverture they may respectively be under and wherever they be respectively sold or married, be good and effectual discharges to my executors for the same.*
*And I give all my wearing apparel, and Linen, the drawers and places where they are usually kept unto my said niece **Mary Ann Giles** provided nevertheless.*
*And it is my intention and request that my said niece **Mary Ann Giles** do give up and deliver the worst ?.. of my wearing apparel together with all my mourning that does not consist of silk to the said Elizabeth **Francis** within two calendar months next after my decease.*
*And I direct my Executors herein after named, if my said niece **Mary Ann Giles** shall be living with me at my decease, and she shall desire it to continue, the hire of mylodgings for two calendar months afterwards, do they paying all the rent for the same out of my estate, and also my said niece the use of the furniture, but not paying anything for her board.*
*And I give and bequeath to my Sister In Law **Mary Blechynden** my silver watch chain, seal and appurtenances and / after payment of my just debts, funeral expenses, the expenses of proving this my will, and after incidental expenses and the Legacies hereinbefore given / I give and bequeath all the rest residue and remainder of my goods and chattels, ready money, securities for money, affects and all other of my personal estate, whatsoever and wheresoever / and hereinbefore otherwise disposed of .*
*Unto my said brothers **John Blechynden & George Blechynden** in equal shares as tenants in common and to their respective Executors, Administrators and Assigns.*
*And I appoint my said brothers John **Blechynden & George Blechynden** of this my Will, and I hereby revoke all my former Wills In witness thereof I the said Elizabeth Blechynden testatrix hand to the first sheet of this my last Will*
And Testament set my hand, and to this second and last sheet, hereby my hand and seal the Twenty Fourth day of February in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Four Elizabeth Blechynden. Signed, Sealed, published and Delivered by the said Elizabeth Blechynden Testatrix as and for her Last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who in her presence, at her request, and in the presence of each other, have herein Subscribed our names as witnesses. J.B. Plummer T. Wil Kinston.
Proved At London. 1 set of September 1824.
Before the Oathes of John Blechynden & George Blechynden
The brothers and Executors to when Administration was granted
Having been sworn by ……? duly to Adm?

SUMMARY:

WILL OF ELIZABETH BLECHYNDEN: (1760-1824)

*The Will of Elizabeth Blechynden contained the **proof** needed to show Harrison Blechynden, was actually, descended from this line. Thank you, Mary Coulthard.*

SOME QUOTES FROM THIS WILL:

"Elizabeth Blechynden: Of the city of Canterbury, Spinster . . .

"I give and bequeath unto the several persons herewith named the several legacies of sums of lawful money of Great Britain hereinafter named mentioned / That is to say / To my said brother George Blechynden Fifty Pounds to my nephew Edward Blechynden son of my said brother George Blechynden Ten Pounds for mourning, **to my nephew Harrison Blechynden son of my said brother John Blechynden** Ten Pounds for mourning."

SHE MENTIONS THE FOLLOWING NAMES AS WELL AS THOSE ABOVE:

Nieces of Elizabeth Blechynden (mentioned in her will) Mary Ann Giles: Elizabeth Giles: Sarah Giles:

Nephews of Elizabeth Blechynden (mentioned in her will) John Giles: George Giles: Harrison Blechynden:

Note: Both of her sisters married a Giles: Sister Sarah married Horne Giles. Sister Ann Vinset married William Giles:

Susanna Rigdon Widow: Ann the wife of William Marshall: Elizabeth Francis Widow: Susanna Rigdon: & Elizabeth Francis:

Mary Blechynden her Sister in Law: To which brother was Mary married? Child 7, brother George Blechynden married a Mary Jones so presumably this is whom she is referring to.

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11. JOHN BLECHYNDEN (1771-1834) & SARAH HARRISON (~1776-1866)

SON OF EDWARD BLECHYNDEN (1736-1788) & ANN VINSET (1738-1793)

Discrepancies with John Blechynden's date of birth. Originally it was quoted that he was born in 1764 in Bonnington, Kent, England.

John Blechynden was baptised 24 Jan 1771 at Bilsington, the son of Edward Blechynden (1736-1788) and Ann Vinset (1738-1793).

The following articles and maps are based on some of the places mentioned in connection with the Blechynden family in Kent, England.

BONNINGTON: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bonnington

The small parish of Bonnington in the English county of Kent lies between the town of Ashford to the west (5 miles distant) and the coastal town of Hythe to the east (6 miles distant). To the north, the parish is bordered by the parish of Aldington, to the west, it borders the parish of Bilsington and to the south, the parish stretches into the low-lying coastal region of Romney Marsh. There has never been a village of Bonnington, and thus the parish has no obvious centre.

Aldington, Ashford, Bilsington, Bonnington, Horton, and Mersham, Kent, England

UK Genealogy Archives - Bilsington, Kent Historical Description

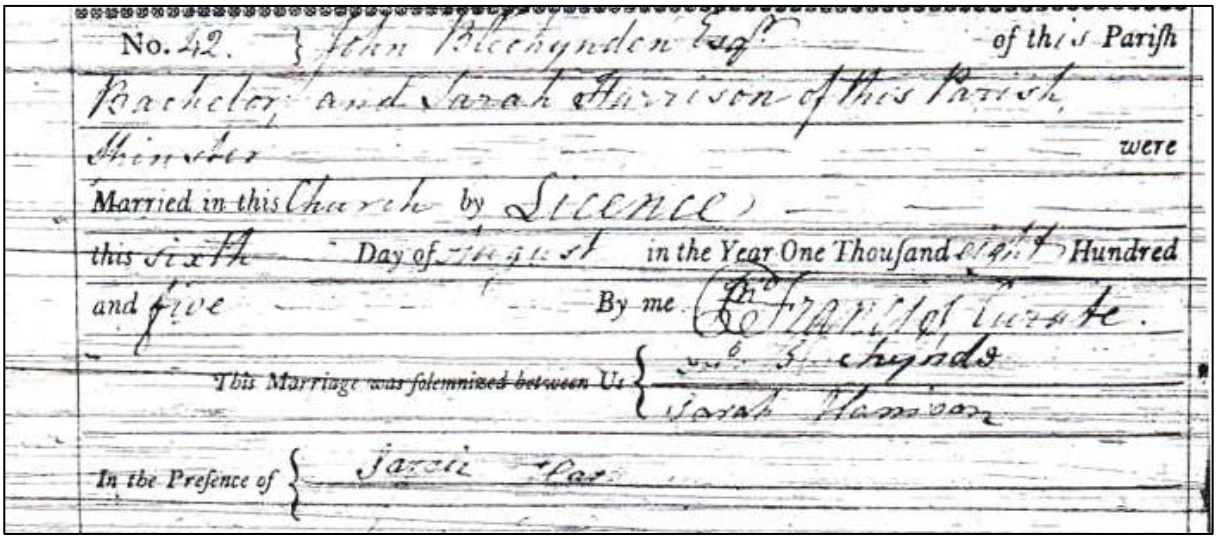
https://ukga.org/england/Kent/towns/Bilsington.html

Bilsington, a parish in Kent, on the Military Canal, and partly in Romney Marsh. . . The manor of Bilsington-Inferior was given to the Earls of Arundel, in the time of Edward III., on the tenure of serving the king as butler at Whitsunday and belongs now to the Hallidays. A priory of Augustinian canons was founded on Bilsington-Superior about 1253, by John Mansell, provost of Beverley, and the manor connected with it was held- by a tenure similar to that of Bilsington-Inferior. Remains of the priory still stand, partly appropriated into a farmhouse, on high ground, commanding a good view over the marsh. The living is a vicarage, consolidated with the rectory of Bonnington, in the diocese of Canterbury; net value, £182. The church is good and was well restored in 1883.

This is a Google Street View of Bonnington in 2020. The sign "Bonnington" doesn't come out very well but the image shows it is a quaint place in the Kent countryside. A sign on the brick building in the foreground has "Old School House" written on it so there was certainly a school there at some stage.

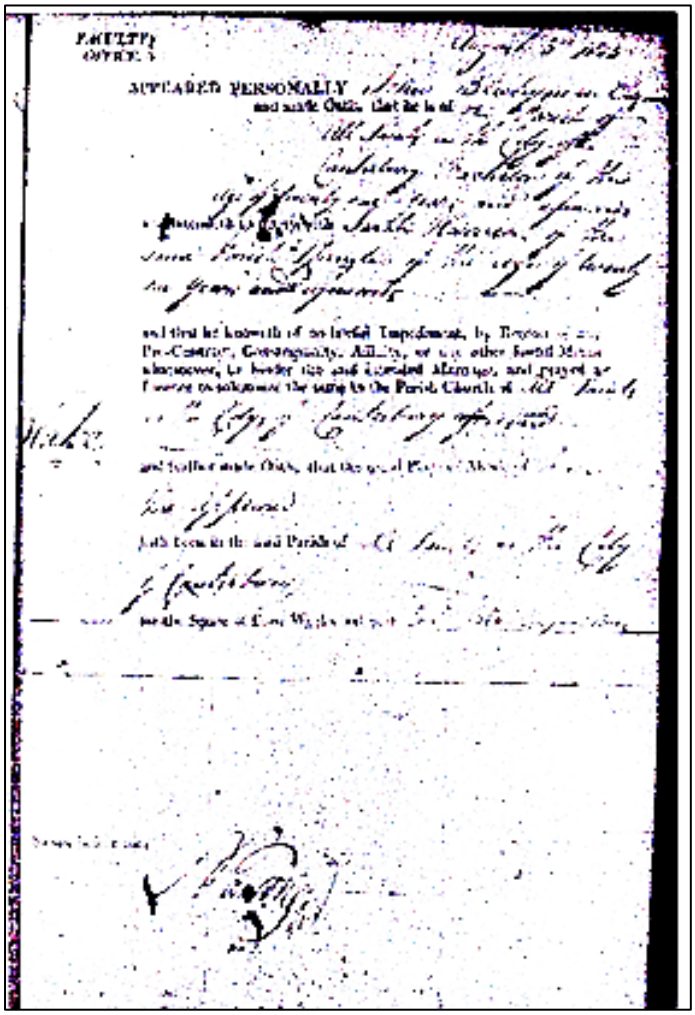
"St Rumwold's Bonnington Church" located in farmland just out of Bonnington. Images from Google Maps, 2020.

JOHN BLECHYNDEN (~1764-1835) Esquire married 6 Aug 1805 (license date), in the parish of All Saints Church, Canterbury, Kent, England to SARAH HARRISON (~1766-1866). John being a bachelor at the age of 21 years and upwards, and Sarah being a Spinster at the age of 21 years and upwards.


No. 42. } John Blechynden Esqr of this Parish
Bachelor, and Sarah Harrison of this Parish,
Spinster were
Married in this Church by Licence
this Sixth Day of August in the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred
and five By me
This Marriage was solemnized between Us { John Blechynden
Sarah Harrison
In the Presence of { Jacob Lee

Copy of marriage certificate of John Blechynden and Sarah Harrison, 1805

(Interesting to note that this is where *Harrison,* their first child got his first name and the name, continued, through several generations.)



We seem to have two different copies of John and Sarah's marriage certificate. Both included for interest.

HARRISON, SARAH (~1776-1866)

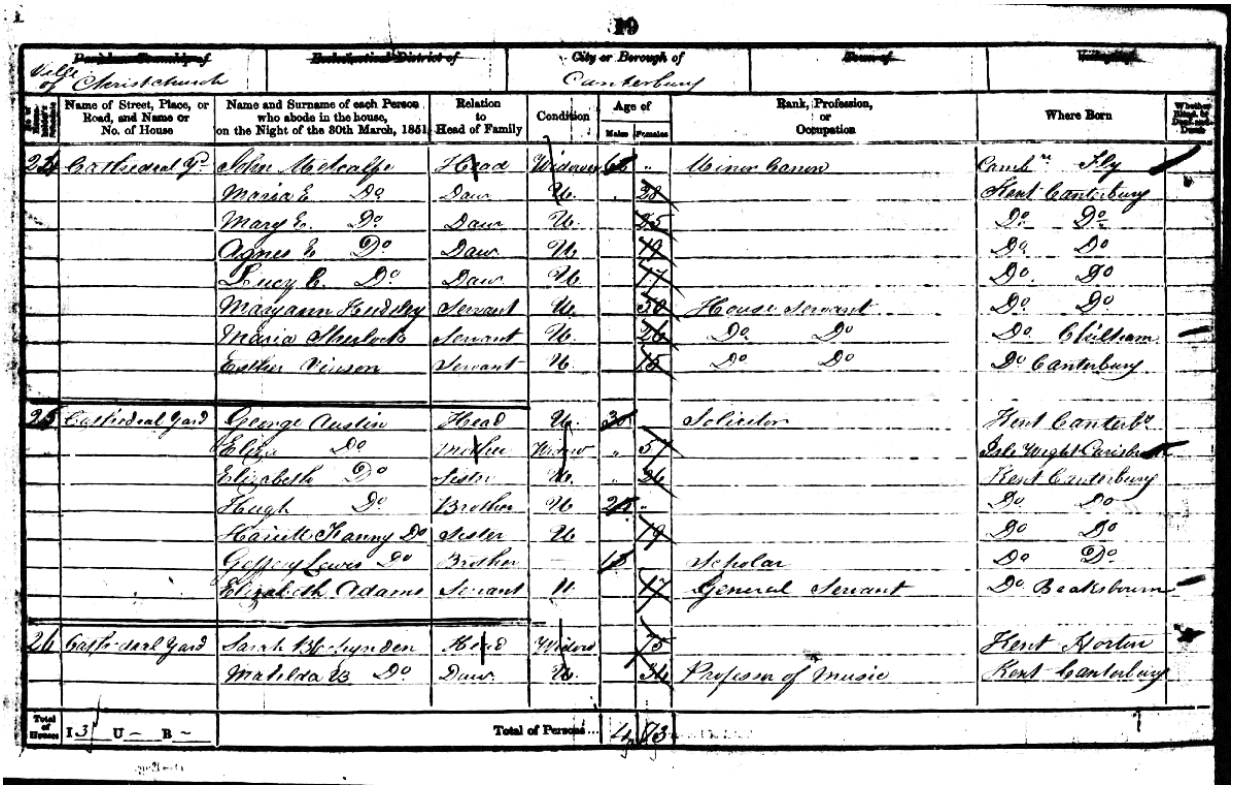
Sarah Harrison was born about 1776, in Kent, England. Family Tree Ancestry, information on Sarah varies on her birth from 1774-1788.

Her parents' names mentioned in these family trees also vary and the mother's birth date makes them unrealistic. At this time, we will leave them out until more information comes forward.

Sarah Blechynden (nee Harrison) died 13 Jun 1866, Canterbury Dist., Kent, England.
Copy of death certificate: Widow of John Blechynden, farmer. Age 91 years, which makes her birth date approx 1775. Signature by Matilda Boys, her granddaughter.

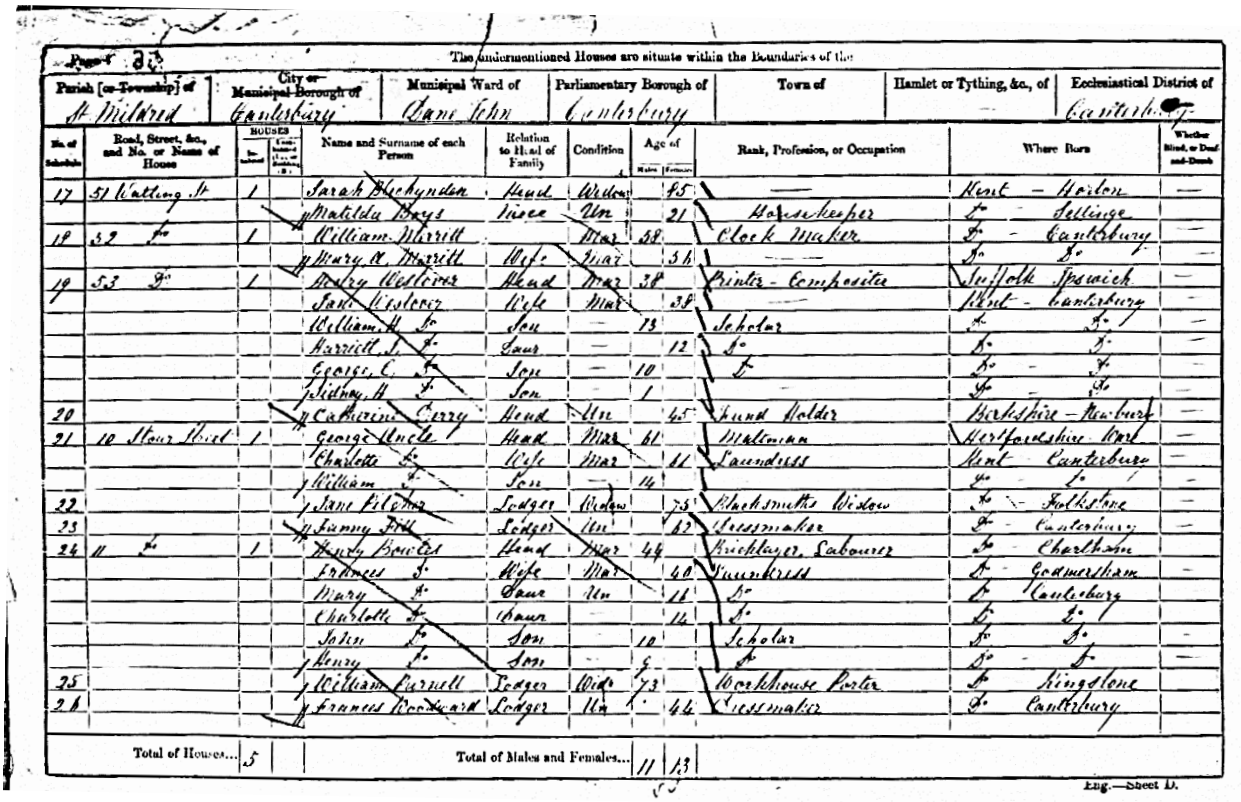
1851 Census: Widow aged 75 years.
1861 Census: Widow aged 85 years.
These dates also indicate she was born about 1776.

Following are copies of Census 1851 and Census 1861, plus her death certificate.
Census: Canterbury, 1851 Sarah Blechynden, 24 Cathedral Yard, Village of Christchurch, Canterbury, Widow, aged 75 years, Matilda B, daughter, Professor of music.



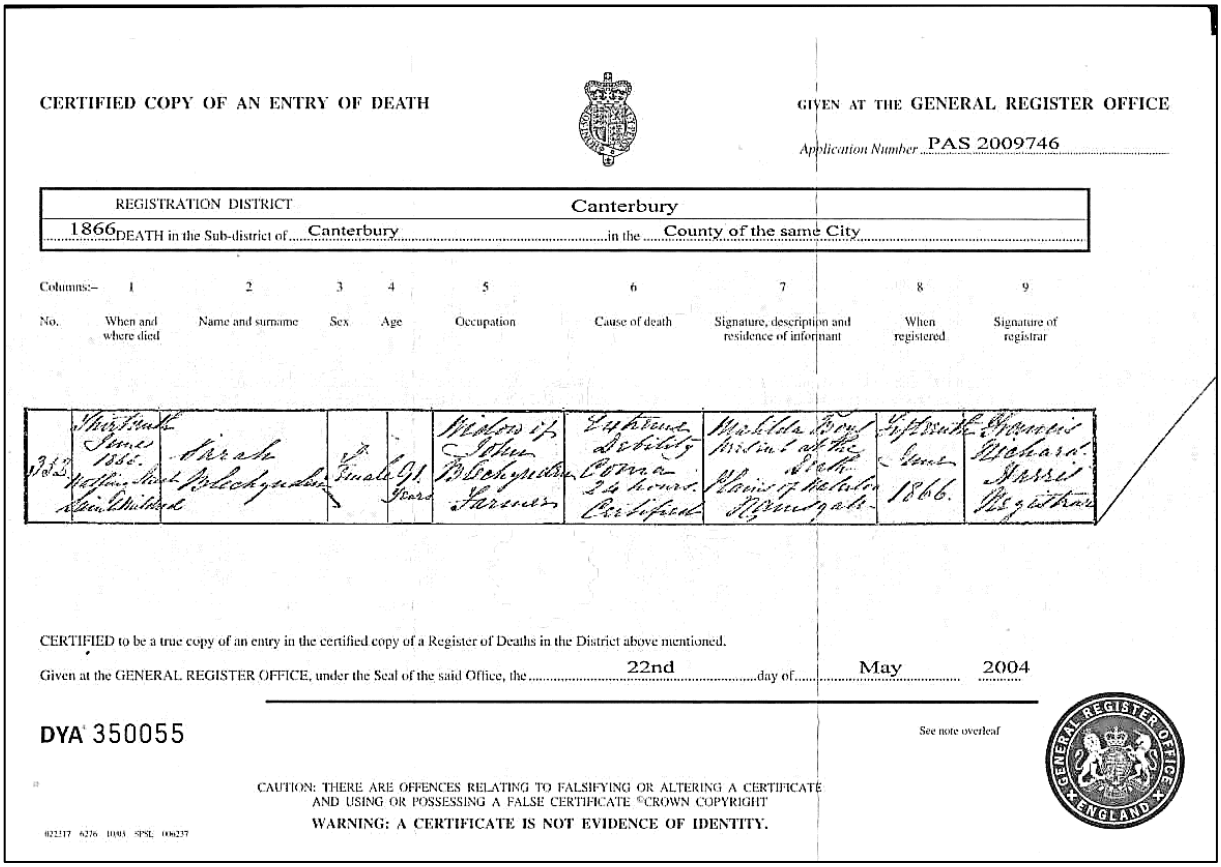
No. of Schedule	Name of Street, Place, or Road, and Name or No. of House	Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the house, on the night of the 30th March, 1851	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of Males	Age of Females	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, Deaf and Dumb
23	Cathedral Yd	Alex Metcalfe	Head	Widower	68		Minor Canon	Cant. Kent	
		Maria E. Do	Daur	Un.		38		Kent Canterbury	
		Mary E. Do	Daur	Un.		35		Do Do	
		Agnes E. Do	Daur	Un.		18		Do Do	
		Lucy E. Do	Daur	Un.		17		Do Do	
		Margaret Bradley	Servant	Un.		38	House Servant	Do Do	
		Maria Shenlock	Servant	Un.		26	Do Do	Do Gillham	
		Esther Nissen	Servant	Un.		15	Do Do	Do Canterbury	
25	Cathedral Yard	George Austin	Head	Un.	30		Solicitor	Kent Canterb.	
		Ellen Do	Visitor	Married		57		Isle Wight Parish	
		Elizabeth Do	Sister	Un.		46		Kent Canterbury	
		Hugh Do	Brother	Un	28			Do Do	
		Harriett Fanny Do	Sister	Un		19		Do Do	
		Geoffry Lewis Do	Brother	—	15		Scholar	Do Do	
		Elizabeth Adams	Servant	U		27	General Servant	Do Beckbourn	
26	Cathedral Yard	Sarah Blechynden	Head	Widow		75		Kent Horton	
		Matilda B. Do	Daur	Un.		36	Professor of Music	Kent Canterbury	
Total of Houses	13 U – B –		Total of Persons...		14	73			

Census: Canterbury, 1861,Sarah Blechynden, 51 Watling Street, Canterbury,Widow, aged 85 years. Matilda Boys, niece



No. of Schedule	Road, Street, &c., and No. or Name of House	Houses Inhabited	Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of Males	Age of Females	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf and Dumb
17	51 Watling St	1	Sarah Blechynden	Head	Widow		85	—	Kent – Holden	—
			Matilda Boys	Niece	Un		21	Housekeeper	Do – Sellinge	
18	52 Do	1	William Merrill		Mar	58		Clock Maker	Do – Canterbury	—
			Mary A. Merrill	Wife	Mar		56	—	Do Do	—
19	53 Do	1	Henry Wellens	Head	Mar	38		Printer – Compositor	Suffolk Ipswich	—
			Jane Wellens	Wife	Mar		38	—	Kent – Canterbury	—
			William H. Do	Son	—	13		Scholar	Do Do	—
			Harriett J. Do	Daur	—		12	Do	Do Do	—
			George C. Do	Son	—	10		Do	Do – Do	—
			Sidney H. Do	Son	—	1		—	Do – Do	—
20			Catherine Perry	Head	Un		45	Hand Holder	Berkshire – Newbury	—
21	10 Stour Street	1	George Uncle	Head	Mar	61		Waterman	Hertfordshire Ware	—
			Charlotte Do	Wife	Mar		61	Laundress	Kent – Canterbury	—
			William Do	Son	—	14			Do – Do	—
22			Jane Pilcher	Lodger	Widow		73	Blacksmiths Widow	Do – Folkstone	
23			Fanny Fill	Lodger	Un		42	Dressmaker	Do – Canterbury	—
24	11 Do	1	Henry Bowles	Head	Mar	44		Bricklayer, Labourer	Do – Chartham	
			Frances Do	Wife	Mar		40	Laundress	Do – Godmersham	—
			Mary Do	Daur	Un		18	Do	Do – Canterbury	
			Charlotte Do	Daur	—		14	Do	Do – Do	
			John Do	Son		10		Scholar	Do – Do	—
			Henry Do	Son	—	5		Do	Do – Do	—
25			William Parnell	Lodger	Widr	73		Workhouse Porter	Do – Kingslone	
26			Frances Woodward	Lodger	Un		44	Dressmaker	Do – Canterbury	
	Total of Houses...	5		Total of Males and Females...		11	13			

COPY OF DEATH CERTIFICATE SARAH BLECHYNDEN, 1866



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Application Number PAS 2009746

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Canterbury

1866 DEATH in the Sub-district of Canterbury in the County of the same City

Columns:– 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No.	When and where died	Name and surname	Sex	Age	Occupation	Cause of death	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar
353	Thirteenth June 1866. Northgate Street Canterbury	Sarah Blechynden	Female	61 Years	Widow of John Blechynden Farmer	Extreme Debility Coma 24 hours Certified	Matilda Bond Present at the Death Niece of the deceased Northgate	Fifteenth June 1866.	Thomas Richard Harris Registrar

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Deaths in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, under the Seal of the said Office, the 22nd day of May 2004

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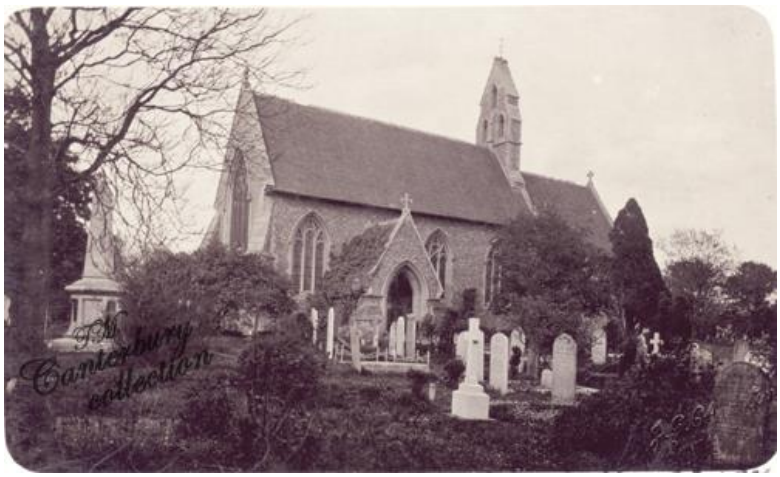
Copy of death certificate for Sarah Blechynden (nee Harrison) 13 Jun 1866.

St Gregory the Great, Graveyard. Canterbury Kent. England.



Above: *St Gregory the Great, Canterbury. Kent. England.*

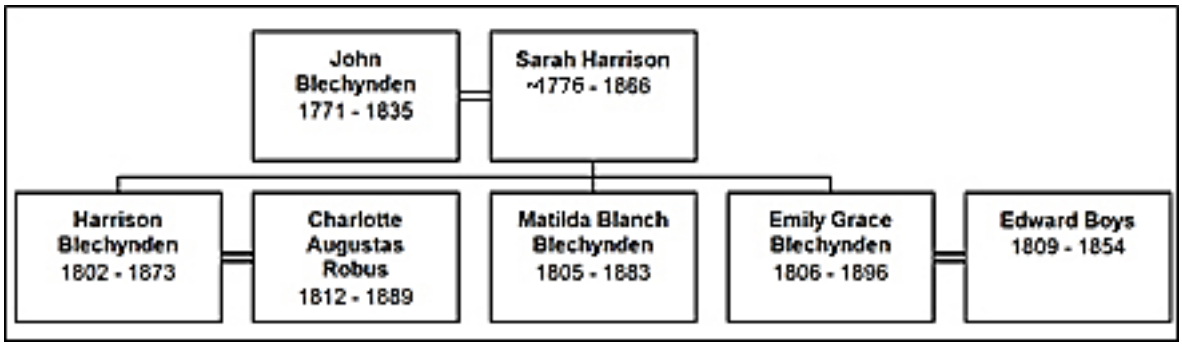
Right: *Headstone of Sarah Blechynden, (1866). Mother of Matilda Blanche Blechynden (1883),* Image Canterbury Collection. http://www.machadoink.com/Cemeteries.htm

Names on headstone:
Sarah Blechynden & Matilda Blanche Blechynden
Birth (Matilda Blechynden) 1805 - Canterbury, Kent. England. Death 1883 - Canterbury, Kent. England.

John Blechynden had the following inheritance from his fathers will: *"I give and bequeath to my Two sons John Blechynden & George Blechynden and the survivor of them Two fields known by the several Names of the Twelve Acres and Six Acres Den? Land being part and parcel of the farm held by me . . . . . ."*

"containing by Estimation fifteen Acres . . . being in Aldington in the said County of Kent at or near Aldington frith. . . " "being in the several parishes of Bonington and Bilsington . . . Two pieces called Pinnock? Leares? containing by estimation twenty five Acres . . . within the several parishes of Snave? and Brenzett . . ." "Two equal parts to be divided of and in all that one piece of Wood or Woodland with the Ground and Soil thereof containing by Estimation Nine Acres more or less with the Appurtenances situate lying and being in the several parishes of Bilsington aforesaid and Ruckinge in the said county of Kent or in one of them formerly called or known by the name of Queen? Sheets . . ."

CHILDREN OF JOHN BLECHYNDEN and SARAH HARRISON



1. BLECHYNDEN, HARRISON (1802-1873) was born 1802, Bonnington, Kent. England, baptised 26 May 1802, St Mary Bredman, Canterbury, England. Harrison Blechynden 1802-1873) married 3 Mar 1832 Perth, WA, to Charlotte Augusta Robus (1812-1889). Harrison Blechynden, his cousin George Blechynden and Charlotte Robus emigrated to the Swan River Colony in Perth, arriving **on the ship *Minstrel* on 20 Jan 1830.** For more details about HARRISON BLECHYNDEN see the end of this section then PART TWO of the project for his emigration and life in Australia.

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2. BLECHYNDEN, MATILDA BLANCH (1805-1883) was born 10 Mar 1805, Bonnington, Kent. England, baptised 3 Oct 1805, Kent, England. Matilda Blanch Blechynden died 11 Mar 1883, Canterbury, England.

Notes from Mary Coulthard:

"I found that Matilda Blanche, Harrison's sister, was a composer.

Post Office Directory for Ess, Herts, Kent 1855: Matilda Blanche Blechynden (Miss) was a professor and teacher of Music, 56 St George St, Canterbury Kent.
The History Gazet'/Directy, Kent 1847 under Canterbury Traders – Academies: Blechynden Matilda B Cathedral yd.
Melville & Co Directory, St Margaret's St Canterbury, 1858.

While in UK I managed to get copies of some of her music. One piece, Gerald Fox kindly put on a disc for me. It is called The Christmas Polka." MUSIC - "The Christmas Polka", Matilda Blanche Blechynden (1805 - 1883), Edwin Muddiman (piano)

Gerald Fox wrote: *Matilda Blanche was a professor of music, who had a Music Academy at 56 St. George Street, Canterbury. She composed a number of pieces of music, mainly for the piano. The*

sheet music for these pieces are now to be found in the British Library in London. Eight of the compositions:

The Blue Bell Quadrilles 1848
The Florence Quadrilles 1848
The Gazelle Polka 1850
The Lotus Polka (for the Pianoforte) 1855
The North Star Polka 1852
The Rose Quadrilles 1850
The Rose Quadrilles (for the Pianoforte) 1852
The Merry Christmas Polka 1878

Merry Christmas Polka.mp3

To hear the Polka left double click with your mouse and click on open

MATILDA B BLECHYNDEN, died Mar 1883, Canterbury 2a 503, aged 76 years, (born c. 1807)

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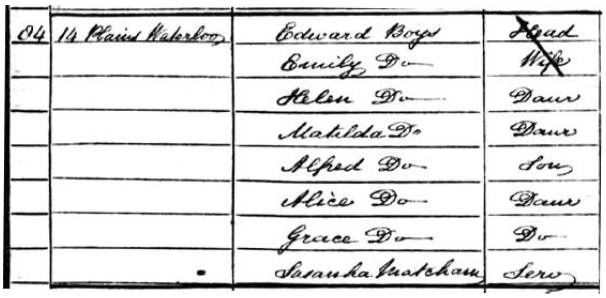
3. BLECHYNDEN, EMILY GRACE (1806-1896) was baptised 9 Nov 1806, Aldington, Kent. England. **EMILY GRACE BLECHYNDEN (1806-1896)** married **EDWARD BOYS** (~1808-1854), 20 Jan 1837, Canterbury, Kent, England.

Emily Grace BLECHYNDEN of Tenterden spinster to marry Edward BOYS of Tenterden bachelor - license to marry granted 20 Jan 1837.

BOYS, EDWARD (~1808-1854) was born abt. 1808, Mersham, Kent, England, baptised 30 May 1808, Mersham, Kent, England. Parents **WILLIAM BOYS (1775-1865)** and Mother **ELIZABETH HOBBS (1773-1836)**. WILLIAM BOYS (1775-1865) married ELIZABETH HOBBS (1773-1836) 9 Nov 1795, Willesborough, Kent, England.

1851 Census
HO107/1630/414/22
14 Plains of Waterloo, Ramsgate, Kent

Edward Boys, 40, Head, Mar, Brewers Foreman, born Kent, Merstham
Emily Boys, 42, Wife, Mar, born Kent, Aldington
Helen Boys, 12, Daug, Scholar, born Kent, Sellinge
Matilda Boys, 11, Daug, Scholar, born Sellinge
Alfred Boys, 5, Son, Scholar, born Sellinge
Alice Boys, 2, Daug, Infant, born Kent, Ramsgate
Grace Boys, 1, Daug, Infant, born Ramsgate
Sasanah Matcham, 17, Unm, House Servant, born Kent, Ashley


84	14 Plains Waterloo	Edward Boys	Head
		Emily Do	Wife
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		Matilda Do	Daur
		Alfred Do	Son
		Alice Do	Daur
		Grace Do	Do
		Sasanha Matcham	Serv

1851 Census, Edward and Emily Boys and family

1861 Census, RG9/536/83/5
14 Plains of Waterloo, Ramsgate, Kent

Emily G BOYS, 49, Head, Widow, Lodging housekeeper and Day School?, born Aldington.
Alfred Boys, 15, Son, Unm, No occupation, born Ramsgate.
Alice Boys, 12, Daug, born Ramsgate.
George Chandler, 11, Boarder, born London.
Matilda Blechynden, 46, Mar, Visitor, Prof of Music, born Canterbury.
From Trish Debbie's Velcro Rootschat

1871 Census just Emily G BOYS, 63, School Mistress, and Alice, aged 22, dressmaker are at home. RG10/995/28/5

1881 Census available on Family Search.

1891 Census Emily and Alice are still together. Alice is now Head/Milliner/Dressmaker and Emily is living on own means.
RG12/730/83/2

Deaths.

Edward BOYS: Jun 1854, Thanet 2a 359
(This fits with last child Grace born 1850 and Emily being a Widow on 1861 Census)

Emily Grace BOYS nee Blechynden: Jun 1896, Thanet 2a 505
Age 89, (born c. 1806)

CHILDREN OF EMILY GRACE BLECHYNDEN and EDWARD BOYS:

1. BOYS, HELEN (1839-1855) was born April 1839, baptised 21 Nov 1838, Sellinge, Kent, England. Helen Boys died Jan 1855, Thanet, Kent, England. Burial 1 Feb 1855, St George's Church, Ramsgate, Kent, England.

2. BOYS, MATILDA (1839-1918) was born 27 Dec 1839, Elham, Kent. England, baptised 27 Dec 1839, Sellinge, Kent, England. Matilda Boys died Dec 1918, Thanet, Kent, England. She married **WILLIAM GEORGE ANTHONESS (1841-1899)** 23 Oct 1871, Ramsgate, Kent, England.

3. BOYS, HENRY (1841-1841) was born 1841, Eltham, Kent, England. Henry Boys died Dec 1841, Thanet, Kent, England.

4. BOYS, WILLIAM (1843 -) was born 1843, Kent, England.

5. BOYS, FREDERICK (1844 -) was born 18 Mar 1844, Thanet, Kent, England. Frederick Boys died Sep 1844, Thanet, Kent, England. Buried St George Church, Ramsgate, Thanet, Kent, England.

6. BOYS, ALFRED (1845-1866) was born Oct 1845, Margate, Kent, England, baptised 11 Jan 1846, Church of England, Westmere, Kent, England. Alfred died Jun 1866, Thanet, Kent, England. Burial 3 Jun 1866, St George's, Ramsgate, Kent, England.

7. BOYS JOHN (1847-1847) was born July 1847, Thanet, Kent, England, baptised 28 Sep 1847, St George's, Ramsgate, Kent, England. He died as a baby in 1847, Thanet, Kent, England. Burial 2 Nov, Ramsgate, Kent, England.

8. BOYS, ALICE (1849-) was born Jan 1849, Ramsgate, Kent, England, baptised 17 Jun 1849, St George's, Ramsgate, Kent, England.

9. BOYS, GRACE (1850-1851) was born July 1850, Ramsgate, Thanet, Kent, England, baptised 28 Dec 1850, Ramsgate, Kent, England. Grace Boys died 1851, Thanet, Kent, England, Burial 21 Dec 1851, Ramsgate, Kent, England.

10.BOYS, EMILY (1852 -) was born Ramsgate, Thanet, Kent, England.

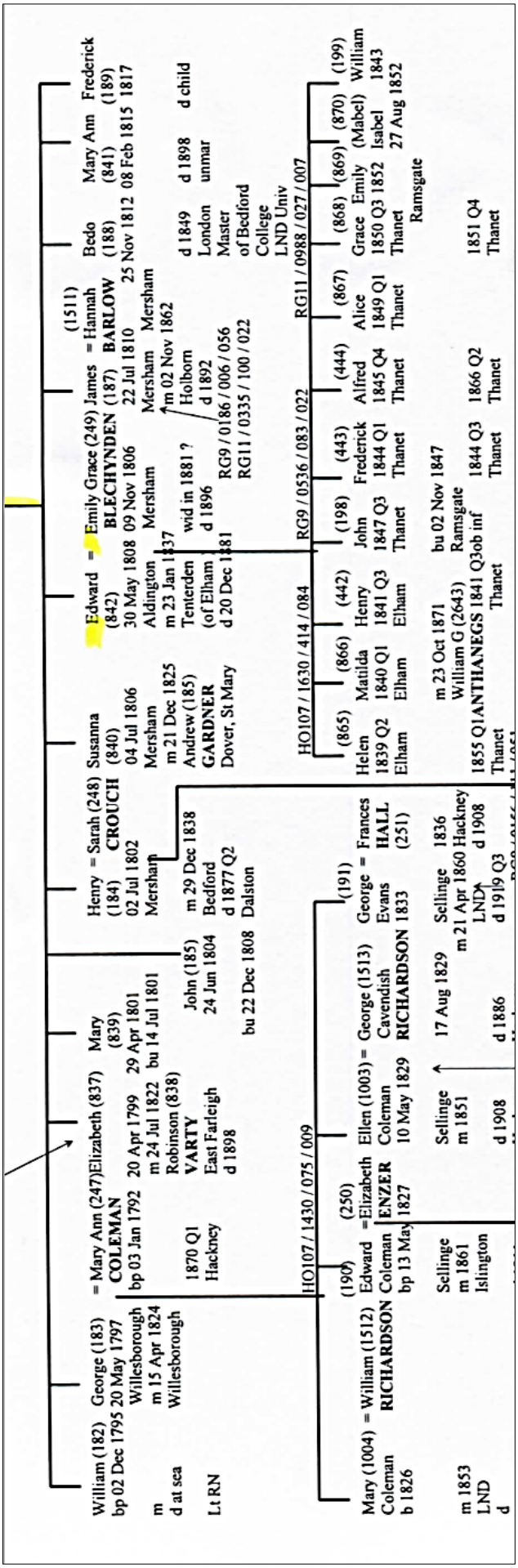
11.BOYS, 'MABEL' ISABEL (1852-1852) was born 27 Aug 1852, Ramsgate, Kent, England. Isabel Mabel Boys died 27 Aug 1852 in Thanet, Kent, England.

EMILY GRACE BLECHYNDEN died April 1896, Thanet, Kent, England.

BOYS FAMILY TREE CHART

Thanks to Jim Boyce (Boys) for providing a Boys Family Tree chart.

A snip from the Boys family tree showing Emily and Edward Boys family and immediate connections.



JOHN BLECHYNDEN OF ALDINGTON WAS CALLED TO THE ASSIZES OF KENT

FOR RICHARD BAYLEY WHO HAD TO "APPEAR AND ANSWER".

David Boulding a member of the Aldington Facebook community group advises that on 13 Sep 1821 regarding the Newchurch Riots, Harrison's father John Blechynden of Aldington was called to the Assizes of Kent for Richard Bayley who had to "appear and answer". He was researching his own connections to the riots which were against imported cheaper Irish labour. This is the hard environment Harrison was raised in. Things were a little tough in Kent and the whole UK in that era.

Here is a little more regarding the riots as advised by David Boulding

The Richard Bolden mentioned is brother to my direct line.

They were pretty serious riots and several were jailed for it. It's the time leading to the Swing Riots against mechanisation (and cheap imported labour). I imagine that as the Military Canal was finished in 1809 many of the Irish navvies who built it were still around.

'VERY ACTIVE IN THE RIOT': A DISTURBANCE ON ROMNEY MARSH IN 1821
Paul Newton Taylor pages 101-113 Published online: 06 Jan 2015
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...Kent parish of Newchurch as a case study and looks at the events that day, ... Two of the mob, Thomas Hart and Richard Bolden, forced open the granary.

[Abstract: The years of agricultural depression between the end of the Napoleonic wars in 1815 and the Swing riots in 1830 were also years in which there were few agricultural disturbances. Although rural crime increased, possibly demonstrating growing social tension, actual riots have only been reported in East Anglia in 1816 and 1822. Work by Snell (2003) suggests these years also saw the peak of a culture of local xenophobia as labouring communities looked to their own parishes both for their primary sense of belonging and as a resource for customary rights. This article reflects on exclusion as a factor in the precipitation of a riot in rural Kent in the summer of 1821. Quarter sessions records are used to reconstruct the events of that day. Although the rioters gave the impression of wanting more money for their work at harvest, the riot was fueled by the presence of labourers from outside the immediate area and in this respect illustrates the presence of a culture of local xenophobia. However, the involvement of labourers from various neighbouring parishes in the riot simultaneously suggests that horizons may have extended further than the parish boundary.]

This about riots in Newchurch against imported - cheaper - Irish labour.

Recognizance of Richard Bayley, labourer, Henry Kingsnorth, farmer, both of Bilsington and John Blechynden of Aldington, farmer for Bayley to appear and answer
This record is held by Kent History and Library Centre
Reference: Rm/QJ/r/2/24
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John Blechynden died 2 Oct 1834, Mersham, Kent, England. Via English deaths and burials.
Will of John Blechynden was dated 23 Sep 1834.
Will proved 5 Dec 1835. Sarah Blechynden and friend George Boys.

WILL OF JOHN BLECHYNDEN (~1764-1835)

Following this copy of the original will is a handwritten copy by Angela Blechynden which is easier to read. Both copies are included due to this being Harrisons fathers will.

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This is the last Will and Testament of me John Blechynden of the parish of Bonnington in the County of Kent Farmer to be recently entered at the Direction of my Executors hereinafter named viz. the five

five Pounds and Longworth are my sole and personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever of a to which I am or at any time hereafter shall or may be possessed or interested unto my dear Wife Sarah Blechynden and my friend George Boys of Village in the said County Farmer and Executors their Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns according to the nature and quality thereof respectively Upon Trust that they the said Sarah Blechynden and George Boys and the Survivor of them and the Executors Administrators and Assigns of such Survivor do and shall carry on manage and conduct my Farming and Grazing Business during the Life of my said Wife for the Benefit of her my said Wife or shall at any time discontinue or otherwise dispose of the same as to them or him shall seem proper and upon further Trust that they my said Trustees and the survivor of them and the Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns of such Survivor do and shall as soon as conveniently may be after my decease and in such manner as they her or him shall think fit realize sell and dispose of my said real Estate for the most Money that can be conveniently had or gotten for the same and also call and dispose of and in and convert into Money such part of my said personal

Blechynden

WILL OF JOHN BLECHYNDEN (~1764-1835
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Estate for the most Money that can be reasonably had
or gotten for the same and also rent and dispose of and
to and convert into Money such part of my said personal
Estate as shall not consist of Money And I do hereby
declare that the Receipt & Receipts of my said Trustees
or of the Survivor of them or the Executors Administrators
& Assigns of such Survivor for any Money payable to them
or him under this my Trust shall effectually discharge
the person or persons paying the same from becoming
answerable or accountable for any Misapplication or non-
Misapplication thereof And I do hereby declare that
my said Trustees and the Survivor of them and the Executors
Administrators and Assigns of such Survivor shall stand
possessed of my said Money and of the Money to be
produced by such Sale of my real Estate and that part
of my personal Estate which I have directed to be got in and
converted into Money Upon Trust that they the said Trustees
and shall out of the said Monies in the first place pay
and satisfy all my just Debts funeral and testamentary
Expenses And do and shall invest the Surplus of the said
Monies after answering the purposes aforesaid in their
his or her Names or name in the Parliamentary Funds of
Great Britain or in Government or real Securities in England
and Wales and do and shall from time to time alter any

Blechynden

and transpose the said Trust Monies or any part thereof
so to be invested for into or upon other Funds or Securities
of the same or a like nature as they or he or she direction
And I do hereby declare that the said Trustees or Trustee
for the time being their or his or her Executors Administrators
and Assigns shall stand possessed of the said Trust Monies
and the Funds and Securities in which the same shall
from time to time be invested and the clear net Dividends
and Annual produce thereof Upon Trust from time to
time to pay and apply the whole of the clear net Dividends
and Annual produce of the said Trust Monies and the
Stocks Funds and Securities in or upon which the same
shall and may from time to time be laid out and invested
unto my said Wife or permit her to receive and enjoy the
the same during her Life for her own sole use and Benefit
And from and after the decease of my said Wife Upon
Trust in the first place to pay unto my Son
Jameson Blechynden the Sum of Five pounds which I
direct to be paid to him out of the affection and regard
which I bear towards him and then I do direct to pay
assign and transfer the Residue of my said Trust
Monies Funds and Securities unto my two dear Daughters

Blechynden

WILL OF JOHN BLECHYNDEN (~1764-1835
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Blechynden assign and transfer the Residue of my Real and Personal Estate unto my two dear Daughters Matilda Blanch Blechynden and Emily Frances Blechynden equally to be divided between them share and share alike and to their respective Executors and Administrators and Assigns Provided always and I do hereby declare that my said Trustees and Trustee for the time being shall not be answerable or accountable for the others or other of them but each for her or his own Acts Deeds Receipts and Defaults respectively nor for any more Monies and Estate than shall come to their Hands and be received by them respectively and that it shall be lawful for them to reimburse themselves all Cost and Expenses they shall be put to in or about the Execution of this my Will And Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my said Wife and the said George Boys joint Executrix and Executor of this my Will hereby revoking all other Wills by me at any time heretofore made and do declare this only to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof the said John Blechynden the Testator have to this my last Will and Testament contained in

these Sheets of paper set my Hand and Seal (to wit) my Hand at the bottom of the two preceding Sheets and my Hand and Seal to this third and last Sheet the Twenty third Day of September in the Year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and thirty four — J. Blechynden — (L.S.) Signed sealed published and declared by the said John Blechynden the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have subscribed our Names as Witnesses hereto

Sarah Williams, Bonnington — Edwd Watts Sole Mythe
Thos Fisher Clerk to Do.

Sy.

The before registered Will of John Blechynden deceased was proved the Fifth Day of September 1835 before the Worshipful John Jeffery Francis, Clerk, Surrogate to the Worshipful — Stephen Beaumont Bunnaby Doctor of Laws Official Principal to the Worshipful the Archdeacon of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oaths of Sarah Blechynden Widow the Relict of the Deceased and George Boys the Executors named in the said Will they being first sworn duly to perform the same

Following is a transcription of the will for easier reading.
WILL OF JOHN BLECHYNDEN (~1764-1835
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Blechynden

This is the last Will and Testament of me John Blechynden of the Parish of Bonnington in the County of Kent Farmer I desire to be decently interred at the Direction of my Executor hereinafter named I do give Give Devise and Bequeath all my real and personal Estates whatsoever and wheresoever of or to which I now am or at any time hereafter shall or may be possessed or interested unto my dear wife Sarah Blechynden and my Friend George Boys of Sellinge in the said County Corn and Seed Factor their Heirs Executors Administrators and Asign according to the nature and quality thereof respectively Upon Trust that they the said Sarah Blechynden and George Boys and the Survivor of them and the Executor administrator and asign of such Survivor do and shall carry on manage and conduct my Farming and Grazing Business during the Life of my said Wife for the benefit of her my said wife or shall at any time discontinue or otherwise dispose of the same as to them her or him shall deem prudent And upon further Trust that they my said Trustees and the Survivor of them and the Heirs Executor Administrator and asign of such Survivor do and shall as soon as conveniently may be after my decease and in such manner as they her or him shall think fit make sale and dispose of my said real Estate for the most Money that can be reasonably had or gotten for the same and also sell and dispose of call in and convert into Money such part of my said personal Estate as shall not consist of Money And I do hereby declare that the Receipt or Receipt of my said Trustees or of the Survivor of them or the Heirs Executor Administrator or Asigne of such Survivor for any Money payable to them her or him under this my Wife shall effectually discharge the person or persons paying the same from becoming then answerable or accountable for any Misapplication or

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Nonapplication thereof and I do hereby declare that
my said Trustees and the Survivor of them and the Executors
Administrators and Asign of such Survivor of them shall stand
possessed of my ready Monies and of the Monies to be
produced by such Sale of my real Estate and that part
of my personal Estate which I have directed to be got in and
converted into Money Upon Trust that they her or he do
and shall out of the said Monies in the first place pay
and satisfy all my just Debts funeral and testamentary
Expenses And do and shall invest the Surplus of the said
Monies after answering the purposes aforesaid in their or
his or her names or name in the parliamentary Funds of
Great Britain or in Government or real Securities in England
and and do and shall from time to time alter vary
And transpose the said Trust Monies or any part thereof
so to be invested for into or upon other Funds or
Securities of the same or a like nature at their or his or her
discretion And I do hereby declare that the said Trustees or
Trustee for the time being their or her or his Executor Administrators
and Asigns shall stand possessed of the said Trust monies
and the Funds and Securities in which the same shall
and the Funds and Securities in which the same shall
from time to time be invested and the Interest Dividends
and annual produce thereof Upon Trust from time to
time to pay and apply the whole of the Interest Dividend
and annual produce of the said Trust Monies and the
Stocks Funds and Securities in or upon which the same
shall and may from time to time be laid out as invested
unto my said Wife or permit her to receive and enjoy the
same during her life for her own sole use and Benefit
and from and after the decease of my said Wife Upon
Trust in the first place to pay unto my Son
Harrison Blechynden the sum of Five pounds which I
direct to be paid to him out of the affection and regard

WILL OF JOHN BLECHYNDEN (~1764-1835)
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which I bear towards him and then in Trust to pay
asign and transfer the Residue of my said Trust
Monies Funds and transfer unto my two dear Daughters
Matilda Blanch Blechynden and Emily Grace
Blechynden equally to be divided between them share
and share alike and to their respective Executors
Administrators and Asigns Provided Always and I
do hereby declare that my said Trustees and Trustee for
the time being shall not be answerable or accountable
for the others or other of them but each for her or his
own Act Deeds Receipts and Defaults respectively nor for
any more Monies and Estate than shall come to their
Hand and be received by them respectively and that it
shall be lawful for them to reimburse themselves all Costs
and Expenses they shall be put to in or about the
Execution of this my Will And Lastly I do hereby
nominate and appoint my said Wife and the said George
Boys joint Executrix and Executor of this my Will hereby
revoking all other Wills by me at any time heretofore made
and do declare this only to be my last Will and Testament
In whereof I the said John Blechynden the Testator
have to this my last Will and Testament contained in
three sheets of paper set my Hand and Seal (to-wit) my
hand at the bottom of the two preceding Sheets and my Hand
and Seal to this third and last sheet the Twenty third
Day of September in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight
hundred and thirty four – J Blechynden – ⊗ – Signed sealed
published and declared by the said John Blechynden the Testator
and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us
who in his presence at his request and in the presence of
each other have inscribed our names as Witnesses hereto
Sarah Williams, Bonnington – Edwd Watts Job Hythe
Thos Fisher Clerk of to D^o/.

WILL OF JOHN BLECHYNDEN (~1764-1835)
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The before registered Will of John Blechynden deceased was proved the Fifth Day of September 1835 before the Reverend Pechey Francis, Clerk, Surrogate to the Worshipful Sherrard Beaumont Brunaby Doctor of Law Official General to the Reverand the Archdeacon of Cantebury lawfully by the Order of Sarah Blechynden Widow the Relict of the Deceased and George Boys the Executor named in the said Will They being the first sworn duly to perform the same. /

From the photocopy of the Document in the Kent Archives Office Cantebury : MARK PRC 17/ 109/413.

John Blechynden's Will 0f 1834 was transcribed from the original copy by Angela Blechynden.

Note on John's Will:

Thanks to Jim Boyce (Boys) for providing a Boys Family Tree chart, see chart under Emily, which confirms that Emily Grace Boys nee Blechynden had a brother-in-law named George. This George Boys of Willesborough had children born in Sellinge. This does seem to confirm that this George is not only John Blechynden's son-in-law Edward's brother, but also presumably the George of Sellinge who was mentioned in John Blechynden's Will of 1834 as his good friend who was to inherit significant property. This George was 33 years younger than John but we surmise that doesn't mean he couldn't be a main beneficiary. Perhaps he was overseer or caretaker of Harrison's parents' property as Harrison had gone to make his own life in Australia.

Via a record in the My Heritage web site it appears John Blechynden, Harrison Blechynden's father, is buried at "St John the Baptist" Church in Mersham Kent but many internet searches have failed to find his headstone or other record of that. Could be a good thing for a traveller to try and find it if it exists.

St John the Baptist Church in Mersham
https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2390570/st.-john-the-baptist-churchyard

St John the Baptist Church in Mersham via "Find a Grave" image from Pamela Howlett.

Sarah Blechynden (nee HARRISON) died 30 Jun 1866 at Watling Street St, Mildred, England aged 91 years. See death certificate below. Mildred appears to be a former location in the middle of Canterbury. She is shown as the widow of JB (John Blechynden) Farmer. She died with extreme disability and was in a coma for 24 hours. Her granddaughter Matilda Boys was present at her death. Address following - is Matilda's - 1881 census, 47 Watling St. Canterbury St Mildred, Kent, England. 47 Watling Street appears in 2020 to be a café or a carpark.

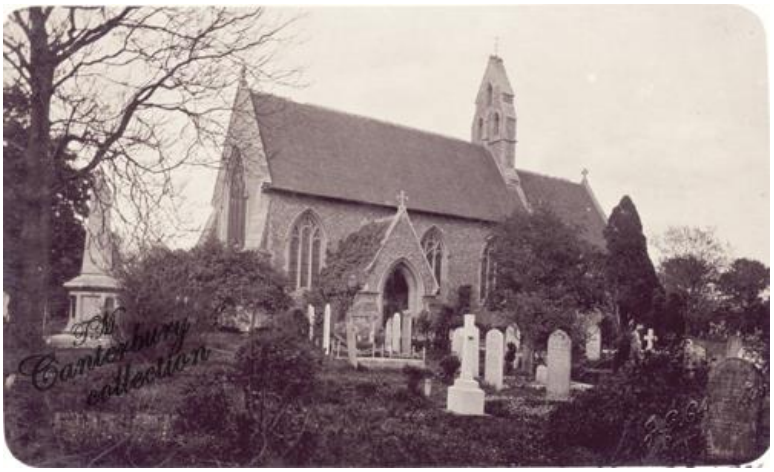
"Canterbury Kent Burial Records", a free online service starts from 1877 so they are no help in proving where Harrison's mother Sarah is actually buried. A "Find my Past" web site reference says she was buried in Canterbury in St Gregory Church.

The "Kent Family History Society" has St. Gregory The Great burials, for sale from 1852 through to 1939, if anyone wants to follow up Sarah's and other burials.

ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH
http://www.machadoink.com/St%20Gregorys%20Church.htm

Built 1851 (George Gilbert Scott), and consecrated Aug 23, 1852 by Archbishop John Bird
St. Gregory's Graveyard

*Damaged in the air raids of Jun 1942, closed for 10 years *marriages took place at St. Martin's during this time.*
The church was closed in 1975
Sold to Christchurch College c. 1970's for music rehearsals
1970's The fittings from St. Gregory's church went to St. Albans (old Garrison Church) now the new All Saints
Burials ceased in many of the church and chapel grounds on Jan 1, 1856, with the exception of St. Gregory the Great and the Canterbury Cemetery in the parish of Thanington (according to the regulations for new burial grounds provided under the Burial Acts)



ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH

Old photo of St Gregory Church Canterbury. Photo via machadoinl.com T Machado 2007

See also the church location on the old Canterbury map further on.

St Gregory's Centre for Music - Canterbury Christ Church.

https://www.canterbury.ac.uk/arts-and-culture/our-venues/st-gregorys-centre-for-music.aspx

This church is now (2020) Canterbury Christ Church University, St. Gregory's Centre for Music.

PART 2 – Harrison & Charlotte

HARRISON BLECHYNDEN (1802-1873) & CHARLOTTE ROBUS (1812-1889)

Harrison[1] was the first child of John Blechynden and Sarah Harrison. He was born in 1802 in Bonnington, Kent, England.

On 3 Mar 1832, Harrison married Charlotte Augusta Robus in Perth, in what was then officially known as the Colony of Western Australia.

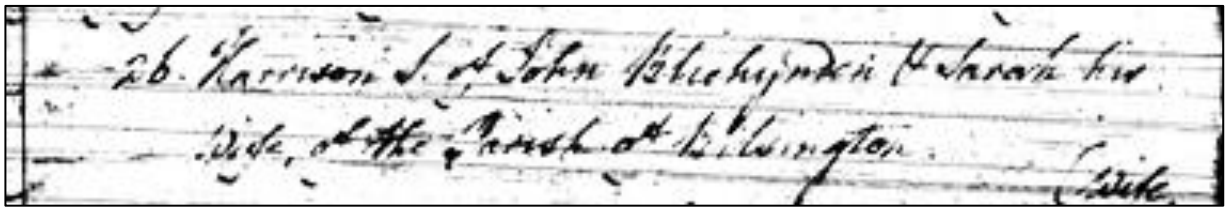
They went on to have ten children together.

Harrison passed away on 17 Jul 1873 at 'Babbyalla', and Charlotte on 13 Sep 1889 at 'Roesland', both in Beverley, Western Australia. They are buried together at the Edwards Crossing Cemetery in Beverley.

[1] We do not have a photograph of Harrison. This photographic impression of him is based on photographs of his descendants and created by his great, great, great granddaughter Kim Daley.

The Canterbury Connection

Harrison Blechynden, son of John Blechynden (1771-1834) and Sarah Harrison (~1776-1866) was born in 1802, in Bonnington, Kent, England. He was baptised 26 May 1802, St Mary Bredman, Bilsington, England.

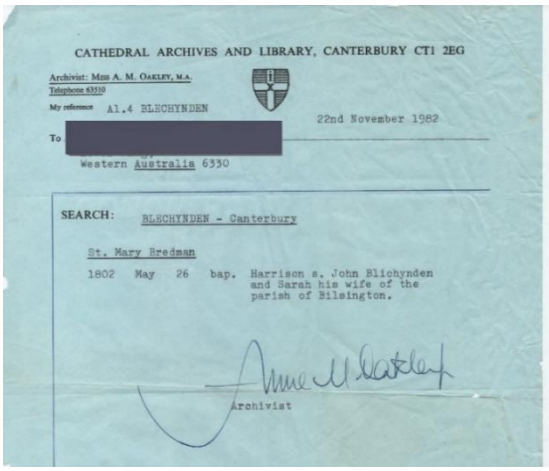


Copy of Baptism: Harrison, son of John Blechynden & Sarah his wife, of the Parish of Bilsington.

John Blechynden Esq. of Bonnington, Kent was a member of a family whose name appears in English records as early as the reign of Edward 1st when Nicholas Blechynden was in possession of the Manor of Quarrington. See previous sections.

ST MARY BREDMAN, CANTERBURY, ENGLAND
Application to search, Cathedral archives and library, Canterbury, Blechynden Canterbury – St Mary Bredman

Application form to search the St Mary Bredman Archives



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Archivist: Miss A. M. Oakley, M.A.
Telephone 65310

My reference A1.4 BLECHYNDEN

22nd November 1982

To [redacted]
Western Australia 6330

SEARCH: BLECHYNDEN - Canterbury

St. Mary Bredman

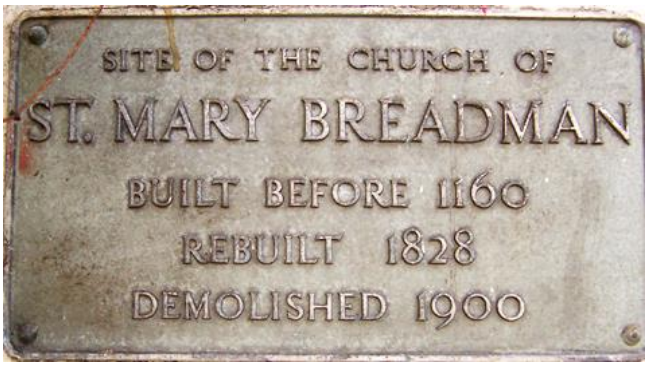
1802 May 26 bap. Harrison s. John Blichynden and Sarah his wife of the parish of Bilsington.

Archivist

In a small pocket enclosure off the High St in Canterbury Kent lies a memorial to the Yeomanry of East Kent. Opposite the memorial near Nason's Dept Store (since closed, 2020), is the remaining wall of St Mary Breadman (also spelt Bredman), Church.

http://www.machadoink.com/St%20Mary%20Bredman.htm

"St Mary Breadman (Bredman) church was situated on the south side of High Street, Canterbury Kent. As per the plaque it was demolished in 1900. A part of the stone wall which it appears was the north west wall has been preserved.



Remaining wall of St Mary Breadman (also spelt Bredman), Church and Plaque, site of the of St. Mary Bredman, built before 1100, rebuilt 1828, demolished 1900

It seems the church had a plain front with three pointed windows and was built on the site of an ancient Norman building which was built before 1160. Harrison Blechynden was baptised in the old Norman Church on 26 May 1802. The new church wasn't built until 1828.

Remaining wall of St Mary Breadman. Near Nason's Dept Store, closed, 2020

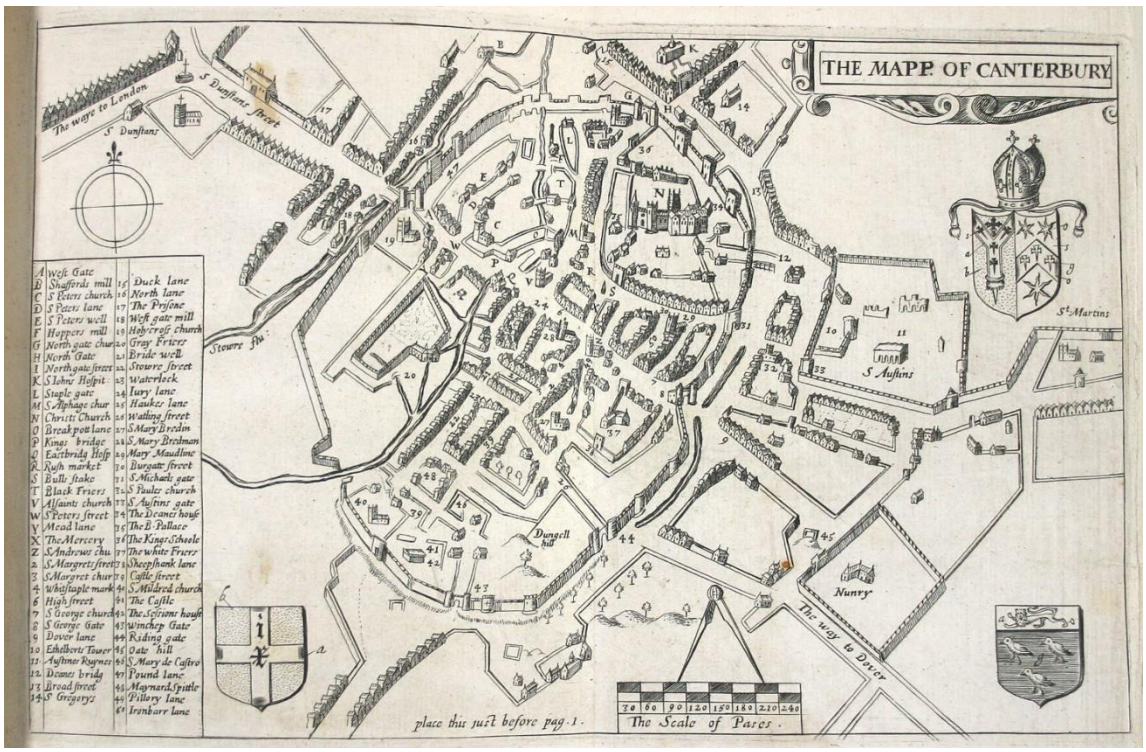
Canterbury St Mary Bredman, Kent Genealogy
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Canterbury_St_Mary_Bredman,_Kent_Genealogy

Harrison's parents, John and Sarah Blechynden (nee Harrison) would have driven by horse and carriage the 25 kms from where they had a farming and grazing business in Bonnington to Canterbury to have him baptised when he was about a month old.

The church was called St Mary Breadman (Bredman) to distinguish it from other St Mary churches in and around Canterbury, Breadman being named after a nearby bread market.

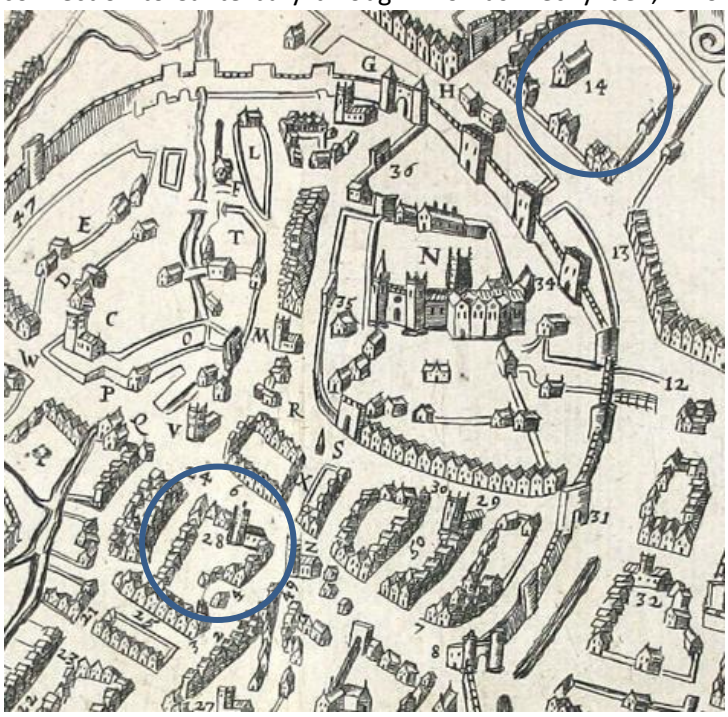
It is presumed Harrison was baptised in Canterbury instead of Aldington because Sarah Harrison, as previously was mentioned, was baptised in Canterbury, her parents were married in Canterbury, and Sarah was buried in Canterbury at St Gregory's Churchyard.

CANTERBURY MAPS: https://www.canterbury.ac.uk/arts-and-humanities/school-of-humanities/history/research/1641-poll-tax/canterbury-maps.aspx



"The Map of Canterbury"

The Blechynden family also had a strong connection to Canterbury through Thomas Blechynden, who was prebendary of Canterbury to 1663 and also to the Yeomanry through one of their ancestors who supplied footmen for the crown. The Yeomanry were a group of men who held and cultivated small landed estates. In Britain a volunteer cavalry force was raised from the Yeomanry from 1794 until the Great War, WW1. A previous John Blechynden was Captain of one hundred footmen among the forces raised in Kent to repel the Spanish invasion of 1588. Blechynden and the 100 footmen were said to have kept watch for the Spanish Armada from Ruffins Hill in Aldington.



Map via Canterbury.ac.uk

St Mary Bredman Church is at number 28. This is where Harrison Blechynden was baptized. It is in the middle of the map. See also the enlargement right with the number circled.

Harrison's mother Sarah Blechynden, nee Harrison, was buried at St Gregorys Churchyard at number 14 on the north east of map outside the City wall.

Harrison and his sisters grew up on the farm acreages in Aldington, Bonnington and Bilsington, Kent, left by their grandfather Edward Blechynden to their father John and brother George. The exact location of John and Sarah Blechynden's farming and grazing business in Bonnington where Harrison lived is not known. Working with his father Harrison would have learned many of the skills needed to help him in the future.

BONNINGTON: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bonnington

The small parish of Bonnington in the English county of Kent lies between the town of Ashford to the north (five miles distant) and the coastal town of Hythe to the southeast (six miles distant). To the north, the parish is bordered by the parish of Aldington, to the west, it borders the parish of Bilsington and to the south, the parish stretches into the low-lying coastal region of Romney Marsh.

Map showing Bonnington, Kent, England

Map showing Parishes of Aldington, Bilsington and Bonnington

Harrison's Situation before Emigration

In 1829 Harrison Blechynden decided to emigrate to Australia. Although he was descended from one of the oldest families in Kent - his ancestors had owned various manors in Quarrington, Simnels and Mersham - in recent times, his family was not so affluent. Harrison could possibly see no way of improving his financial position by remaining in England. In addition, it has been handed down that Harrison as a young man, went a bit wild. On one occasion, he is said to have ridden his horse into the local pub. It was also known that he and his father had strong words.

At the time, England was in a state of social discontent. The middle and privileged classes feared that a revolution, similar to the French Revolution, would break out and they would lose everything they owned. People experiencing poverty lived in fear that any failure to pay debts would land them in prison, an unpleasant possibility, to say the least. Many gaols were overcrowded, and there were instances of poorhouses and gaols renting out old hulks to serve as prisons.

People were starving; there were riots in Kent about cheap imported Irish labour. Opportunities were looking bleak. A future in a new Colony would have appealed to Harrison and his cousin George, both relatively young men at the time, Harrison being 28 and George 24 when they emigrated.

Some of Harrison's cousins had a property named Norward Farm in the Romney Marsh, and it could have been in this district that Harrison met William Locke Brockman, who had inherited property in the area.

Via Richard Corboy:
Bessie Blechynden's oral history*: Our branch's oral history from Bessie Blechynden has Harrison as a "remittance man" - a form of assisted migration:*

Remittance Man: *https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Remittance_man*
Within Victorian British culture, a remittance man was usually the black sheep of an upper or middle-class family who was sent away (from the United Kingdom to the Empire) and paid to stay away. These men were generally of dissolute or drunken character and may have been sent overseas after disgraces at home.

Bessie Blechynden's Oral history continued*:*

"He was a wild horseman and used the local market as a steeple chase". His father reportedly said, "the Swan River Colony needs horseman - out you go!" This was apparently a big issue. Later, Harrison's father's will divided the estate between his sisters in Kent, with Harrison only receiving five pounds. At the time, single men had to be sponsored, so the neighbour Mr Brockman supported him as a carpenter.

As a young man from a privileged home, it was passed down that Harrison attended university. Like many young men obtaining higher education, it appears that socially he adopted a 'drunken' don't care attitude. (We have not been able to find a record of his attendance. He may not have graduated due to his altercation over his actions with his father.)

His life was about to change enormously. Harrison's cousins had a property named Norward Farm in the Romney Marsh, and it could have been in this district that Harrison met William Locke Brockman, who had inherited property in the area.

Brockman was still in disgrace following his elopement with Anne Hamersley in 1827, and the couple decided to emigrate to escape the wrath of their families. The Brockmans enthused their friends and employees with a scheme of going to the Swan River Colony. This colony had recently been founded without convict labour, and substantial land grants were available depending on how much capital and labour was brought out from England.

Harrison Blechynden and his first cousin, George Blechynden, seized the opportunity of joining Brockman. Harrison accepted the offer of acting as Brockman's foreman on his new property in the Swan River Colony and George as a carpenter. Brockman paid for their passage. The first-class fare was 80 guineas for adults, and the steerage class was 20 guineas. Brockman was to provide free food and lodging for four years for the Blechyndens and, in return, did not have to pay them wages. After those four years, the Blechyndens would be free to be gentlemen, take up land and make their own way in the colony.

Harrison's future bride Charlotte Robus was a maid for William Brockman's wife, Anne, and that no doubt is where the two would have met.

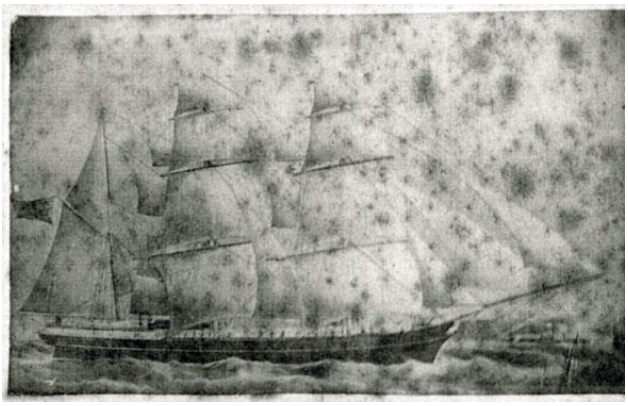
The sailing ship *Minstrel* put to sea from St. Katherine's Dock, in central London, on 17 Sep 1829 with Captain Charles Arckoll at the helm. She was a 359-tonne copper-sheathed wooden sailing barque launched at Hull in 1811. See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minstrel_(1811_ship). She picked up the Brockmans and their large cargo at Portsmouth. Accompanying the Brockmans were seven servants, including Harrison and George Blechynden and Mrs Brockman's maid, Charlotte Augusta Robus. On 3 Mar 1832, Harrison and Charlotte would marry in the new settlement of Perth.

Although Harrison only received 5 pounds from his father's will, it appears they departed on good terms. Many years later, Jill Blechynden, a great-great-granddaughter of Harrison Blechynden, was working as a young journalist in Busselton. One of her special memories is of an interview with a Mr and Mrs Brockman, a retired couple celebrating an important occasion. Mr Brockman was a descendant of William Locke Brockman, who came to the colony in 1830 on the ship *Minstrel*.

When Jill introduced herself, she was greeted warmly as a descendant of Harrison Blechynden, who arrived in the colony under the auspices of W.L. Brockman on the same ship. The Brockmans made particular mention of it being passed down that Harrison's father, John Blechynden, accompanied his son and Harrison's cousin George to the vessel and asked W. L. Brockman to 'Look after the lads.'

Jill commented: "I had heard this story before as it was passed down in the Blechynden family too, but it was very nice to hear it again from this charming couple. The stories also go to show that Harrison and his father parted on good terms."

The *Minstrel* carried 14 children and 33 adult passengers. On the 1 Oct 1829, she set sail for the Swan River Colony.



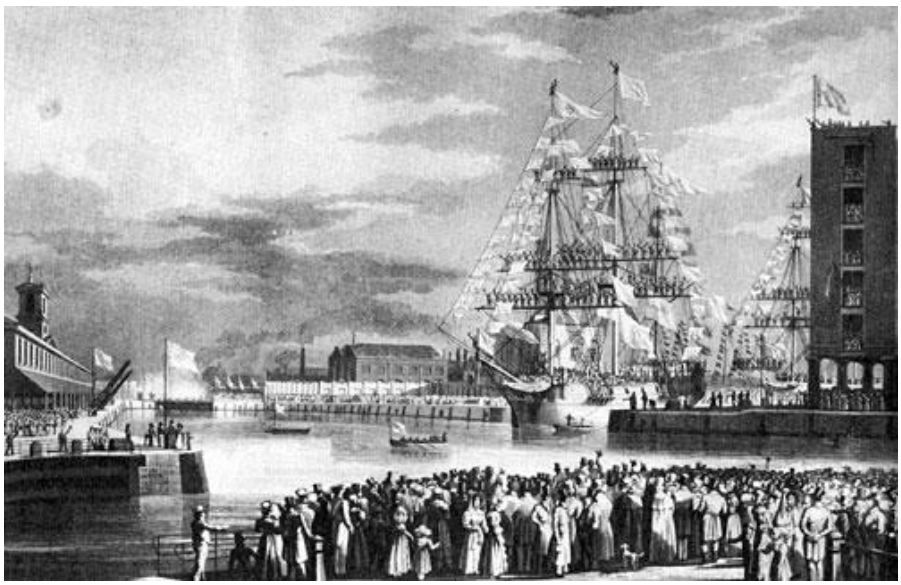
An old postcard, thought to be of the Minstrel - per Ken Blechynden

This ship is the same type of barque as the '- Minstrel.

ST KATHERINE DOCKS, LONDON:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_Katharine_Docks.

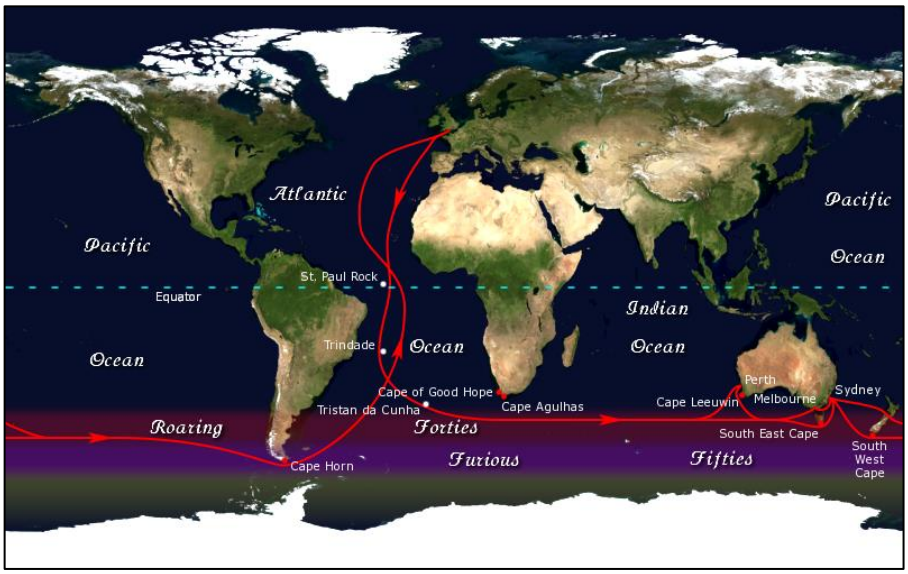
St Katharine Docks took their name from the former hospital of St Katharine's by the Tower, built in the 12th century, which stood on the site. An intensely built-up 23-acre (9.5 hectares) site was

earmarked for redevelopment by an Act of Parliament in 1825, with construction commencing in May 1827. Some 1250 houses were demolished, together with the medieval hospital of St. Katharine. Around 11,300 inhabitants, mostly port workers crammed into unsanitary slums, lost their homes; only the property owners received compensation. The docks were officially opened on 25 Oct 1828. Although well used, they were not a great commercial success and were unable to accommodate large ships.

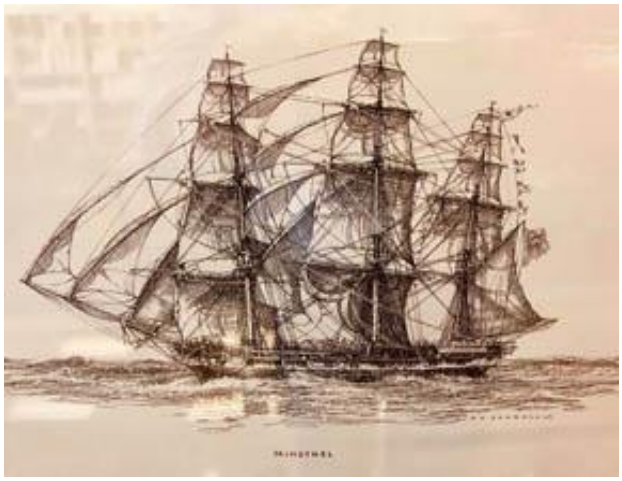


Opening of St Katharine Docks, 25 Oct 1828, just the year prior to the Minstrel sailing.

Clipper route between England and the Antipodes



The clipper route sailed by ships between England and Australia / New Zealand. This image was constructed from a public domain Visible Earth product of the Earth Observatory office of the United States government space agency NASA. It is based on a cylindrical equidistant projection.



Minstrel, Aquaculture Research Centre, Fremantle, WA, Artist: Ross Shardlow Marine Artiste, (thanks, Andrew Matthews)

A fellow passenger, Mr Abraham Morgan described the journey as pleasant in a letter to his brother. (Battye ref 1460). However, Perth was little more than a tent town. Conditions and medical supplies so primitive that Mr Morgan died in July 1830 in a typhoid epidemic that swept through the colony following heavy winter rains. Provisions were so low that a ship was sent urgently to the Cape of Good Hope for supplies.

LIST OF PASSENGERS – Minstrel
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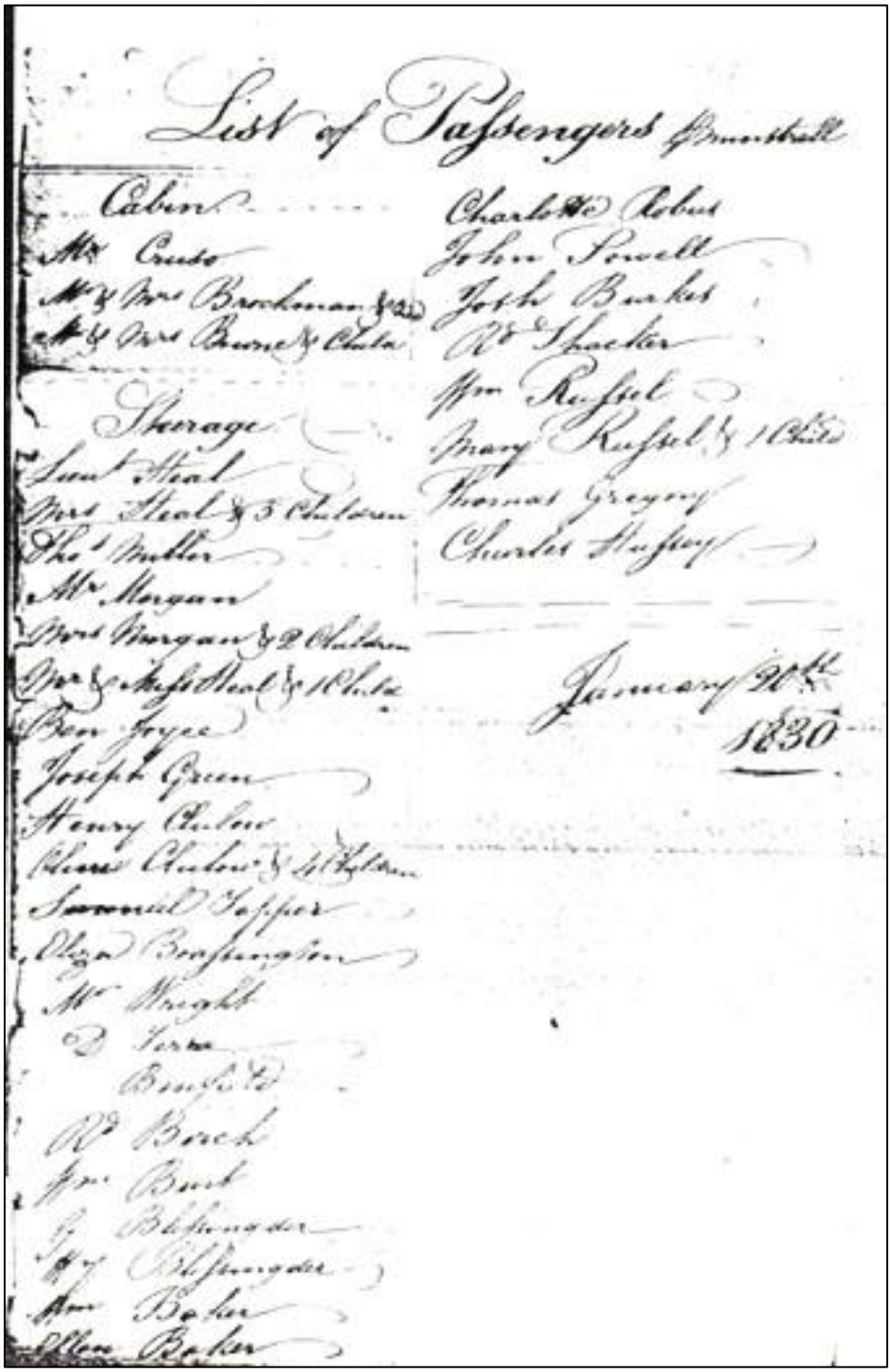

List of Passengers Minstrel

Cabin
Mr Cruse
Mr & Mrs Brockman & child
Mr & Mrs Burne & Child

Steerage
Saml Steal
Mrs Steal & 3 Children
Thos Miller
Mr Morgan
Mrs Morgan & 2 Children
Mr & Mrs Steal & 1 Child
Ben Joyce
Joseph Green
Henry Chalon
Mrs Chalon & 4 Children
Samuel Tapper
Olga Brasington
Mr Wright
Charlotte Robus
John Sowell
Joth Banks
Mr Spacker
Wm Russel
Mary Russel & 1 Child
Thomas Gregory
Charles Hafey

January 20th 1830

Jan 20th, 1830

Passenger List for the Minstrel on arrival at Swan Colony, Western Australia.

Cabin: Mr and Mrs Brockman and child

Steerage: George Blechynden, Harrison Blechynden, Charlotte Robus

That Special Bond: An Exchange of Letters

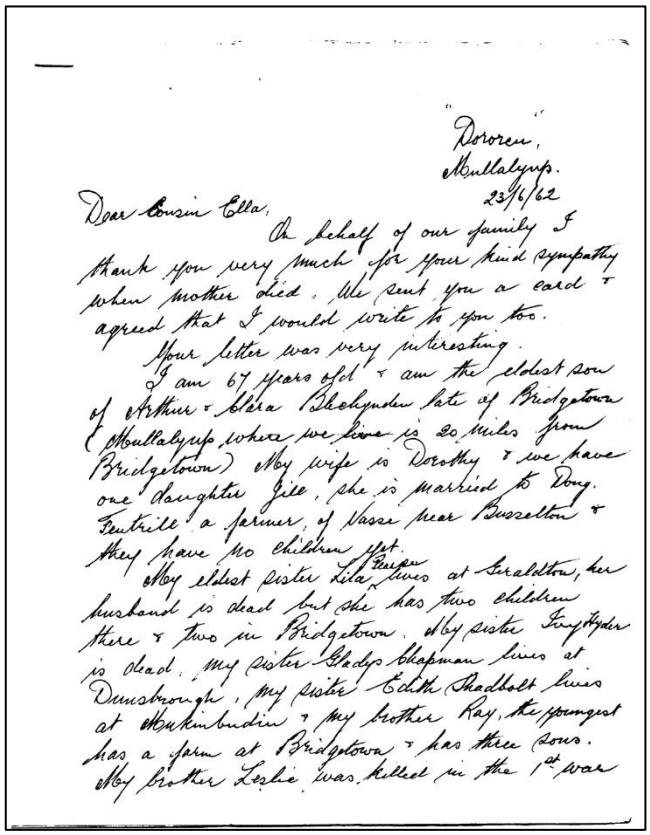
Following is an exchange of letters between Reuben John Blechynden of Bridgetown and Amy 'Ella' Blechynden (nee Craig) of Beverley**.** The letters illustrate the special bond and need to maintain contact between members of the Blechynden family from the past, present and future. Our aim in this mammoth project is to combine our research from each family tree line in a presentation, honouring their lives to share with our descendants.

Harrison Blechynden and Charlotte Robus would have been delighted to see the ongoing interest in their family tree and the coming together of their extended family. The first five-page letter was written by Reuben John Blechynden, dated 23 Jun 1962, to Amy 'Ella' Blechynden (nee Craig), the wife of Horace Blechynden. Horace was the seventh child of Charles Edwin and Caroline Mary Davies. It was treasured and stored amongst their family archives. On 14 Jul 2019, a copy of the letter was given via Lindsay Adams (from the line of Harrison and Charlotte's seventh child - Charles Edwin) to Jill Feutrill (from the line of Harrison and Charlotte's first child – John).

In the letter, Reub narrates, "my second cousin, Henry Green, who was a Barrister in London (born in Perth) traced our family back to the year 868 (ed 863) in the reign of King Ethelbert." It is interesting that in 1962 Reuben did not know the name of Harrison Blechynden's wife. But it seems Ella did not know either, as, in her reply letter to Reuben, she says: "No, I am sorry I can't tell you who your Great-Grandfather Harrison married."

A five-page letter by Ella Blechynden (nee Craig), written in reply to Reuben's letter, was found amongst Jill's archives. This letter contains a wealth of information about the Blechynden family in Beverley. Following are copies of both letters (with other explanation notes) that have been transcribed for easier reading. We have added some punctuation in a few places and made the paragraphs more obvious to make them easier to read.

REUBEN BLECHYNDEN'S LETTER TO AMY ELLA BLECHYNDEN (NEE CRAIG) - 23 JUN 1962



"Dororen",
Mullalyup.
23/6/62

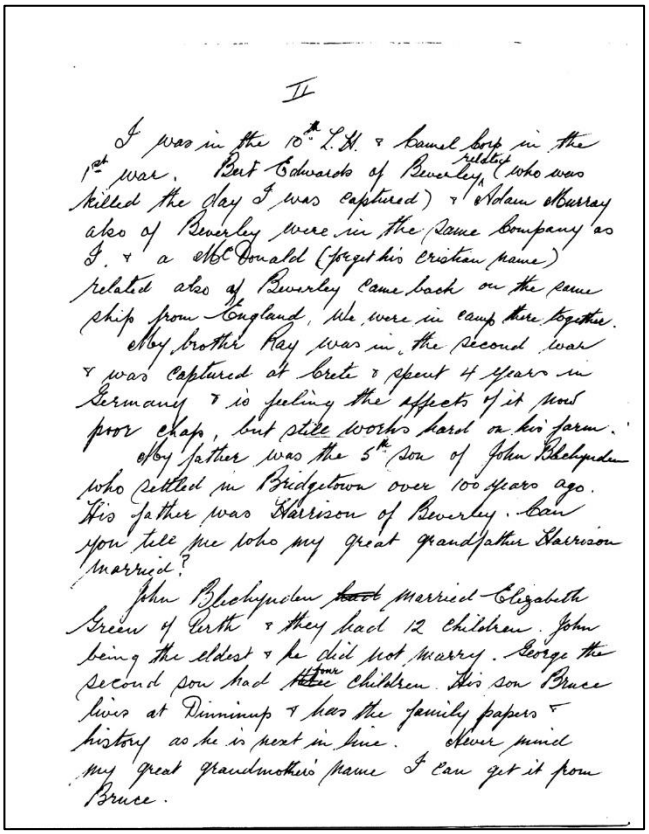
Dear Cousin Ella,

On behalf of our family I thank you very much for your kind sympathy when mother died. We sent you a card & agreed that I would write to you too.

Your letter was very interesting.

I am 67 years old & am the eldest son of Arthur & Clara Blechynden late of Bridgetown (Mullalyup, where we live is 20 miles from Bridgetown) My wife is Dorothy & we have one daughter Jill, she is married to Doug. Feutrill a farmer, of Vasse near Busselton & they have no children yet.

My eldest sister Lila Reuben lives at Geraldton, her husband is dead but she has two children there & two in Bridgetown. My sister Eng Hyder is dead, my sister Gladys Chapman lives at Dunsborough, my sister Edith Shadbolt lives at Mukinbudin & my brother Ray, the youngest has a farm at Bridgetown & has three sons. My brother Leslie was killed in the 1st war



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I was in the 10th L.H. & Lamel boy in the 1st war. Bert Edwards of Beverley, relatives (who was killed the day I was captured) & Adam McMurray also of Beverley were in the same company as I. & a McDonald (forget his christen name) related also of Beverley came back on the same ship from England. We were in camp there together.

My brother Ray was in the second war & was captured at Crete & spent 4 years in Germany & is feeling the effects of it now poor chap, but still works hard on his farm.

My father was the 5th son of John Blechynden who settled in Bridgetown over 100 years ago. His father was Harrison of Beverley. Can you tell me who my great grandfather Harrison married?

John Blechynden ~~had~~ married Elizabeth Green of Perth & they had 12 children. John being the eldest & he did not marry. George the second son had ~~three~~ four children. His son Bruce lives at Dinninup & has the family papers & history as he is next in line. Never mind my great grandmothers name I can get it from Bruce.

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I am 67 years old & am the eldest son of Arthur & Clara Blechynden late of Bridgetown (Mullalyup where we live is 20 miles from Bridgetown). My wife is Dorothy & we have one daughter Jill, she is married to Doug Feutrill, a farmer of Vasse near Busselton & they have no children yet.

My eldest sister Lila Pearce lives at Geraldton, her husband is dead, but she has two children there and two in Bridgetown. My sister Ivy Hyder is dead. My sister Gladys Chapman lives at Dunsborough. My sister Edith Shadbolt lives at Mukinbudin & my brother Ray, the youngest has a farm at Bridgetown & has three sons. My brother Leslie was killed in the 1st War.

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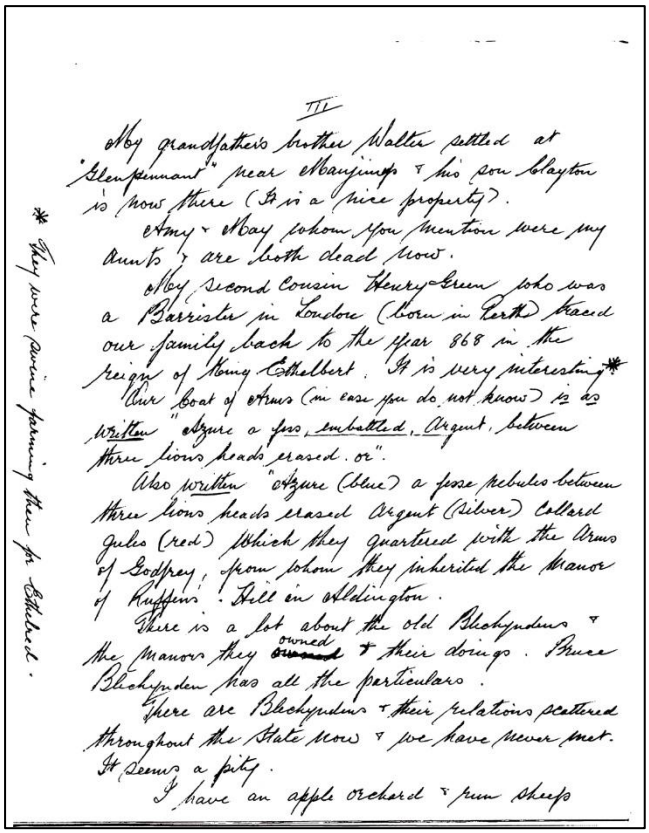
My brother Ray was in the second war & was captured at Crete & spent 4 years in Germany & is feeling the effects of it now, poor chap, but still works hard on his farm.



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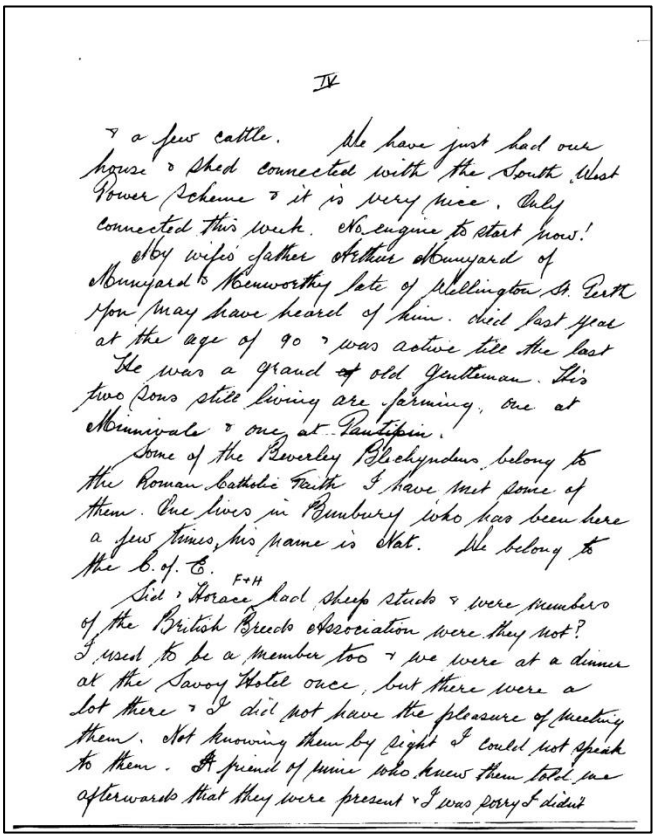

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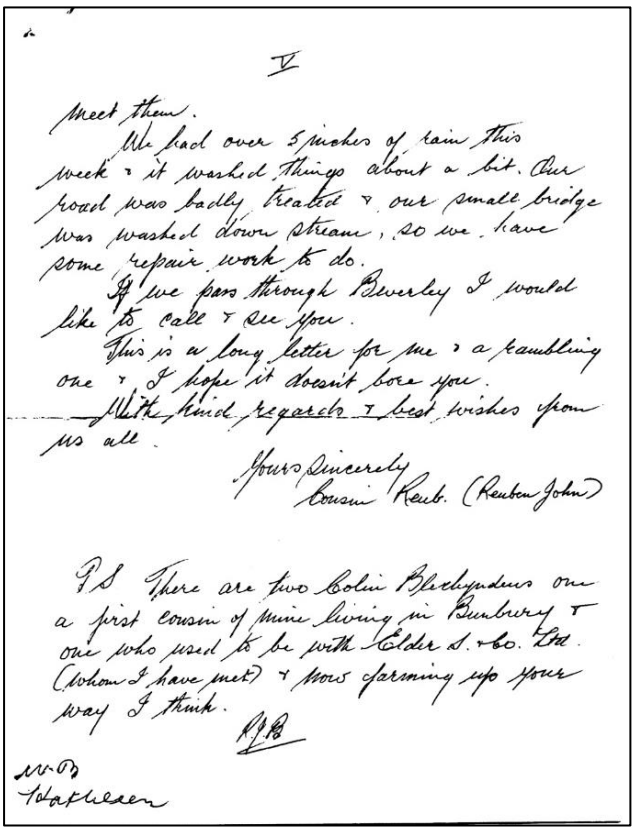

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Transcriber's notes:

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(2) Gules - red, as a *heraldic* tincture. Origin Middle English: from Old French goles (plural of gole, "throat", from latin gula), used to denote pieces of red-dyed fur used as a neck ornament.

(3) Frank Harrison *Blechynden* (first child of Charles Edwin B) was the one in partnership with his brother Horace.

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Studio portrait of two Australian ex-Prisoners of War (POW), 2812 Trooper (Tpr) Reuben John Blechynden, Imperial Camel Corps, from Bridgetown, WA, on left, and 1351 Signaller (Sig) Duncan Leslie Richardson, 1st Light Horse Regiment, from Broken Hill, NSW, on right.

Tpr Blechynden enlisted on 1 Mar 1916 at the age of 16 and em
barked for overseas with the 10th Light Horse Regiment on 17 July 1916 aboard RMS Mongolia.

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On 7 Aug 1918, he wrote "Shall be very pleased when money and parcels sent come to hand. P.A. O'Hare of the 3rd Company I.C.C. [Imperial Camel Corps] an Australian captured on 19/4/17 is here with me, he has not received any letters whatever since being here, although we other Australians who were captured the same time have been receiving letters from home at intervals for 8 or 9 months."

Tpr Blechynden was repatriated to Cairo on 28 November 1918, to England on 17 December and arrived back in Australia on 17 Mar 1919.

One of a series of over 400 photographs sent by Australian POWs in German camps to Miss M. E. Chomley, Secretary, Prisoners Department, Australian-British Red Cross Society, London. Original album housed in AWM Research Centre at RC00864, Album image number 366.

ELLA BLECHYNDEN (NEE CRAIG'S) LETTER TO REUBEN BLECHYNDEN, 22 JULY 1962:

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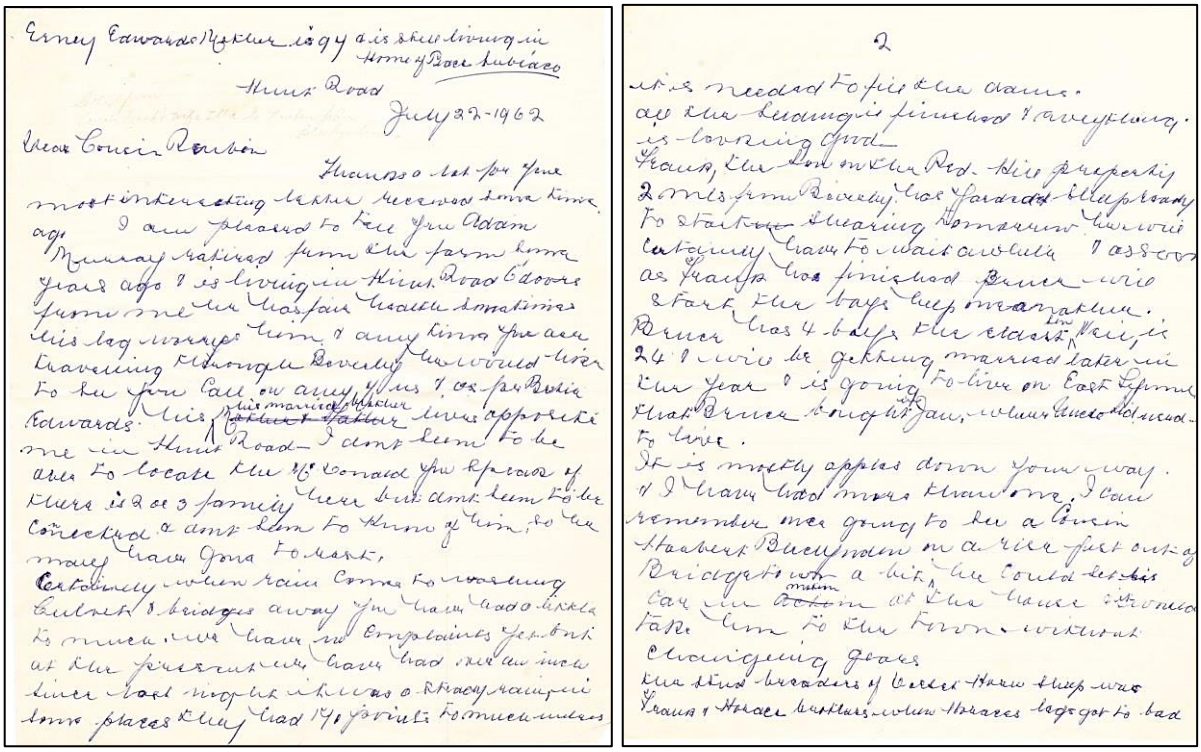


Erney Edwards's mother is 97 & is still living in Home of Peace Subiaco

Hunt Road, July 22-1962

Dear Cousin Reuben

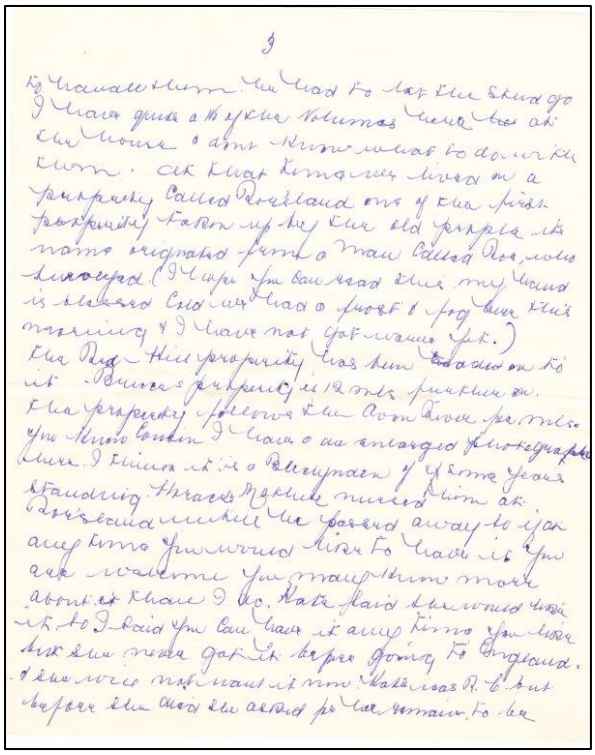
Thanks a lot for your most interesting letter received some time ago. I am pleased to tell you Adam Murray retired from the farm some years ago & is living in Hunt Road 6 doors from me he has fair health. Sometimes his leg worries him & any time you are travelling through Beverley he would like to see you call on any of us 7, as for Bertie Edwards his married brother lives opposite me in Hunt Road – I don't seem to be able to locate the McDonald you speak of there is 2 or 3 family here but don't seem to be connected & don't seem to know him, so he may have gone to rest.

Certainly, when rain comes to washing culverts & bridges away, you have had a little too much, we have no complaints yet but at the present we have had over an inch. Since last night it was a steady rain, in some places they had 170 points too much unless it is needed to fill the dams. All the seeding is finished & everything is looking good.

Frank, the son on the Red Hill property 2 miles from Beverley has yarded sheep ready to start shearing tomorrow. (1) However, he will certainly have to wait awhile. As soon as Frank has finished, Bruce will start. The boys help one another. Bruce has 4 boys. The eldest son Neil is 24 & will be getting married later in the year & is going to live on East Lynne that Bruce bought in Jan, where Uncle Sid used to live.

It is mostly apples down your way, and I have had more than one. I can remember once going to see Cousin Herbert Blechynden on a rise just out of Bridgetown a bit, he could set his car in motion at the house & it could take him to the town without changing gears.

The stud breeders of Dorset Horn sheep were Frank & Horace, brothers. When Horace's legs got too bad to handle them, he had to let the stud go.



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I have quite a lot of the volumes here but at
the house I don't know what to do with
them. At that time we lived on a
property called Roeland one of the first
properties taken up by the old people. Its
name originated from a man called Roe, who
surveyed. (I hope you can read this my hand
is blessed cold we had a frost & fog this
morning & I have not got warm yet.)
The Red Hill property has been added on to
it. Bruce's property is 12 miles further on.
The property follows the Avon River for miles.
You know Cousin I have an enlarged photograph
here. I think it is a Blechynden of some years
standing. Horace's Mother nursed him at
Roeland until he passed away to-day
any time you would like to have it you
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about it than I do. Kate said she would like
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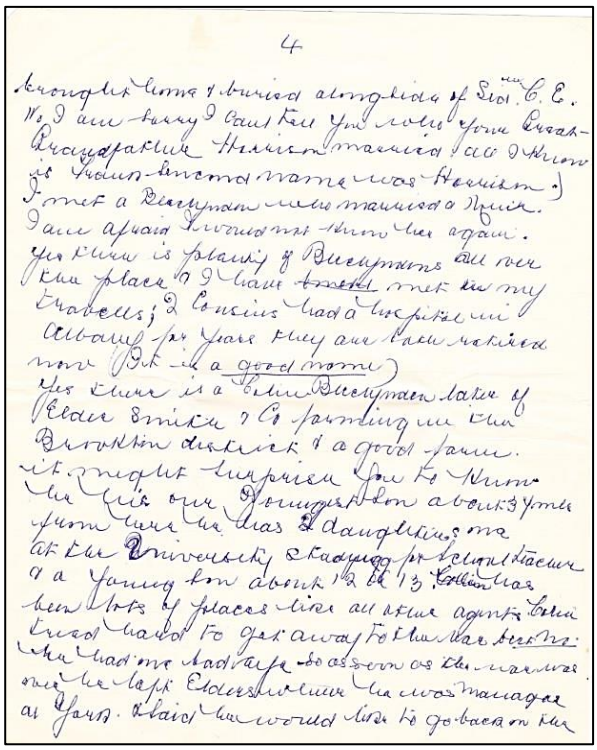

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he is our Youngest Son about 3 miles
from here he has 2 daughters one
at the University studying for Science degree
& a young son about 12 or 13. Life has
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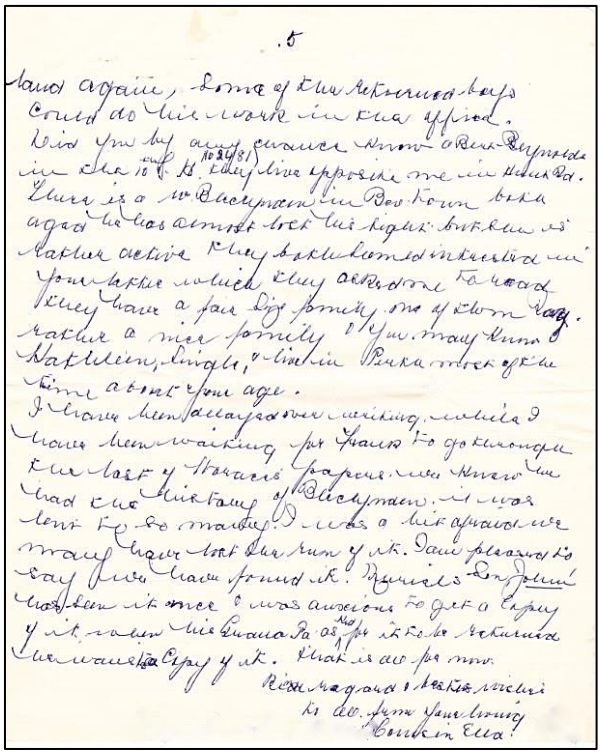

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Notes:

(1) The shearing shed used by both Frank and Bruce would most certainly have been the one built in 1917 at *Killibin*. See Charles Edwin branch for a photo of the shed.

(2) South of Beverley (towards Brookton), this property is called *Burnside* and is farmed by Cyril Blechynden - the youngest of Bruce's four sons.

(3) Muriel was the daughter of Horace Edwin and Ella Blechynden. Her brothers were Bruce, Frank and Colin.

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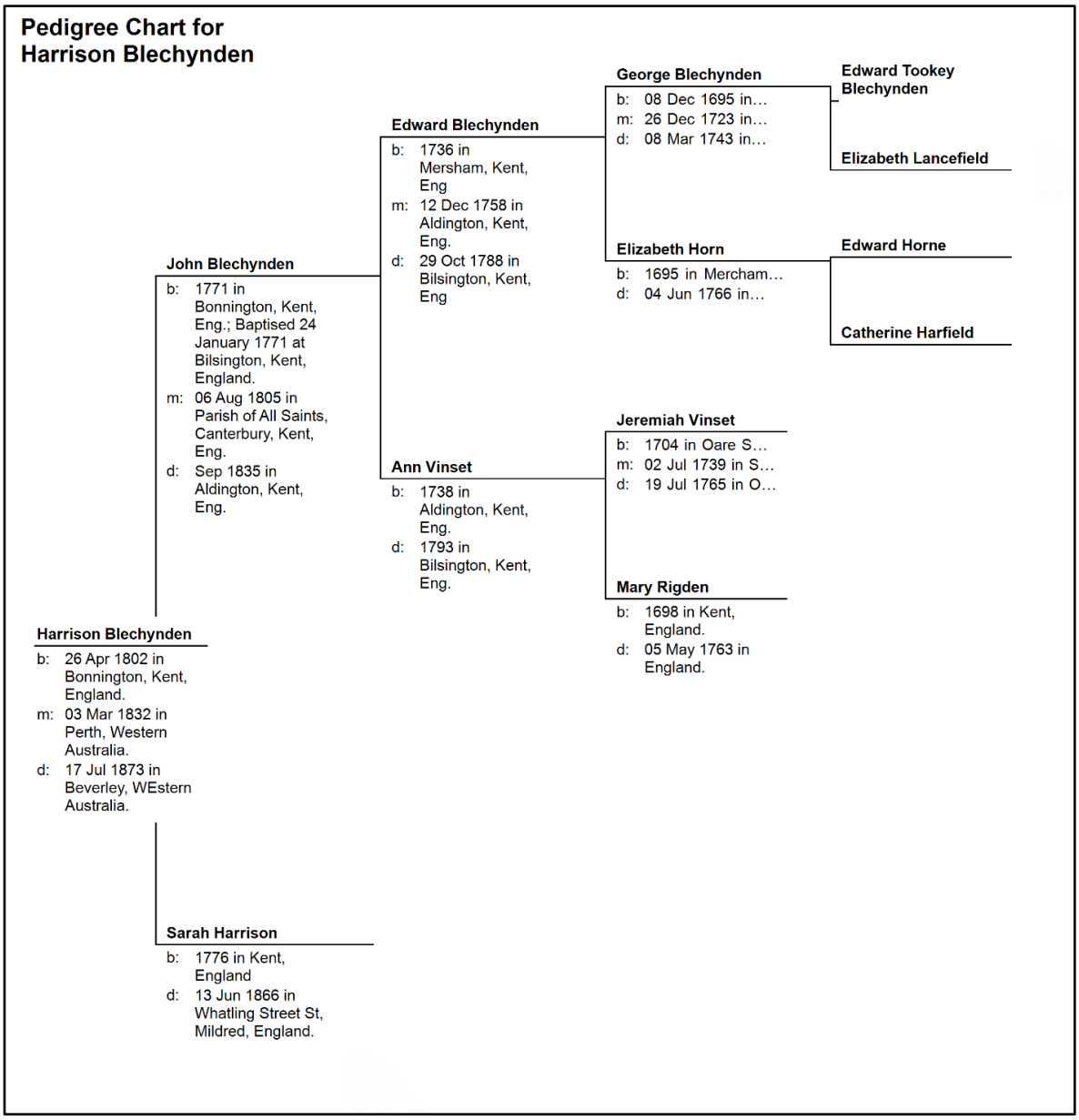
The two photos below represent just a few members of the Blechynden family. Throughout this story there are hundreds more from family albums.

Beverley district Blechyndens: Amy 'Ella' Blechynden and family on her 69th birthday, c 1948. Bruce Edwin, Ella 'Muriel', Horace & Amy 'Ella', Frank Robus and Colin Horace

Bridgetown district Blechyndens, Bridgetown Agricultural Society 45th Annual Show, 29 Nov 1929. Six of the nine sons of John Blechynden and Elizabeth Green: John William, James. Arthur, Ernest, Herbert and Clarence

Harrison Blechynden (1802-1873): Ancestral Family Tree

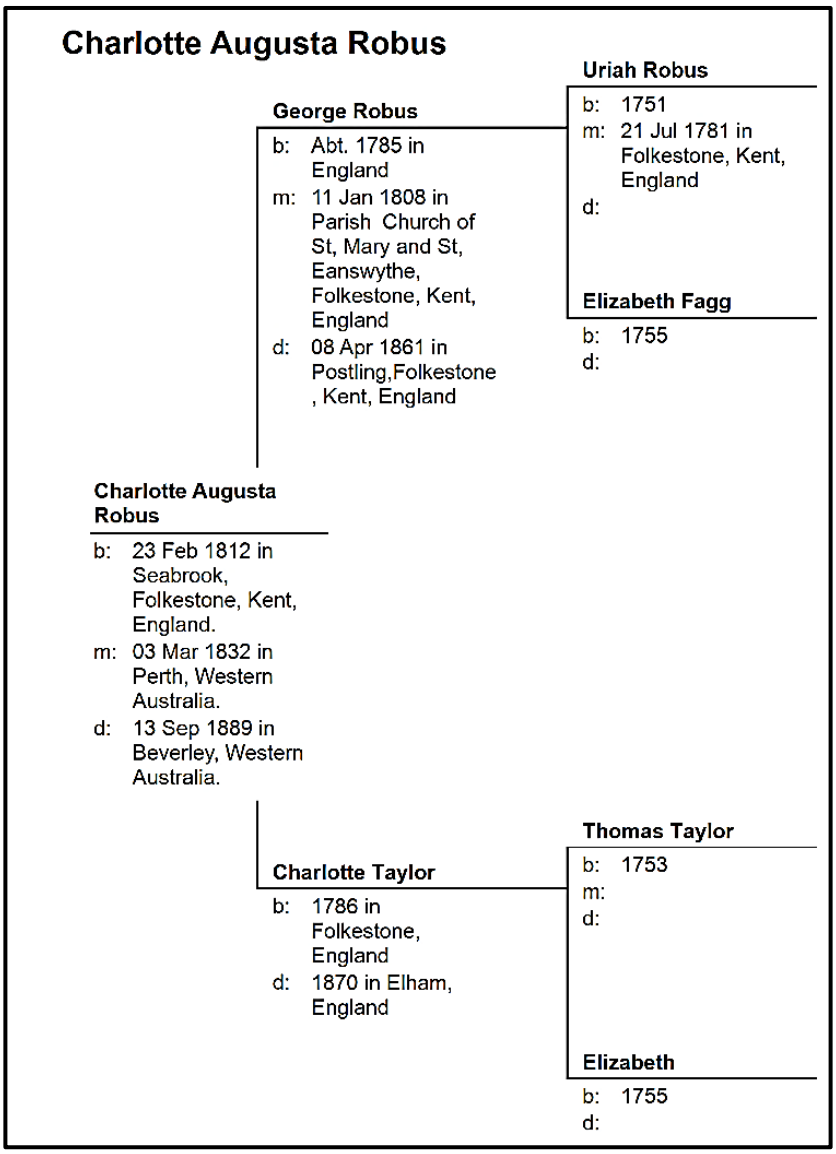


Charlotte Augusta Robus

Charlotte Augusta Robus came from a large family. She was one of ten siblings. They were all born in a small coastal village called Seabrook, which is situated between Folkestone and Hythe on the Kent coast. She was born 23 Feb 1812, in Seabrook, near Folkestone, Kent, England.

The next four pages includes information from Charlotte Robus' Family Tree.

Charlotte Augusta Robus (1812-1889): Ancestral Family Tree

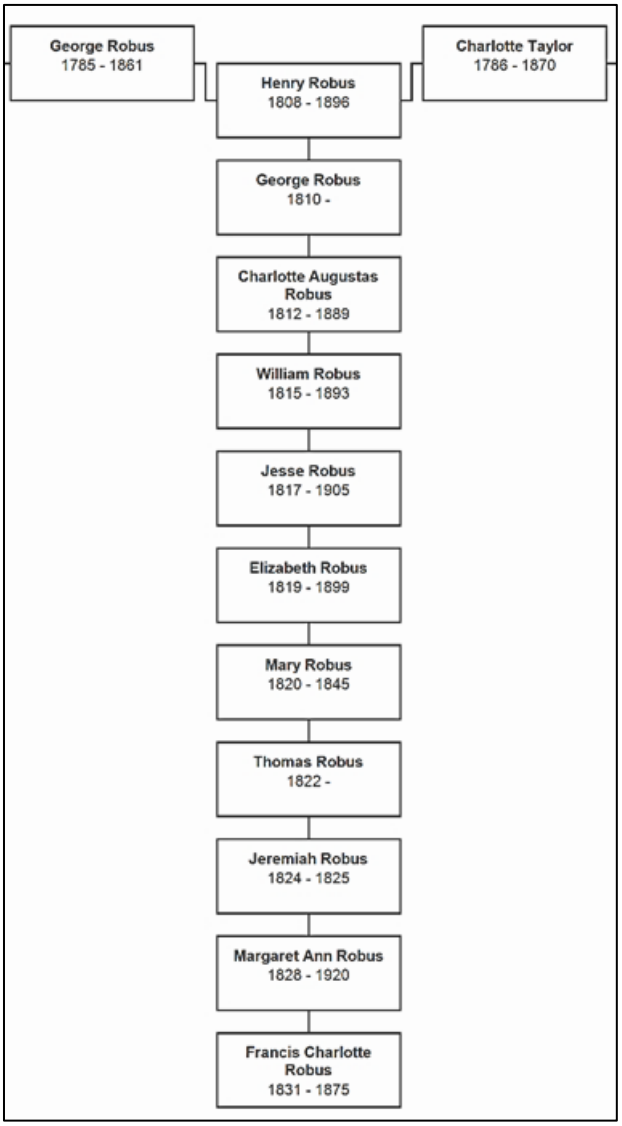


Charlotte's parents **GEORGE ROBUS (~1785-1861)** and **CHARLOTTE TAYLOR (1786-1870)** were married on the 11 Jan 1808, at the Parish Church of St. Mary and St, Eanswythe, Folkestone, Kent, England. Both signed with their marks.

Via the Middleditch and Hyland family tree, Charlotte's father George was born abt.1785 in Postling, Folkestone, Kent, England. He died 8 Apr 1861 in Postling, Folkestone, Kent, England. His parents: **URIAH ROBUS (1751-)** married **ELIZABETH FAGG (1755-)** 21 Jul 1781, Folkestone, Kent, England. Via Census: Residence 1841, Seabrook, Cheriton, Kent, England. 1851, 1861, Leabrook, Cheriton, Kent, England.

Charlotte's mother, Charlotte Taylor, was born 1786 in Folkestone, Kent, England, parents **THOMAS TAYLOR (1753-)** and **ELIZABETH (1755-)**, **possible surname CORK**. Charlotte Robus (nee Taylor) died Jan 1870 in Elham, Kent, England.

George and Charlotte had 11 children as follows. Thank you to Trevor Biedor from Kent for sharing his research.



1. ROBUS, HENRY (1808-1896) was born 1808, Seabrook, Kent, England. Baptised 23 Nov 1808 in St. Mary and St, Eanswythe, Folkestone, Kent, England. He married **FRANCES (UNKNOWN) (1803-1879)** about 1837. Frances was born about 1803, Bury Street, Edmunds, Suffolk, England. She died Dec 15, 1879, Rye Harbour, Icklesham, Sussex, England. Henry died 7 Nov 1896, Union Workhouse, Rye, Sussex, England. Henry and Frances had two children as follows:

> **1. FRANCES ROBUS (1836-)** was born about 1836, Paddington, Middlesex, England.
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> **2. HENRY GEORGE ROBUS (1837-1896)** (from the *** The Romney Marsh Matrix Family Tree via Ancestry) was born 9 Jun 1837, Paddington, Middlesex, England. He married **EMILY CATT (1838-1929)** 31 Mar 1862, Lydd, Kent, England. Courtesy MKMI Woodchurch Ancestry Group. His wife was still alive in 1905. Henry died 7 Nov 1896 in the Union Workhouse, Rye, Sussex, England. **Henry and Emily had two children** together as follows:
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> > **1. HENRY WILLIAM ROBUS (1863-1907)** was born 1863, Woking, Surrey, England. He married CLARA CATHERINE HOCKING (1870-) 1900, Strood, Kent, England. Robus researcher Trevor Biedor commented: "With Reference to *** Henry George Robus, who wrote in a letter in 1905, see full letter further on, that his son Henry William Robus who was the master of a workhouse in Kent had a very tragic death * in Sep 1907, falling overboard from a cross channel steamer and drowning just outside of Boulogne harbour." Henry William Robus died 11 Sep 1907, Elham, Kent, England.
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> > **2. AMY FRANCES ROBUS (1865-1944)** was born 1865, Woking, Knaphill, Surrey, England. She married EDWIN HITCHES 1916, Medway, Kent, England. Amy died 1944, Chatham, Kent, England.

Note: The Children of Henry George Robus are mentioned in a letter to Blechyndens in from him in 1905, see letter further on: His son, Henry William Robus and wife were Master and Matron Robus, Strood Union Workhouse. His daughter, Amy Francis Robus who was not married at that stage, was headmistress of a school for girls.

2. ROBUS, GEORGE (1810-) was born 1810, Seabrook, Folkestone, Kent, England. Baptised 2 May 1810, St Mary and St Eanswythe, Folkestone, Kent, England.

3. ROBUS, CHARLOTTE AUGUSTA (1812-1889) was born 23 Feb 1812 in Seabrook, Folkestone, Kent, England. She married **HARRISON BLECHYNDEN (1802-1873)** in Perth, WA, 3 Mar, 1832. Charlotte died 13 Sep, 1889, Beverley, WA. See further on re Charlotte and Harrison Blechynden's family.

4. ROBUS, WILLIAM (1815-1893) was born 1815 in Seabrook, Kent, England. Baptised 3 Oct, 1815 St Martins Church, Cheriton, Kent, England. He married, ANN MARLOW 18 Jul 1840, Dover St Mary the Virgin, Kent, England. William died 29 Apr 1893 in St Peters, Folkestone, Kent, England. William and Ann had eight children.

5. ROBUS, JESSE (1817-1905) was born Jun 1817 in Seabrook, Kent, England. Baptised 23 Jun 1817, St, Martins Church, Cheriton Kent, England. He married, ANN LAWLER (1818-1894) 20 Feb 1841, St Leonard's, Parish Church, Hythe, Kent, England. Jesse died 3 Mar 1905 at 6, Estate Cottages, Folkestone, Kent, England. Ann Lawler was born 1818, Hythe, Kent, England. She died 4 Sep 1894 at 10, St. Eanswythe Terrace, Folkestone, Kent, England. Jesse and Ann had five children together.

6. ROBUS, ELIZABETH (1819-1899) was born Jan 1819, Seabrook, Kent, England. She married FREDERICK ASHTON (-1863), Dover, Kent, England and they had eight children together. Elizabeth Ashton (nee Robus died Mar 1899, Ore, Hastings, Sussex, England. Frederick died in 1863, Hastings, Sussex, England. Elizabeth married a second time to WILLIAM HOMEWOOD in 1873, Ore, Hastings, England.

7. ROBUS, MARY (1820-1845) was born 1820 in Seabrook, Kent, England. Baptised 26 May 1822, St Matins, Cheriton, Folkestone, Kent, England. Mary died 18 May 1845, Sandgate, Folkestone, Kent, England.

8. ROBUS, THOMAS (1822-) was born 1822, Seabrook, Kent, England. Baptised 26 May 1822, St. Martin's, Cheriton, Folkestone, Kent, England.

9. ROBUS, JERIMIAH (1824-1825) was born Oct 1824 in Seabrook, Kent, England. Baptised 28 Aug 1825, Kent, England. He died Dec 1825 near Folkestone, Kent, England.

10. ROBUS, MARGARET ANN (1828-1920) was born Oct, 1828 in Seabrook, Kent, England. She married HAWKINS WATCHERS 21 Nov, 1846 St Martins Cheriton, England. They had two children. Note: This is the aunt who is housekeeper to her brother-in-law (Homewood) in the letter from H. G. ROBUS written in 1905. See letter following.

11. ROBUS, FRANCES CHARLOTTE (1831-1875) was born Oct 1831 in Seabrook, Kent, England. She never married. Her occupation was a Dressmaker. She was called 'Fanny'' by her family – In the Census for 1861, she is living with her parents and is listed as Fanny Robus. Frances Charlotte Robus died 8 Mar 1875 in Seabrook, Kent, England.

Via Robus researcher Trevor Biedor:

"St Martins Church is also the Parish Church of Cheriton, so not only did George and Charlotte Robus have most of their children christened there, but they and the children who died in Seabrook are buried there, also some of the Blechynden's were married there."

St Martin's Church, Cheriton' Kent, England. Many members of the Robus family were born, married & buried here. Courtesy Trevor Biedor

Map showing Folkestone and Seabrook, Kent, England. Cheriton is only about 1 kilometre North of Seabrook and both Cheriton and Seabrook are only about 3.5 kilometres from the Folkstone harbour.

A LETTER FROM HENRY GEORGE ROBUS ENGLAND, 1905, SON OF HENRY ROBUS (1808-1896)

Mr. Blechynden Sn.
Babbala farm,
York District,
Swan River,

Lansdown Villa
"Maxton",
Dover,
England
23 Nov, 1905

My Dear Cousin,

I am addressing this to you as the head of the Blechynden family in Australia as it is more than probable that your father has ceased to exist. It seems strange to be writing to a kinsman I have never met and in all probability may not do. I knew of course that I had relatives in Australia but until a few weeks ago I neither knew their name or address. I was then on a visit to your mothers only surviving sister who is housekeeper to her br-in-law at "Ore" Hastings when they gave me a mourning card in memory of your mother to look at which had been given to her by my only sister (Mrs. Y Coff) who I had not the faintest idea until then that she knew any more than I did of your name and address.

However, on reading the name of the card it seemed not unknown to me, and it afterwards occurred to me it was the same name as that of a very ancient Kentish family which was exciting much interest in the Kentish Express in January and February of last year, and which I was sufficiently interested in at the time to cut two of the letters which were written on the subject out of the Express, and fortunately had them in safe keeping. On my return home from Hastings when I had once referred to them and found the name to be the same, I at once wrote to my aunt at Hastings asking for your father's Christian name, the year he went to Swan River, and the name of the gentleman he went out with. The reply I received satisfied me that your father was the Harrison Blechynden alluded to in the correspondence.

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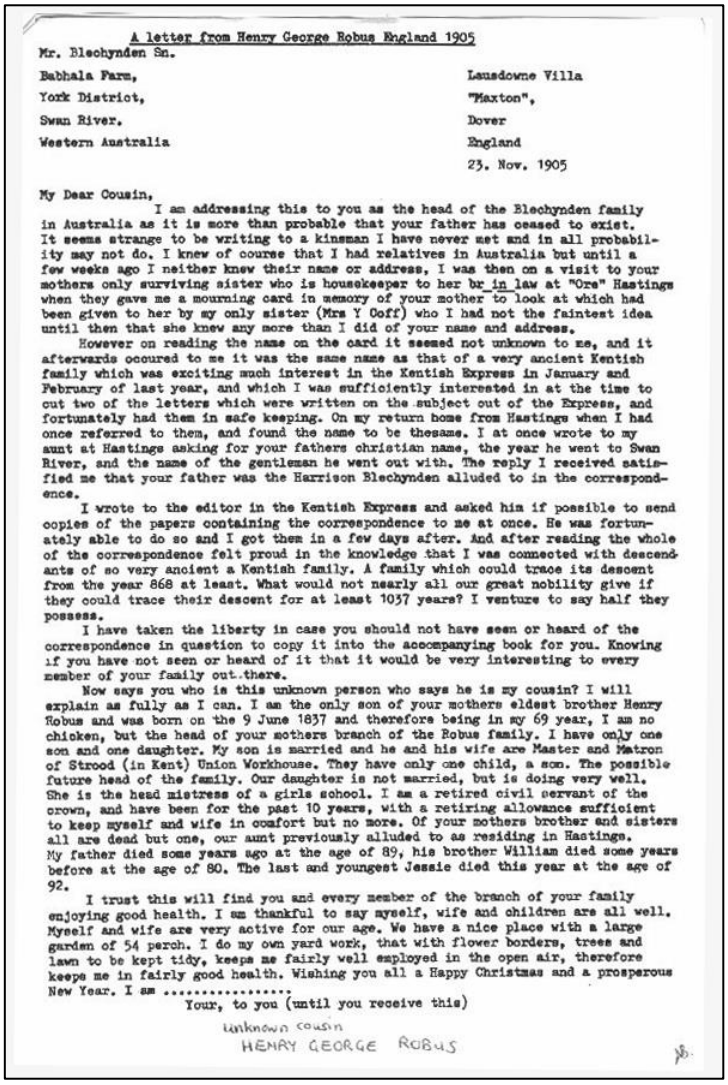
Now says you who is this unknown person, who says he is my cousin? I will explain as fully as I can. I am the only son of your mother's eldest brother Henry Robus and was born on the 9 Jun 1837 and therefore, being in my 69 year, I am no chicken, but the head of your mother's branch of the Robus family. I have only one son and one daughter. My son is married, and he and his wife are Master and matron of Strood (in Kent) Union Workhouse. They have only one child, a son. The possible future head of the family. Our daughter is not married but is doing very well. She is the head mistress of a girls school. I am a retired civil servant of the crown, and have been for the past 10 years, with a retiring allowance sufficient to keep myself and wife in comfort but no more. Of your mother's brother and sisters all are dead but one, our aunt alluded to as residing in Hastings. My father died some years ago at the age of 89, his brother William died some years before at the age of 80. The last and youngest Jessie died this year at the age of 92.



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Your, to you (until you receive this)

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ROBUS FAMILY, KENT, ENGLAND; Contact from Gerald A Robus, 3 Aug 2005 - (South Africa)

Hi there Dianne

I stumbled across your article on the web and seeing you invited comments I would gladly do so from a South African perspective.

My Father was William Charles Robus and was born in 1897 in Tarkastad a district in the Eastern Cape and was from what I have been able to gather from 1820 Settlers to South Africa. One thing Dad did say was that 3 brothers did come out here and they dispersed in the following directions, one to Cape Town one remained in the Eastern Cape and another when to formerly Rhodesia (Now Zimbabwe) Unfortunately "old Folks" of his era were very secretive about their past so as children we

did not even attempt to find out more details, which of course with hindsight I deeply regret, so it was interesting to see your Website and to see on the Blechynden side there was Charlotte. My grandfather Robus apparently was a farmer and he died when my father was 9 months old. Just above Charlotte on the "organigram" there is depicted a William with not additions or other details, so I wonder who he could have been?

We recently spent a holiday overseas and visited Lyminge in County Kent and found the "Old Robus" Manor House in Silverlands Road, Lyminge. It is a very old stately home from the Victorian era and is home to a family.

We also visited the Churchyard to see if we could find any graves but because the place is old and overgrown with stinging nettles, we could not find a gravestone however I did speak to an elderly guy who apparently was doing research on the Old Kentish surnames and he assured me there was a grave with a Robus there. It was very interesting being able to walk down Robus Terrace and also in Robus Close, which is a housing Estate apparently built on the site of the Old Farm - could not confirm this.

We had a large family and there were 4 sons and 7 daughters and all our names are of English origin including, Ivan William, Bernard Henry, Marcus Charles and Gerald Andrew for the boys and Francis, Eileen, Agnes, Edna, Veronica, Daphne and Josephine for the girls. Most of my siblings have passed on and there are only four of us left.

I am married to Gwyneth whose grandparents come from Scotland and we have four children, Jeremy, Ian, Cathryn and Jacquelyn. All are married and we have 5 Grandchildren with 3 grandsons who will hopefully carry on the Robus surname.

I hope you will find this brief snippet interesting and thank you for your work!

Kind regards,
Gerald A. Robus

3/12/2005
Dear Dianne,

As previously mentioned, we were privileged to go to the UK during April/May of this year and we visited a village in County Kent called Lyminge which is near to Folkestone and Dover.

I took pictures of the Old Robus Manor House in Lyminge, Kent and is attached for your information. I also established that the Robus' are called Kentishmen, those who live closer to London in the county of Kent are called Kentsman.

Robus House, "Old Robus".
Courtesy Gerald Robus

Robus House, photo taken from Google 2018

When Charlotte was about seventeen years of age she became a lady's maid to Mrs Brockman, wife of William Locke Brockman. Following their marriage, William and Ann Brockman made the decision to emigrate from Kent in England to the new Swan River Colony in, Australia. Charlotte was to accompany them as a maid to Mrs Brockman and her one-year-old son, Edmund. On 1 Oct 1829, the *Minstrel* set sail from Kent at Portsmouth, England arriving at the Swan River Colony on 20 Jan 1830. Also, on board as two of seven servants to William Locke Brockman were Harrison Blechynden and his cousin George Blechynden.

In order to understand more about Charlotte and her life over the next few years in the new Swan River Colony it is important to know more about William Locke Brockman and his wife Ann Frances Hamersley.

The following pages provide family tree information regarding William Locke Brockman and his family.

William Brockman (1803-1872)

William Locke Brockman, was the fifth son of Rev. Julius Drake-Brockman of Cheriton, England. He was born 18 May 1803, in the New Rectory, Cheriton, Kent, England. He died 28 Nov 1872, Herne Hill, WA.

At the age of twenty-five, young William Brockman was courting Anne Frances Isabella Hammersley. The pair wanted to marry, but pronounced parental opposition stood in the way. As a result, the couple eloped to Gretna Green.

Images via Ancestry, Muirhead Family Tree

Records show that William and Anne had two weddings, which suggests elopement and ratification of the marriage later in the Cheriton Church.

m. 1 WILLIAM LOCKE BROCKMAN married ANN FRANCES ISABELLA HAMERSLEY (1808-1876) on 15 Jan 1828, Gretna Green, Dumfriesshire, Scotland.

m. 2 WILLIAM LOCKE BROCKMAN (1803-1872) married ANN FRANCES ISABELLA HAMERSLEY (1808-1876) 22 Mar 1828, Cheriton, Kent, England.

Ann Frances Isabella Hamersley was born 15 Oct 1808, Southwark, Surrey, England. She was baptised 9 Nov 1808, St George the Martyr, Southwark, Surrey, England. Parents HUGH HAMERSLEY (1767-1825) and MARGARET BEVON (1787-1849). Ann Frances Isabella Brockman (nee Hamersley) died 5 Mar 1876, Clifton, Gloucestershire, England.

William and Ann had nine children. Their first child of William Locke Brockman and Ann Hamersley, was Edmund Ralph Brockman, born 22 Oct 1828, Kent, England. He married to Elizabeth Deborah Slade 18 Mar 1852, in Northam, WA [Reg. 624]. Edmund died 17 Sep 1908, Guildford, WA, [Reg. 80}. Following their arrival in WA, William and Ann Brockman had eight more children:

1. Elizabeth Brockman (1831-1908),
2. William Locke Brockman (1833-1898),
3. Frances Brockman (1835-1891),
4. Edward Reverley Brockman (1838-1902),
5. Margaret Drake Brockman (1840-1862),
6. Julius Brockman (1842-1860),
7. Henry Brockman (1845-1916), and
8. Hugh Thomas Brockman (1849-1865).

It is interesting that William's younger brother Robert James Brockman (~1812-1897) arrived on the ship *Egyptian* on December 1831, whereas the W.J. Brockmans and the Blechynden cousins John and George arrived on the *Minstrel* in Jan 1830). (This is where the error occurred via some researchers, that had the Brockmans and the Blechyndens arriving on the *Egyptian*).

Brockman was still in disgrace following his elopement with Anne Hamersley in 1827 (see further on re Brockman and Anne Hamersley) and the couple decided to emigrate to escape the wrath of their families. The Brockmans enthused their friends and employees with a scheme of going to the Swan River Colony. This colony had recently been founded without convict labour and huge grants of land were available depending on how much capital and labour was brought out from England.

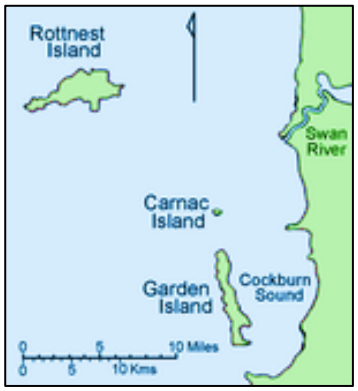
STIRLING'S 1829 GARDEN ISLAND CAMPSITE
http://www.amalfipublishing.com.au/wp/2012/04/15/grave-marks-1829-stirling-campsite/

Meanwhile, over 200 settlers were already living on Garden Island and on 12th Aug 1829, the town of Perth had been proclaimed. The voyage took nearly 5 months and they finally arrived on the 20th Jan 1830.

Garden Island Campsite
For a few months from Jun 1829, it was home to Captain James Stirling and his family, his ship unable to reach the mainland because of bad weather.
By Carmello Amalfi

James Stirling (Royal Navy Officer)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Stirling_(Royal_Navy_officer)

The above link leads to an excellent article on Admiral Sir James Stirling (28 January 1791 – 22 April 1865) a Scottish naval officer and colonial administrator. His enthusiasm and persistence persuaded the British Government to establish the Swan River Colony and he became the first Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Western Australia.



Australia's west coast
by the mouth of the Swan River

Map of Stirling's exploration of the Swan River
"The Nyoongar people called the river Derbarl Yerrigan."

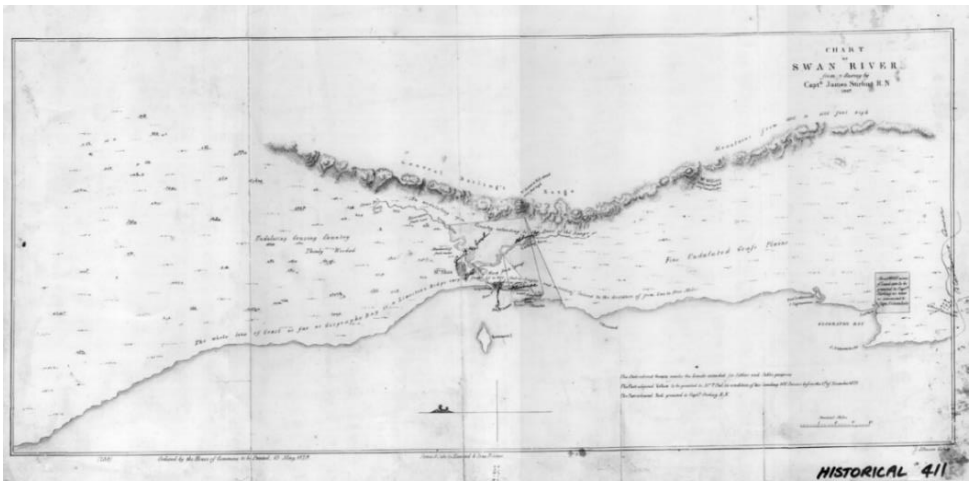
CONDITIONS FOR LAND GRANTS AT SWAN RIVER:

Colonial Office, 5th Dec 1828. http://gutenberg.net.au/ebooks14/1402751h.html

P. 606. Such Persons, however, as may be prepared to proceed to that Country at their own Cost before the End of the Year 1829, in Parties comprehending a Proportion of not less than Five Female to Six Male Settlers, will receive Grants of Land in Fee Simple (free of Quit Rent), proportioned to the Capital which they may invest upon public or private Objects in the Colony, to the Satisfaction of His Majesty's Government at Home, certified by the Superintendent or other Officer administering the Colonial Government, at the Rate of Forty Acres for every Sum of £3 so invested, provided they give previous Security; first, that all Supplies sent to the Colony, whether of Provisions, Stores or other Articles, which may be purchased by the Capitalists there, or which shall have been sent out for the Use of them or their Parties on the Requisition of the Secretary of State, if not paid for on Delivery in the Colony, shall be paid for at Home, each Capitalist being to be held liable in his Proportion; and, secondly, that, on the Event of the Establishment being broken up by the Governor or Superintendent, all Persons desirous of returning to the British Islands shall be conveyed to their own Home at the Expense of the Capitalist by whom they may have been taken out. The Passages of labouring Persons, whether paid for by themselves or others, and whether they be Male or Female, provided the Proportion of the Sexes before mentioned be preserved, will be considered as an Investment of Capital entitling the Party by whom any such Payment may have been made to an Allowance of Land at the Rate of £15, that is, of 200 Acres of Land for the Passage of every such labouring Person over and above any other Investment of Capital.

Any Land thus granted, which shall not have been brought into Cultivation, or otherwise improved or reclaimed from its wild State to the Satisfaction of Government, within Twenty-one Years from the Date of the Grant, shall, at the End of the Twenty-one Years, revert absolutely to the Crown.

20 Jan 1830 Stirling's despatch to England. Stirling spoke of the arrival of 25 ships. This report was written a month too early for the Brockmans, Charlotte Robus and our Blechynden's to be included. When the *Minstrel* arrived, the colony was little more than a tent town. As mentioned previously, Brockman wasted no time in getting himself and his entourage established in the Colony.



MAP 3. Chart of Swan and Canning Rivers on the Western Coast of Australia [showing land grants to Stirling and Peel].

OFFICIAL PAPERS RELATING TO THE SETTLEMENT AT SWAN RIVER, WEST AUSTRALIA

Dec 1826—Jan 1830. [Compiled from HISTORICAL RECORDS OF AUSTRALIA. Series III], DESPATCHES AND PAPERS RELATING TO THE SETTLEMENT OF THE STATES. Volume VI, pgs. 551-640, http://gutenberg.net.au/ebooks14/1402751h.html

A despatch from Lieutenant-Governor Stirling was sent by ship, to Sir George Murray dated Perth, WA, 20 Jan 1830.

"On the 9th of September I had the honour to announce to you my arrival here, and the commencement of this Settlement; I now beg leave to lay before you the following Information relative to its progress since that period, its present condition and future prospects.

*In the course of October, November and December, some ships and many settlers * came in. Their arrival before the country could be properly surveyed occasioned great inconvenience. Viewing no evil so great to the settler as delay in assigning to him his land, I was accordingly forced to grant locations on unsurveyed lands, and to determine on the sites of towns without experience of their merits.*

Ships arrived from 1st June to the present time.	Persons Resident.	Persons in the Settlement not resident.	Amount of Claims to Land.	Lands allotted.	Locations actually effected.	Cattle.	Horses.	Sheep.	Hogs.
			£	Acres.					
25	850	440	41,550	525,000	39	204	57	1,096	106

By the document No. 1, you will be enabled to estimate the number and quality of the persons who have come to this Settlement and the descriptions of property they have imported. Among the heads of families, there is a great majority of highly respectable and independent persons. In the working class, there is a great variety; some masters have been careful in the selection of their servants and workmen, but the greater part have either engaged the outcasts of parishes or have brought out men without reference to character; and the consequence is, great inconvenience to such masters and endless trouble to the authorities established here.

Permission to select land according to the land regulations, heretofore transmitted, has been granted to all whose property has been valued. Their names and the extent of their respective claims appear in the document No. 2; a note of such persons as have actually commenced cultivation is therein contained. Among so many settlers, there could not be a great number with minds and bodies suited to encounter the struggles and distresses of a new settlement; many, if not all, have accordingly been more or less disappointed on arrival, either with the state of things here or their own want of power to surmount the difficulties pressing around them.

In this despatch, he described the conditions and progress of the new Colony. This was just too early to include the names of Harrison and George Blechynden and Charlotte Robus or the Brockmans who arrived a month later but gives an idea of how things were on their arrival. This included a General Muster book and records of those who had already received land grants.

The live-stock, which has been brought here, has been in several instances of the very best quality, and it will be seen by document (—) to be very considerable in quantity; with very few exceptions arising chiefly from neglect, all kinds have done well. We are now drawing to the close of the dry season, and yet the bullocks and sheep continue to fatten upon the natural grasses. Horses from England have not prospered so well but have maintained themselves without any food but the native herbage.

The building of houses and boats, the examination of the country, the selection of land, and the transport of goods from the shore to their allotments have not left settlers much time to attend to anything else. The season during the three last months, moreover, has been unfavourable to agriculture and gardening from the hard and dry state of the ground; but the time for breaking it up being now arrived, I hope to see farming operations commence with vigour.

I am happy to say, with reference to grazing, that there is every reason to be satisfied with the result of our experience up to the present time.

Fishing has been much and successfully practised. The rivers and coasts abound in fish, and great supplies of food have been drawn from that source.

Many settlers have employed themselves in the construction of boats for the conveyance of their goods on the rivers. The number in the Settlement is now very considerable, being not less than forty.

Brockman wasted no time in getting himself and his entourage established in the Colony. Initially, there were no roads. Other than by horseback, travelling by boat on the Swan River was the major form of transport. William Brockman named his grant 'Herne Hill' and Harrison and George Blechynden were immediately put to work constructing his prefabricated house and building yards to contain his livestock (sheep), which included three rams and 46 pure merino ewes. Charlotte worked as a servant to Mrs Brockman and helped look after her baby son.

Brockman was the ninth landowner of the new Colony being granted Lot 9, Swan River Colony by Captain James Stirling and the Surveyor-General, John Septimus Roe. His younger brother **Robert James Brockman** arrived on the ship **Egyptian** on December 1831, and their nephew James Groves Birdwood Drake-Brockman, arrived many years later in 1872, after serving in the Indian Police.

BROCKMAN, WILLIAM LOCKE: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Locke_Brockman
Brockman brought with him a prefabricated house, seven servants, and a number of sheep. Under the colony's system of land grants, this entitled him to a grant of over 20,000 acres (80 km²). He was only the ninth person to be granted land in the colony.

W.L. Brockman - A Portrait, by Ruth Johnston, published 1982.
https://www.abebooks.com/book-search/title/w-brockman-portrait/author/johnston-ruth/

This is a limited-edition publication of 1,000 copies all numbered and signed by the author. It's an autobiography of William Locke (Drake) Brockman, the first Australian member of the family who settled in the Swan River Colony in 1829 and being the owner of one of the first lots of land in the Colony. At the time of his death, William Locke Brockman became known as one of the 'founding fathers of Western Australia'.

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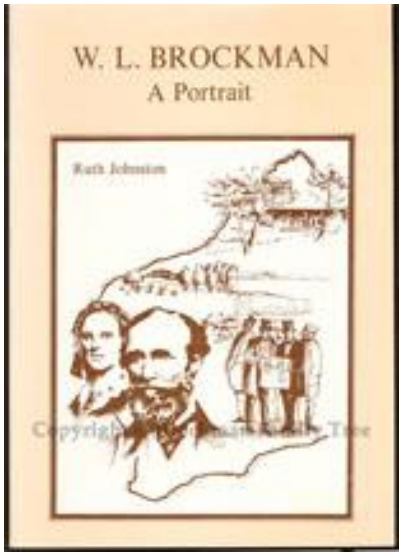


It looks as though these people were in the prime of their lives and were likely to make a vital contribution to a society in the making, partly because of their youth and the skills they brought with them. Importing servants presented an additional advantage to the settler apart from gaining land. Most of the servants emigrated under an indenture scheme best described by Uren (1948):

One such bond of service required a man to serve his master without reward for seven years, the master's part of the bargain being to provide the passage money to the Swan River for the servant, together with his wife and child: and to house, clothe and feed the man and his family while the man remained in his employ. Some conditions were slightly more liberal. . . . A carpenter undertook for himself and his wife to serve for five years for £10 a year. . . . Less fortunate indentured servants had to refund their passage money after they reached the Swan River . . . (pg. 163)

Referring to the working conditions, the author claims that the servants had to work eight hours a day from the middle of November to the middle of February, these being the very hot months of the year. For the rest of the time, they had to work nine hours per day. If a servant was away from his job

without leave or broke any other condition of the employment contract, he was to be dismissed. In addition, he was liable to be prosecuted and pay a penalty or be imprisoned (for no payment - Russell, 1980). The first instance of imprisonment was reported by the Perth gazette in its edition of the 16th Mar, 1833.

W. L. Brockman advanced the passage money for his would-be servants and paid them £10 for the first year of service and £40 for the second and third year. The servants however, received no pay at all since the master kept it all as instalments toward their passage for which he had originally paid.

Some years later, W. L. Brockman, aware of the advantages of low-cost labour, participated in yet another scheme which greatly assisted him in the development of his properties. He was able to employ
juvenile delinquents who had been sent to the Colony from the Packhurst Prison in England. In the Letter Book for 1847=1852 (Battye Library) are submissions from the Guardian of Juvenile Immigrants to the
Colonial Secretary stating the names of the immigrants, their masters and the pay they received as 'apprentices' to the various employers. W. L. Brockman figures on the 29th Jan 1845, as having employed two of those apprentices named respectively E. R. Warren Nd J Brown. The latter received for four months work the grand sum of 12s.6d. Money earned was put into a trust to be drawn by the delinquent immigrants, when set free. The term of employment for the delinquents in Brockman's service ranged between three and five years. A note on the matter is made here to illustrate the methods used by many of the colonists to augment their financial position by engaging labour for minimal rewards. This trend continued for a long time and culminated in the introduction of convicts to the Colony.

8 W. L. BROCKMAN—A PORTRAIT

since all this was inextricably connected with the conditions of settlement in the new Colony.

To encourage early settlers, all those arriving in the Colony before the end of 1830 were offered grants of land in proportion to the amount of capital in goods they were willing to invest in the improvement of the land. For every £3 capital value they were granted 40 acres of land. Livestock was considered as part of capital as were many other items useful in promoting agriculture. Every labourer brought into the Colony represented a special asset to the master, since the new settler was allowed an extra parcel of land of 200 acres for every servant who migrated with him. Grants of land for women and children were also consigned, giving the settler a good chance of obtaining as much land as possible in relation to his so-called 'capital' invested. Freehold title to the land was subject to certain, often strict, conditions and it had to be improved to the value of 1s 6d. per acre. If the grantee failed to improve the land within a specified period of years, the land was then taken over by the Crown.

In the eyes of some observers this method of land allocation led to disaster in the early days. Lander (1841) succinctly explains the situation by stating:

> The Government plan of giving grants of land to emigrants, proportioned to the capital which they introduced into the colony, was good to a certain extent, but the object was perverted, and the boon abused. In almost all instances, men received a much greater quantity of land than they were justly entitled to. Every article of provisions, furniture, and household effects, and even wearing apparel, were taken into account. The valuations were made by friends and neighbours, who accommodated the number, and raised the property of the applicant at a most astonishing price. The consequence has been, that the large grants of land have fallen into the hands of those who never lived upon them, or spent anything upon their improvement, beyond a fictitious amount which they required to specify to the Government; before they could obtain possession of their deeds of grant. These original grantees have clung to their lands with desperate tenacity, in the hope that some day their value will be more than nominal. The idea that the best portions of the colony are in the hands of a few great unimproving proprietors, has been one reason why emigrants have turned away from it. (pp. 375-376)

Discarding the merits or the demerits of the scheme, William Locke Brockman certainly started life in the Colony on a very sound basis. He brought with him three prize rams, 46 merino ewes, many horses, cows, pigs, poultry and two dogs apart from farm machinery, tools etc. (Uren, 1979). Among the servants who accompanied the Brockman family figure such names as:

Harrison Blechynden	age 27	labourer
George Blechynden	„ 27	carpenter
William Baker	„ 28	labourer
his wife Charlotte	„ 24	
William Burt	„ 20	bricklayer
Richard Burt	„ 24	labourer
Charlotte Kilbird	„ 19	servant

THE SETTLING-IN 9

It looks as though all these people were in the prime of their lives and were likely to make a vital contribution to a society in the making, partly because of their youth and the skills they brought with them. Importing servants presented an additional advantage to the settler apart from gaining land. Most of the servants emigrated under an indenture scheme best described by Uren (1948):

> One such bond of service required a man to serve his master without reward for seven years, the master's part of the bargain being to provide the passage money to Swan River for the servant, together with his wife and child: and to house, clothe and feed the man and his family while the man remained in his employ. Some conditions were slightly more liberal. . . . A Carpenter undertook for himself and his wife to serve for five years for £10 a year. . . . Less fortunate indentured servants had to refund their passage money after they reached Swan River. (p. 163)

Referring to the working conditions, the author claims that the servants had to work eight hours a day from the middle of November to the middle of February, these being the very hot months of the year. For the rest of the time they had to work nine hours per day. If a servant was away from his job without leave or broke any other condition of the employment contract, he was to be dismissed. In addition, he was liable to be prosecuted and to pay a penalty or be imprisoned for no payment (Russell, 1980). The first instance of imprisonment was reported by the *Perth Gazette* in its edition of the 16th of March, 1833.

W. L. Brockman advanced the passage money for his would-be servants and paid them £10 for the first year of service and £40 for the second and third year. The servants, however, received no pay at all since the master kept it all as instalments toward their passage for which he had originally paid.

Some years later, W. L. Brockman, aware of the advantages of low cost labour, participated in yet another scheme which greatly assisted him in the development of his properties. He was able to employ juvenile delinquents who had been sent to the Colony from the Parkhurst Prison in England. In the *Letter Book* for 1847-1852 (Battye Library) are submissions from the Guardian of Juvenile Immigrants to the Colonial Secretary stating the names of the immigrants, their masters and the pay they received as 'apprentices' to the various employers. W. L. Brockman figures on the 29th of January, 1845, as having employed two of those apprentices named respectively E. R. Warren and J. Brown.[1] The latter received for four months work the grand sum of 12s.6d. Money earned was put into a trust to be drawn by the immigrants, when set free. The term of employment for the delinquent immigrants in Brockman's service ranged between three and five years. A note on the matter is made here to illustrate the methods used by many of the colonists to augment their financial position by engaging labour for minimal rewards. This trend continued for a long time and culminated later in the introduction of convicts to the Colony.

[1] Pages in the Letter Book are not numbered.

To encourage early settlers, all those arriving in the Colony before the end of 1830 were offered grants of land in proportion to the amount in capital in goods, they were willing to invest in the improvement of the land. For every £3 capital value they were granted 40 acres of land. Livestock was considered as part of capital as were many other items useful in promoting agriculture. Every labourer brought into the Colony represented a special asset to the master, since the new settler was allowed an extra 200 acres for every servant who migrated with him. Grants of land for women and children were also consigned giving the settler a good chance of obtaining as much land as possible in relation to his so-called 'capital' invested. Freehold title was subject to certain often strict conditions

and it had to be improved to the value of 1s. 6d. per acre. If the grantee failed to improve the land within a specified period of years the land was then taken over by the crown.

In the eyes of some observers this method of land allocation led to disaster in the early days. Landor (1847) succinctly explains the situation by stating:

The Government plan of giving grants of land to emigrants, proportioned to the capital which they introduced into the colony, was good to a certain extent, but the object was perverted, and the boom abused. In almost all instances, men received a much greater quantity of land than they were justly entitled to. Every article of provisions, furniture and household effects, and even wearing apparel were taken into account. The valuations were made by friends and neighbours who accommodated one- another and rated the property of the applicant at a most astonishing price. The consequence has been, that the large grants of land have fallen into the hands of those who never lived upon them, or spent anything on their improvement, beyond a fictitious amount which they required to specify to the Government: before they could obtain possession of their deeds of grant. The original trustees have clung to their lands with desperate tenacity, in the hope that some-day their value will be more than nominal. The idea that the best portions of the colony are in the hands of a few great unimproving proprietors has been one reason why emigrants have turned away from it. (pgs. 375-376).

Discarding the merits or the demerits of the scheme. William Locke Brockman certainly started life in the Colony on a very sound basis. He brought with him three prize rams, 46 merino ewes, many horses, cows, pigs, poultry and two dogs apart from machinery, tools etc. (Udell. 1979). Among servants who accompanied the Brockman family were such names as: Harrison Blechynden age 26 labourer, George Blechynden age 27 carpenter, William Baker age 28 labourer, his wife Charlotte age 24, William Burt age 20 labourer and Charlotte Robrel (sic, should be Robus) age 19 servant.

LAND GRANTS - PERTH, 1838

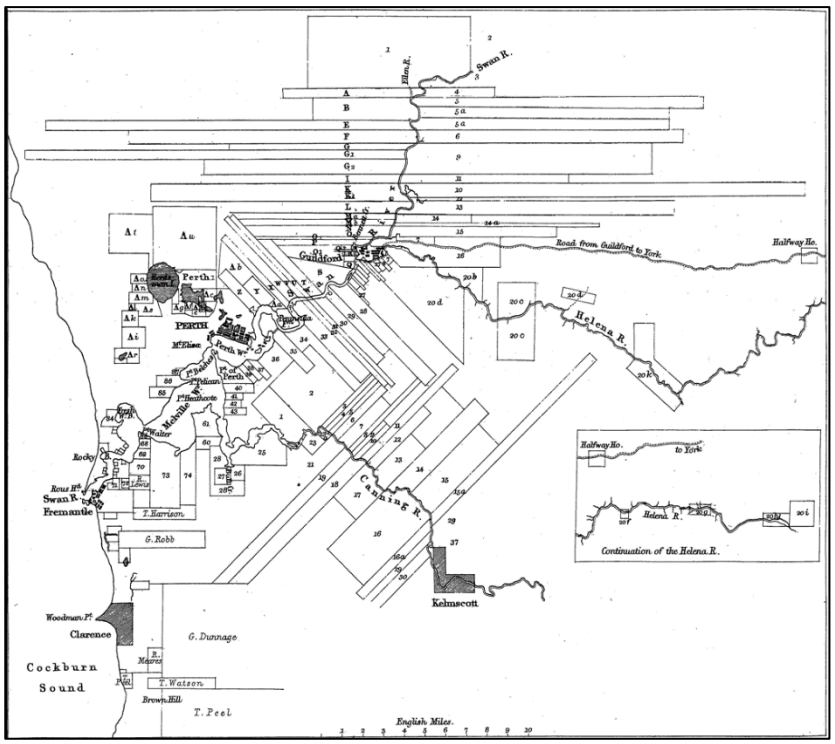
https://archive.sro.wa.gov.au/index.php/perth-18-plan-from-actual-survey-of-township-of-perth-showing-lots-streets-lakes-bounded-by-perth-water-to-south-ellen-street-to-north-mt-eliza-to-west-swan-river-hierrisson-island-to-east-drawn-by-a-c-hillman-1838-scale-10-chains-to-a

One of the earliest townsite plans of Perth (1838) which shows the location of E3 (which was the site originally granted to Harrison Blechynden), at the eastern end of Adelaide Tce:
(More detailed map on E 3 further on.) Thank you, Damien Hassan www.sro.wa.gov.au

MAP SHOWING LAND GRANTS - PERTH, - 1838

One of the earliest townsite plans of Perth (1838

LAND GRANTS SWAN RIVER - 1839
https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/3/35/Swan_River_Colony_land_grants_map.png



This is a map of the land grants around the Swan River in 1839. The map was drawn by John Arrowsmith from the survey data of John Septimus Roe. This version is a slight adaption of the original that appeared in Nathaniel Ogle's 1839 publication *The Colony of Western Australia.*

Map of Land Grants - Swan River Colony – 1839

WILLIAM LOCKE BROCKMAN IN THE NEW SWAN RIVER COLONY:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Locke_Brockman

He established himself as a pastoralist and wheat grower in the Upper Swan district. He named his grant Herne Hill, and this name survives today as the name of the Perth suburb of Herne Hill. He was a foundation member of the Swan Agricultural Society in 1831, and in 1833 became a Justice of the Peace. In 1837, he constructed a mill on his property. His success as a farmer prompted his wife's brother Edward Hamersley to immigrate. Hamersley arrived with his wife and son Edward in February 1837. He ultimately became a successful and wealthy pastoralist, and a member of the Western Australian Legislative Council, and the Hamersley family became one of the most prominent families in the colony.

Brockman became the original grantee of Location Nine, Herne Hill, Upper Swan.
http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/brockman-william-locke-1828

Upon arrival to the new colony Charlotte was kept busy working as a maid to Mrs Brockman, assisting and helping, quickly settling into their prefabricated home and looking after Edmund, now a toddler. She took on more responsibility when on 28 Dec 1831 Mrs Brockman gave birth to a daughter the Brockmans' named Elizabeth. During the long voyage from England to the Swan River Colony Charlotte had become acquainted with Harrison Blechynden and his cousin George. As per the condition of them signing on to work for Mr Brockman for 4 years, she saw much of them as they helped set up the Brockman portable home. They helped cultivate Brockman's allocated claim and worked on putting in crops as soon as possible and looking after his pedigree horses and sheep.

Brockman's 4000 ha 'Herne Hill' property was destroyed by fire in 1832 and Brockman received a gift of 500 pounds from an English relative which he used to redevelop 'Herne Hill' including the construction of a large brick home.

Working on building this new home would have kept both Harrison and George very busy. One can imagine that Charlotte often brought them their lunch and morning and afternoon tea. John

Septimus Roe and George Fletcher Moore played a prominent part in the exploration and surveying of the Swan River and further inland.

JOHN SEPTIMUS ROE: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Septimus_Roe

Following the arrival of the Parmelia at the Swan River on 1 Jun 1829, Roe immediately set about making preliminary surveys of the harbour, river and surrounding land. The sites of Perth and Fremantle were chosen on his recommendation, and he was responsible for laying out the towns. During this period, Roe had only a single assistant to help him. John Septimus Roe conducted numerous exploring expeditions between 1829 and 1849.

BIOGRAPHY OF GEORGE FLETCHER MOORE (1798-1886): http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/moore-george-fletcher-2474

. . . . Moore's observant nature and keen interest in the colony's progress found still another outlet for his abounding energy in exploration. He traced the course of the Swan River to its junction with the Avon. In 1831 he accompanied Ensign Dale to the York district, previously unseen by Europeans. In 1835 Moore went northwards and in May 1836 reached the river named after him. Later in the same year, with the Colonial Secretary, Peter Broun, and George Leake, he crossed grazing and agricultural land east and north of Northam. As a result of Lieutenant George Grey's reports of his 1839 expedition Moore was sent to examine the coastal district round Champion Bay and Point Moore (also named after him). His report was favourable but it was not till a more intensive search by the brothers Gregory in 1846 that this rich district began European development. . . .

DAVID RUMSEY MAP COLLECTION - SWAN RIVER: http://www.davidrumsey.com/maps864.html

Full Title: The Colony of WA; from the Surveys of John Septimus Roe Esqr. Surveyor Genl. And from other Official Documents in the Colonial Office and Admiralty. Compiled by J. Arrowsmith. (with) inset maps of Fremantle, Perth, Augusta, Kelmscott and the Helena River. (Map) 36. London, Pubd. Jany. 2nd. 1843, by J. Arrowsmith, 10 Soho Square.

Author: Arrowsmith, John **Date:** 1844
Country: Australia

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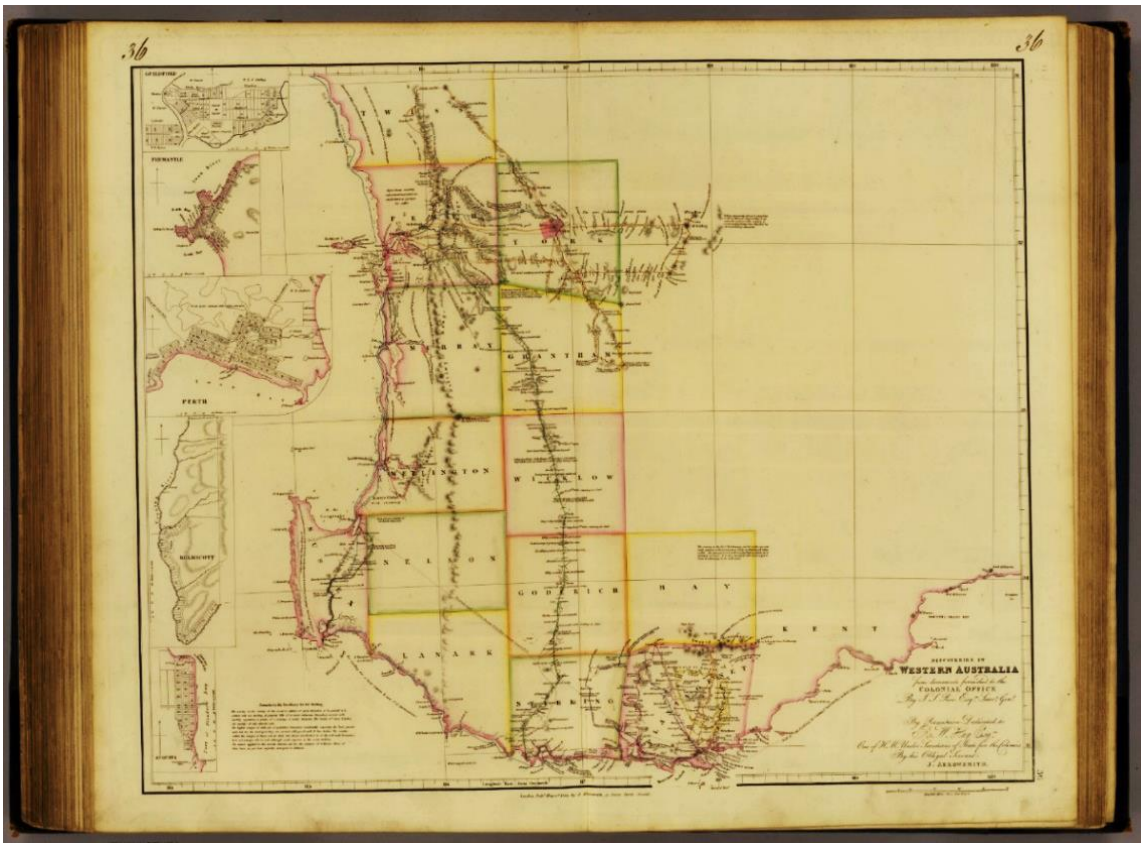
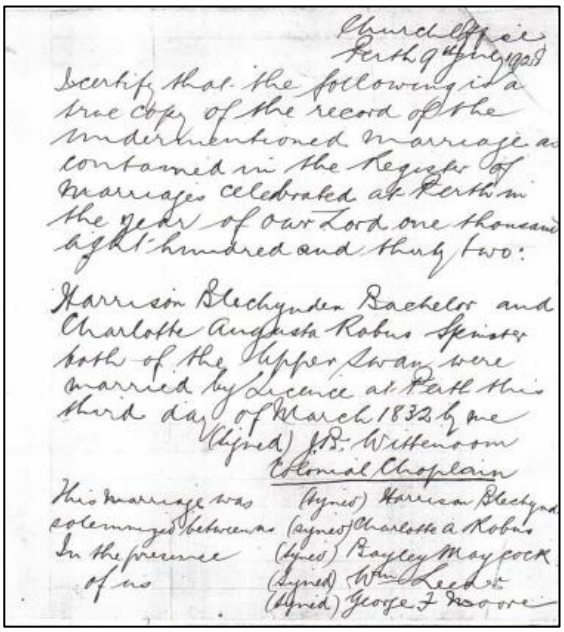


J.S. Roe Esqre., Survr. Genl. pubd. May 31st, 1833 by J. Arrowsmith, 35 Essex Street, Strand.

HARRISON BLECHYNDEN (1802-1873) AND CHARLOTTE AUGUSTA ROBUS (1812-1889)

Harrison Blechynden (1802-1873) and Charlotte Augusta Robus (1812-1889) were married in Perth, WA, 3 Mar 1832.

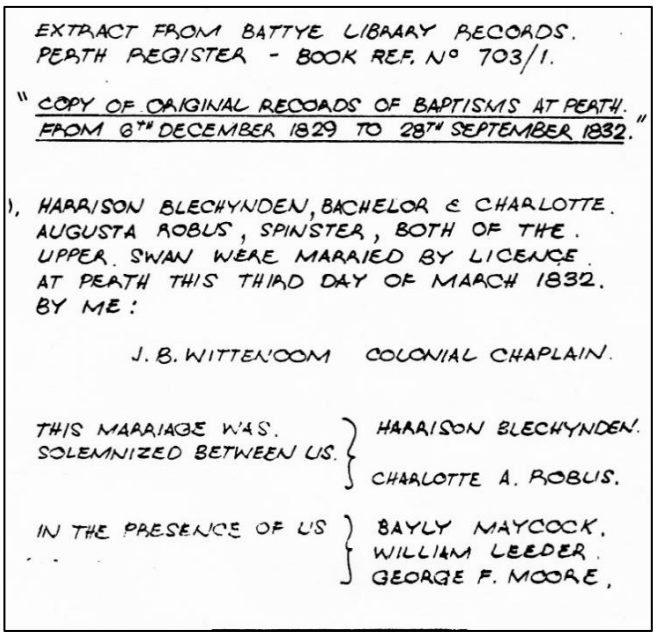


Church Office
Perth 9th June 1928

I certify that the following is a true copy of the record of the undermentioned marriage as contained in the Register of Marriages celebrated at Perth in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two:

Harrison Blechynden Bachelor and Charlotte Augusta Robus Spinster both of the Upper Swan were married by Licence at Perth this third day of March 1832 by me
(Signed) J.B. Wittenoom
Colonial Chaplain

This marriage was solemnized between us
(Signed) Harrison Blechynden
(Signed) Charlotte A. Robus
In the presence of us
(Signed) Bayly Maycock
(Signed) Wm Leeder
(Signed) George F. Moore



EXTRACT FROM BATTYE LIBRARY RECORDS.
PERTH REGISTER - BOOK REF. Nº 703/1.

" COPY OF ORIGINAL RECORDS OF BAPTISMS AT PERTH. FROM 6TH DECEMBER 1829 TO 28TH SEPTEMBER 1832."

), HARRISON BLECHYNDEN, BACHELOR & CHARLOTTE. AUGUSTA ROBUS, SPINSTER, BOTH OF THE. UPPER SWAN WERE MARRIED BY LICENCE. AT PERTH THIS THIRD DAY OF MARCH 1832. BY ME:

J. B. WITTENOOM COLONIAL CHAPLAIN.

THIS MARRIAGE WAS SOLEMNIZED BETWEEN US. } HARRISON BLECHYNDEN. CHARLOTTE A. ROBUS.

IN THE PRESENCE OF US } BAYLY MAYCOCK. WILLIAM LEEDER. GEORGE F. MOORE,

Church Office, Perth, – Blechynden Harrison and Robus Charlotte - Marriage 3. 3. 1832.

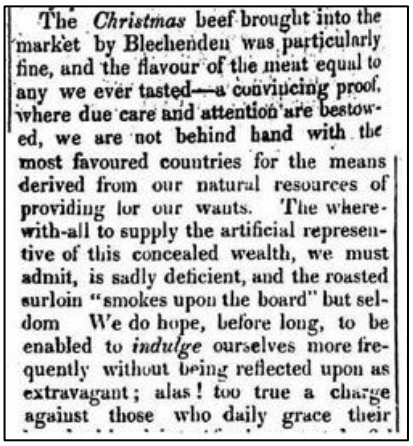
Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden's first child, John Blechynden, was born in Perth, 14 Mar 1833. He was baptised 28 Apr 1833. Another child named George Blechynden has been recorded as being born and died in March 1833. It is possible he was a twin to John. I have not been able to verify this on visits to the State Records office.

Birth, deaths and marriage records: prior to 1841, were initially recorded by the governor in papers forwarded to England and early censuses.
https://archive.sro.wa.gov.au/index.php/indexes-birth-death-and-marriage-registration-s4079
The Registry Office was established in 1841 with a Registrar General as its chief officer, to administer the requirements of the Act to register births, deaths and marriages in WA.

In 1833, Harrison was reported to have supplied meat of fine quality to the Perth market.

***Perth Gazette and Western Australian Journal* (WA: 1833 - 1847), Sat 28 Dec 1833, pg 206**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article641718.txt

The Christmas beef brought into the market by Blechynden was particularly fine, and the flavour of the meat equal to any we ever tasted - a convincing proof, where due care and attention are bestowed, we are not behind hand with the most favoured countries for the means derived from our natural resources of providing for our wants. The where-with-all to supply the artificial representative of this concealed wealth, we must admit, is sadly deficient, and the roasted sirloin "smokes upon the board" but seldom. We do hope, before long, to be enabled to indulge ourselves more frequently without being reflected upon as extravagant; alas! too true a charge against those who daily grace their board with a joint of fresh meat at 1s. 6d per lb.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By 1935 Harrison and George Blechynden had completed their indenture with William Locke Brockman. After those four years the Blechyndens were, "free to be gentlemen, take up land of their own and make their own way in the colony."

Battye Library sources state Harrison Blechynden was indentured as a carpenter. According to the 1837 Census he worked as a carpenter in the Perth district and he and cousin George worked on the Brockman's home. (More details re Harrison and George and their early days in the Colony following.)

It appears that his father John Blechynden was far from happy, leading up to and following Harrison Blechynden's emigration from Kent in England to the Swan River Colony. A family source has indicated that Harrison may have caused trouble for himself when it was said he rode a horse into a bar. Perhaps this was what led to his emigration to the Swan River Colony. I guess we will never know as this of course is hearsay.

MEMORIES AND CONTEMPLATION Via Jill Feutrill (nee Blechynden):

Many years later, Jill Blechynden, a great-great granddaughter of Harrison Blechynden, was working as a young journalist in Busselton. One of her special memories is of an interview with a Mr and Mrs Brockman, a retired couple who were celebrating an important occasion. Mr Brockman was a descendant of William Locke Brockman who came to the colony of WA in 1830 on the ship *Minstrel*.

When Jill introduced herself, she was greeted warmly as a descendant of Harrison Blechynden who arrived in the colony under the auspices of W.L. Brockman on the same ship.

The Brockman's made particular mention of it being passed down that Harrison's father John Blechynden accompanied his son and Harrison's cousin George to the ship and asked of W.L.

Brockman to 'Look after the lads.'

Jill commented: "I had heard this story before as it was passed down in the Blechynden family too, but it was very nice to hear it again from this charming couple. The stories also go to show that Harrison and his father parted on good terms."

During the telling of their story Mr and Mrs Brockman also proudly pointed out to Jill a painting over their sitting room fireplace and recounted how the painting represented 'Herne Hill,' the homestead of W.L. Brockman that Harrison and George had helped build.

In reference to the painting of the Herne Hill homestead: W.L. Brockman brought out a prefabricated house where the family lived until it was destroyed by fire. Another home was then constructed of brick and I think that would be the one in the painting. In any case, it stands to reason Harrison and George would have worked on the erection of the prefab and the construction of the brick home.

Jill continued: Ruth Johnston, the author of the book W.L. Brockman A Portrait,' refers on pg 20 of the book to the paucity of conditions and shortages of food in the colony:

'Food in the Colony was ...disastrously short and to alleviate the situation the authorities collected all the remaining food, stored it and supplied it to willing settlers on credit...Brockman himself made use of the available service as shown in a letter by him to the Colonial Secretary:

16th Sept. 1830 (CSR/8/184)

"Dear. Sir,
I shall feel obliged by your giving my foreman Harrison Blechynden who is a bearer of this order for four cwt of flour, the remaining six cwt I will try an early opportunity applying for.

I am Sir, Yours faithfully,
W. L. Brockman Herne Hill

More comments via Jill:

I find it interesting that as early as September 1830 W. L. Brockman was referring to Harrison Blechynden as his foreman. Re the bit in brackets in Brockman's letter: It might be a reference number included by the author as a source reference but not included by Brockman in his letter.

On pg 8 of her book Ruth Johnston notes: '... Among the servants who accompanied the Brockman family figure such names as: Harrison Blechynden, age 27, labourer; George Blechynden, age 27, carpenter; William Baker, age 28, labourer; his wife Charlotte, age 24; William Burt, age 20, bricklayer; Richard Burt, age 24, labourer; Charlotte Robrel (Robus), age 19, servant.

In *W.L. Brockman A Portrait* pg 9 refers to wages and conditions re those employed by the early settlers. One paragraph refers to W. L. Brockman advancing passage money for his would-be servants and paying them £10 for the first year of service, and £40 for the second and third year. But it seems the servants received no pay at all since the master kept the pay as instalments toward their passage for which he had originally paid.'

Harrison's father, John Blechynden, farmer, of the parish of Bonnington in the county of Kent made a will on 23/9/1834, which was proved on 5/9/1835, leaving his real and personal estate to his wife Sarah Blechynden and his friend George Boys of Sellinge. Harrison's sisters Matilda Blanch and Emily Grace received the balance of Trust monies and Harrison received five pounds. Any hope of substantially improving Harrison's financial position through his father's will was lost.

Comment via Lindsay Adams about the Drake-Brockman family:

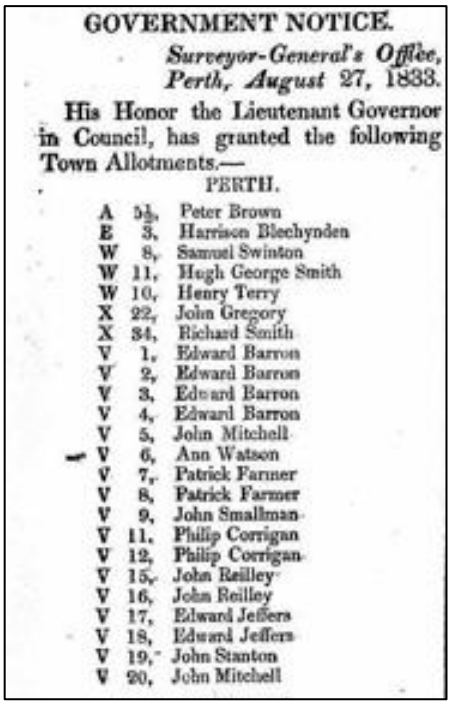
My grandfather Frank once commented (this was way back when I was about 10) that the Drake-Brockman family, who had members living in Albany at the time, had played a significant and positive role in our family's past. He obviously held them in very high regard.

LAND GRANT, PERTH TOWN LOCATION E3
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article641894.txt

On 27 August 1833 the Surveyor General's Office granted Harrison Blechynden, Perth Town Location E3, (now Adelaide Tce, Perth and Howick St, now Hay St Perth).

***Perth Gazette and Western Australian Journal* (WA: 1833 - 1847), Sat 31 Aug 1833, pg 137**

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.
Surveyor-General's Office, Perth, Aug 27, 1833.
His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor in Council, has granted the following Town Allotments.



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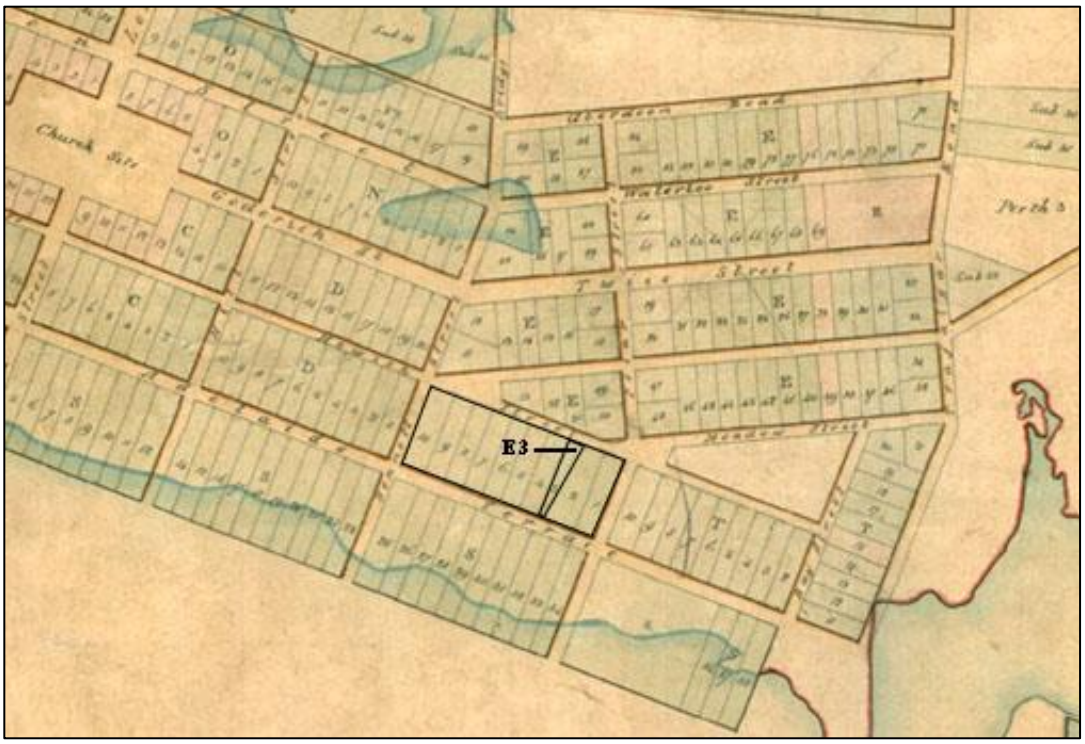
PERTH.

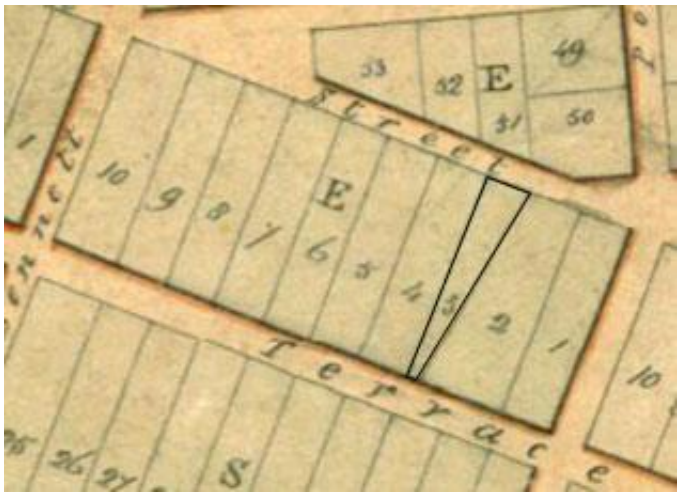
A	5½,	Peter Brown
E	3,	Harrison Blechynden
W	8,	Samuel Swinton
W	11,	Hugh George Smith
W	10,	Henry Terry
X	22,	John Gregory
X	34,	Richard Smith
V	1,	Edward Barron
V	2,	Edward Barron
V	3,	Edward Barron
V	4,	Edward Barron
V	5,	John Mitchell
V	6,	Ann Watson
V	7,	Patrick Farmer
V	8,	Patrick Farmer
V	9,	John Smallman
V	11,	Philip Corrigan
V	12,	Philip Corrigan
V	15,	John Reilley
V	16,	John Reilley
V	17,	Edward Jeffers
V	18,	Edward Jeffers
V	19,	John Stanton
V	20,	John Mitchell

Government notice dated 27 Aug 1833, showing the names of those being granted Town Allotments.

ONE OF THE EARLIEST TOWNSITE PLANS OF PERTH (1838)
A section cropped from one of the earliest townsite plans of Perth (1838) which shows the location of E3 at the eastern end of Adelaide Tce: Thank you Damien Hassan, Senior Archivist www.sro.wa.gov.au



Map showing Perth townsite Lot E3, 1838



Perth Townsite lot E 3
1838

RETURN OF TOWN AND SUBURBAN ALLOTMENTS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA
FROM THE 'COLONY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA' A MANUAL FOR EMIGRANTS 1839
BY NATHANIEL OGLE
https://www.amazon.com/colony-Western-Australia-manual-emigrants/dp/0909134073

Record of the allotment allocated to Harrison Blechynden (note the spelling Bleclynlden) and Henry Bull (who took on Thomas Chapman as an apprentice) – see *Pioneers of the Preston*.

From "The Colony of Western Australia"
A Manual for Emigrants
1839
by Nathaniel Ogle

XXVI APPENDIX.

No. III.

RETURN OF TOWN AND SUBURBAN ALLOTMENTS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA, WHICH HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED IN OCCUPANCY UP TO THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 1837.

Those marked • are in fee-simple.

PERTH.

No. of lot.	Name.
A* 1	Dale, Sholl, and Dawson.
2	Stone, Alf. Hawes
3	Brown, Rich. M'B.
•4	Lyttleton, Jn. P.
•5	Mackie, Wm. H.
6	Reserved for street.
*7	Lewis, John.
*8	Drake, Wm. Hen.
*9	Ditto.
*10	Collie, Alex.
•11	Carew, Wm. M.
12	Birkett, Josephne.
13	Collinson, Ed. G.
14	Helens, Sarah.
15	Street.
16	Roe, J. Septimus.
17	Brown, R. M'B.
18	Perth school.
19	Ditto.
20	Ditto.
21	Ditto.
22	Ditto.
23	Lyttleton, Jn. P.
24	Turner, Fred.
•5½	Brown, Peter N.
5¾	Moore, Geo. T.
B	Barracks and gaol.
C 1	Collie, Alex.
C 2	Lennard, E. B. P.
3	Roe, J. Septimus.
4	Ditto.
•5	Andrews, Walter.
6	Sunvions, Walt. B.
7	Morgan, May.
8	Macfaull, Charles.
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14	Terres, John.
15	Turner, John.
16	Shaw, William.
D 1	Burgess, William.
2	Butler, William.
3	Hokin, Mary Anne.
4	Hokin, John.
5	Gawler, William.
6	Morrell, John.
7	Tichbon, John.
8	Menson, Robert.
9	Davis, Thomas.
10	Studsor, Michael.
11	Morrell, John.
12	Davis, John.
13	Middleton, Thos.
14	Tanner, William.
15	Bull, Henry.
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•17	Bannister, Thos.
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D 16	Wood, Wm. S.
17	Hokin, William.
18	Purkis, John.
19	Stone, Geo. F.
20	Stone, Alf. Hawes.
E 1	Wicks, Peter.
2	Ditto.
3	Bleclynlden, Harrison.
•4	Bannister, Thos.
5	Smythe, H. W. B.
6	Watson, Thos.

TOWN AND SUBURBAN ALLOTMENTS ASSIGNED. XXVII

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SWAN RIVER COLONY PRE – 1850:
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The outcome of the above incident seems unfair to Shaw but of course it was not Harrison's fault – he may well have been waiting payment himself for a bill of exchange made out to him by someone else; it just shows how difficult life was then for the colonists. Perhaps this was why Harrison lost his Location E3 grant?

NEWSPAPER CUTTING RE WILL SHAW VERSUS HARRISON BLECHYNDEN
Perth Gazette and Western Australian Journal (WA: 1833 - 1847), Sat 8 August 1835, pg 541
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The letter of advice was only four days on the road, which was acknowledged and answered on the 27th, although sent by a casual boat.

The acceptor, Blechynden, was solvent when the bill in question became due.

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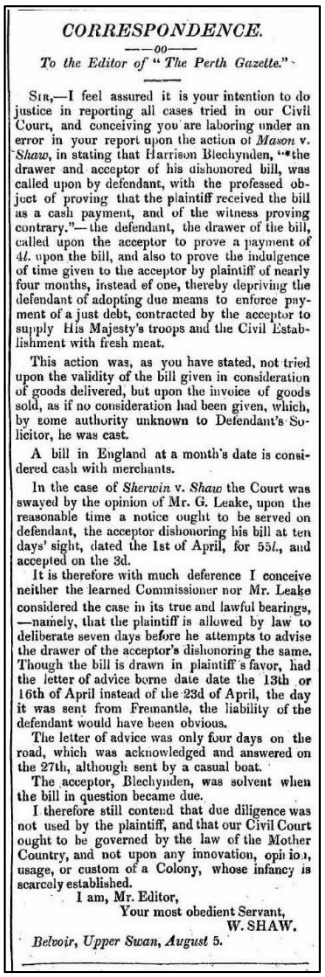

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Belvoir, Upper Swan, August 5.

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George Rewell, being asked if he had any thing to say in answer to the above depositions, stated as follows:—All that the witnesses have said as to what took place between me and the deceased up to the time of our leaving Leeder's, is quite correct. When he called me out of the house, I went out, and said to him, just outside the Front door, "Now what is it?" He said he had something very particular to say to me, and asked me to go down to the water-side. I asked him why he could not as well say it where we were, as by the water-side. He caught hold of my arm in a friendly way, as I thought. I again asked him why he could not speak at once. He said, No, we must go down to the water-side. We walked several yards down the road leading to the river, in front of Mr. Habgood's. When we had got in front of Mr. Habgood's house, I refused to go any further. He said he intended to give me a good threshing—I asked what for. He said because I had been so fond of my "chaff." I said, "Surely, Mr. Eyre, you are dreaming: you are not serious?" He said no I am not, and instantly pushed his hand against my body, as I was standing with my hands in my pocket, and caught hold of my legs with his arms, and threw me inclewards to the ground, and got upon me and held me down. I asked him what he meant to do with me—whether he meant to use violence to me, or not. He said, "No, he did not mean me any mischief,"—and then let me go. We got up, and I asked him his reason for what he had done. He said he would serve me so again, and immediately threw me in a pool of water, in a tub sunk in the ground. He fell with me, and on me. We both fell close to the tub. I again asked him what he meant, and I got irritated. He let go of me, and we got up again. I asked him whether that was the way he meant to pay his debts, or settle his accounts. He made a push at me and caught hold of my left leg; but I was on my guard, and though he brought me down, I twisted round so that he did not fall on me, but fell into the water himself. I fell with my left arm over the tub—and, to the best of my belief, he must have fallen on the tub We got up again. He said he had thrown me three times, and considered himself the better man I told him if he tried it again, I would knock him down. He again came towards me, and supposing that he meant to throw me again, I struck him in the face, believing it was necessary for my self-defence, and he fell on the road, where he lay when Hunt came up on horseback. I never struck the deceased or lifted my hand to him but once, when I struck him on the face. During the scuffle, I saw some one came near us, and I said to the person "Come here;" but the person went away. The whole scuffle from the first time he threw me, to his being knocked down by me, was from five to ten minutes.

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Mr. Joseph Harris, being sworn, deposed — I was called yesterday forenoon about half-past nine o'clock, to attend the deceased, who was complaining of a violent pain in his bowels. I saw him shortly afterwards. He said he had received a blow on his left side. I examined it and found it very sensitive. I told him he must be bled; he objected to this, as he had been told in England that if ever he was bled, he would die. I had occasion to go up the river on the same day, and as his wife said that Dr Davidson had attended the family, I requested that gentleman to attend the deceased during my absence. Dr. Davidson has informed me that he applied leeches and had also bled the deceased. The deceased told me that the blow was inflicted by a fist, and named the person who gave him the blow, but I do not recollect his name. He said he had been provoked to quarrel in consequence of having been annoyed about an invoice. He did not complain to me of any other blow than the one on his left side. On examining his left side, there was an external mark of a blow visible; but the spot where he complained that he felt pain most was a little to the left of his navel. He did not complain of any foul blows or unfair fighting. This morning I examined the body of the deceased along with Dr. Davidson. The bowels appeared to be generally inflamed, particularly at the before-mentioned spot to the left of his navel. The omentum and peritoneal coat both shewed marks of injury. I found the bowels ruptured in one place, — the spot before mentioned, a little to the left of the navel, — and a considerable effusion of

serum had taken place, which I consider quite sufficient to have caused his death. I attribute his death to the rupture of his bowels. Even if the inflammation had subsided, he must have died from the rupture; even if surgical aid had been called in immediately, the deceased could not have been saved. The blow of a fist might undoubtedly, if violent, have produced the rupture of the bowels, without leaving any external mark so soon after the accident, but in my opinion such an injury, in the deceased's case, was more likely to have been occasioned by his falling on a pointed but blunt object, like the top of a wooden paling.

George Rewell, being asked if he had anything to say in answer to the above depositions, stated as follows: — All that the witnesses have said as to what took place between me and the deceased up to the time of our leaving Leeder's, is quite correct. When he called me out of the house, I went out, and said to him, just outside the front door, "Now what is it?" He said he had something very particular to say to me and asked me to go down to the waterside. I asked him why he could not as well say it where we were, as by the waterside. He caught hold of my arm in a friendly way, as I thought; I again asked him why he could not speak at once. He said, "No, we must go down to the waterside." We walked several yards down the road leading to the river, in front of Mr. Habgood's. When we had got in front of Mr. Habgood's house, I refused to go any further. He said he intended to give me a good threshing — I asked what for. He said because I had been so fond of my " chaff." I said, " Surely, Mr. Eyre, you are dreaming: you are not serious?" He said no I am not, and instantly pushed, his head against my body, as I was standing with my hands in my pocket, and caught hold of my legs with his arms, and threw me backwards to the ground, and got upon me and held me down. I asked him what he meant to do with me — whether he meant to use violence to me, or not. He said, " No, he did not mean me any mischief," — and then let me go. We got up, and I asked him his reason for what he had done. He said he would serve me so again, and immediately threw me in a pool of water, in a tub sunk in the ground. He fell with me, and on me. We both fell close to the tub. I again asked him what he meant, and I got irritated. He let go of me, and we got up again. I asked him whether that was the way he meant to pay his debts or settle his accounts. He made a rush at me and caught hold of my left leg; but I was on my guard, and though he brought me down, I twisted round so that he did not fall on me but fell into the water himself. I fell with my left arm over the tub — and, to the best of my belief, he must have fallen on the tub. We got up again. He said he had thrown me three times and considered himself the better man. I told him if he tried it again, I would knock him down. He again came towards me, and supposing that he meant to throw me again, I struck him in the face, believing it was necessary for my self-defence, and he fell on the road, where he lay when Hunt came up on horseback. I never struck the deceased or lifted my hand to him but once, when I struck him on the face. During the scuffle, I saw someone come near us, and I said to the person "Come here;" but the person went away. The whole scuffle from the first time he threw me, to his being knocked down by me, was from five to ten minutes.

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The fledgling colony began to come to life. The Leeder's Hotel was close to where Harrison and Charlotte were to settle in the future. The name of William Leeder comes up in a number of newspaper articles, associated with Harrison, following.

PALACE HOTEL FORMERLY LEEDER'S HOTEL, *http://www.lifeonperth.com/oldpalacehotelperth.htm*

WILLIAM HENRY LEEDER was an early settler in the Swan River Colony, via the Rockingham. He was granted a parcel of land that now includes the suburb of Leederville, which was named after him. Leeder arrived in the Swan River Colony in 1830. He was the proprietor of Leeder's Hotel on the corner of St George's Terrace and William Street (the site of what is now the Palace Hotel) from 1831 until his death in March 1845.

The Freemason's Tavern in 1870, formerly King's Head Hotel, and Leeder's Hotel, see link to article above.

Harrison was going through a difficult time. People were leaving the Colony in droves. Surmising: He must have been very disheartened following the court case, Blechynden versus Shaw, Sat 8 Aug 1835. The following article in Nov 1836 shows he was thinking of leaving the Colony.

***Swan River Guardian* (WA: 1836 - 1838) Thu 24 Nov 1836** Pg 32 Advertising

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***Perth Gazette and Western Australian Journal* (WA: 1833 - 1847), Sat 25 Feb 1837, pg 855**
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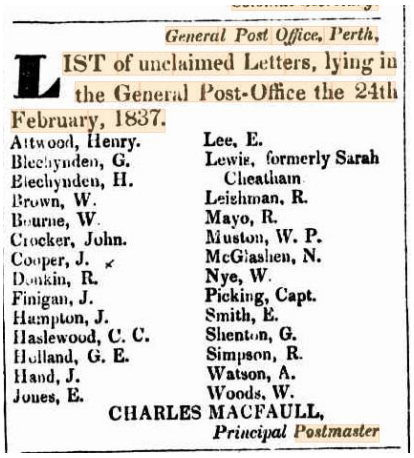
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The following is another article which records an incident in 1839, in which Harrison Blechynden was involved. It gives a colourful presentation of the life and people in the area. It is even more interesting that Caroline Porley, the daughter of Thomas Porley (in this article), following the death of her first husband, married William Dunham. Two of their daughters, Annie Maria and Emma Sarah later married two of Harrison Blechynden's sons, Thomas Harrison and Jesse William.

***Perth Gazette and Western Australian Journal* (WA: 1833 - 1847), Sat 25 May 1839, pg 83**
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FATAL ACCIDENT THOMAS PORLEY 1799 – 1839

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Thomas Porley *died last night from an accidental blow received in a squabble with some of the whalers belonging to the Elizabeth whaling ship. An inquiry will most probably be instituted into the circumstances of this occurrence, when we shall make a point of giving the full particulars.*

Since writing the foregoing, we have heard that an inquiry took place this morning, before the sitting Magistrates of Perth, when the person who struck Porley was fully relieved from any guilty intention to injure the deceased, he having acted in self-defence.

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James Crichton, Esq., Colonial Surgeon.—I have this morning examined the body of the deceased (Thomas Porley.) There is no external mark of any blow. I opened the skull, and on separating the scalp from the skull, there was an effusion of blood on the back part of the head. I found an effusion of blood between the dura-mater and the skull, on the inside of the back part of the skull, between the skull and the membrane of the brain. On taking off the membrane, I found still further effusion between it and the brain itself. On cutting into the brain, the internal and superficial vessels appeared very much enlarged. All these symptons clearly show that the deceased died of a concussion of the brain, which must have been the result of a fall, and not of a blow. Habitual intoxication would occasion an enlargement of the vessels, but not to the extent now visible in the deceased's brain. His brain exhibited marks of old injuries, apparently from falls. A slight concussion of the brain might prove fatal to a person addicted to habitual intoxication. There was no mark of blows about his head, neck, or chest. The state of the deceased's brain was such as to cause sudden death, and the effects of such injuries would be greatly increased by intoxication at the time of receiving them.

William Sholl, Esq, Surgeon, assisted Dr. Crichton to open the body of the deceased, and concurred in the report made by him in every respect.

The prisoner, Thomas Stillaman, headsman of the whaling schooner *Elizabeth*, made the following statement in his defence:—Yesterday evening I and Robert Lakin were going towards Mr. Habgood's from Mr Samson's, when we fell in with the deceased near Mr. Habgood's. I bid him good evening, and asked him how himself and his daughter were. He murmured something like "What the h—l is that to you," and I and Mr. Lakin walked on. I partly said to Mr. Lakin the old man has got a fine daughter—I had not got the words out of my mouth, when Porley ran after me and slewed me round. I told him to go home; I did not want any row with him. He insisted on fighting with me, and struck me on the cheek, under my eye. I said, "You d—d old thief, if it was not for your old age, I would shake you out of your shoes," and I went into Mr. Habgood's. I had not been in long before Porley began scuffling with the man of colour now in Court (Harry Lambeth.) He ran after Lambeth across the road, and as he was coming back, the mate (Mr. Lakin) sang out for Harry Lambeth, and my brother Samuel, who was standing just outside Mr. Habgood's fence, repeated the call. Porley came up to him, and said to him, "What have you to do with Harry?" and knocked off his hat, and struck him three or four severe blows. I ran out immediately, saying to Porley, "You have struck me, and I took no notice of it, but now you have struck my brother, I must return it. I closed with him, and he fell—and Blechynden came between us. Porley seemed still inclined for fighting, and butted his head against my belly, saying, "Down you go, you b—r." I fell backwards, and he on the top of me, and rolled over on the clay, and I over him. I do not think I hit him a blow the second scuffle; if I did, it must have been a slight back blow.

Mr. Robert Lakin, mate of the *Elizabeth*, corroborated this statement, and it was further confirmed by the evidence of John Dudley, G. Glyde, Henry Lambeth, and Samuel Stillaman, the prisoner's brother.

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James Crichton, Esq, Colonial Surgeon. *I have this morning examined the body of the deceased (Thomas Porley.) There is no external mark of any blow. I opened the scull, and on separating the scalp from the skull, there was an effusion of blood on the back part of the head. I found an effusion of blood between the dura-mater and the skull, on the inside on the back of the skull, between the skull and the membrane of the brain, on taking off the membrane, I found still further effusion between it and the brain itself. On cutting into the brain, the internal and superficial vessels appeared much enlarged. All these symptoms clearly show that the deceased died of a concussion of the brain, which must have been the result of a fall, and not a blow. Habitual intoxication would occasion an enlargement of the vessels, but not to the extent now visible in the deceased's brain, His brain exhibited marks of old injuries, apparently from falls. A slight concussion might prove fatal to a person addicted habitual intoxication. There was no mark of blows about the head, neck or chest. The state of the deceased's brain was as such to cause sudden death, and the affect, of such injuries would be greatly increased by intoxication, at the time of receiving them*

William Sholl, *Esq. Surgeon assisted Dr Richton to open the body, and concurred in the report made by him in every respect.*

The Prisoner, Thomas Stillaman*, Headsman of the Whaling Schooner Elizabeth, made the following statement in his defence:- Yesterday evening I and Robert Lakin were going towards Mr Habgood's from Mr Samson's, when we fell in with the deceased near Mr Habgood's, I bid him good evening, and asked him how he and his daughter were (**Caroline**?), he murmured something like "What the H---l is that to do with you," and I and Mr Larkin walked on, I partly said to Mr Larkin, the old man has got a fine daughter – I had not got the words out of my mouth, when **Porley** ran after me and slewed me around. I told him to go home; I did not want any row with him. He insisted on fighting with me, and struck me on the cheek, under my eye. I said, "You - d---d old thief, if it was not for your age I would shake you out of your shoes," and I went into Mr Habgood's. I had not been in long before **Porley** began scuffling with the man of colour, now in Court (Harry Lambeth). He ran after Lambeth across the road, and as he was coming back, the mate (Mr Lakin) sang out for Harry Lambeth, and my brother Samuel, who was standing just outside Mr Habgood's fence, repeated the call. **Porley** came up to him and said to him, "What have you to do with Harry?" and knocked off his hat, and struck him three or four severe blows. I ran*

*out immediately, saying to **Porley**, "You have struck me, and I took no notice of it, but now you have struck my brother, I must return it, I closed with him and he fell – and **Blechynden** came between us. **Porley** seemed still inclined for fighting, and butted his head against my belly, saying "Down to go you b----r." I do not think I hit him a blow the second scuffle, if I did it must have been a slight back blow.*

***Mr Robert Lakin**, mate of the Elizabeth, corroborated this statement, and it was further confirmed by the evidence of John Dudley, G, Glyde, Henry Lambeth, and Samuel Stillaman, the prisoner's brother.*

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Harrison Blechynden battled on, but unfortunately hard work was not enough. Their dreams as well as that of many others were to come crashing down when he lost his Allotment on 18 Nov 1840 due to non-payment of location dues.

The next section shows a number of newspaper articles explaining the almost impossible system for those with little finance, trying to set up in the Colony.

Swan River Guardian (WA: 1836 - 1838), Thu 13 Jul 1837, pg 200
13 Jul 1837 - The Subject resumed - Trove (nla.gov.au)

A poor man must work on every lawful day to provide the necessaries of Life for his family; but under the present system, it is impossible that he can perform the Location duties on his Town grant, within the limited time. His wages amount to £l. 10, per week. IF HE HAS CONSTANT EMPLOYMENT, this will produce a yearly income of £78. No Labourer under these circumstances can perform the Location duties on his grant, as the whole of his time must be occupied in providing bread for himself or his wife and children. Out of the £78 of wages the occupant of a Town grant is obliged to expend £100 in ONE year in improvements, imposed by Government Regulations; or else, the Land will be forfeited to the Crown. This is called encouragement to Emigration to Swan River, which was formed under the auspices of a Tory administration at Home, in 1828, whose acts were afterwards paralyzed by a change of Ministry. It is a matter of regret that very little attention seems to be bestowed on this Colony by the British Government, or else a great many errors might be detected. Unfortunately, we are situated in a very distant part of the Globe from England, and it is a long time before redress can be obtained. One great error committed in 1830 was the change in the Land Regulations, by which the system that induced labourers to Emigrate to Swan River, was altered IN TOTO. Instead of Free Grants of Town Allotments they must now be bought. This plan may work well, in Colonies within a few week's voyage of England, to which the tide of Emigration pours its strong body of waters. It may work well, in those Colonies where the necessaries of life are cheap and abundant; where Labour is in great demand, and the poor Man can purchase his Land out of the savings of his wages; It may work well in Penal Settlements, where there is a large Government Expenditure, and forced labour; but never in a new Colony, which enjoys no Government outlay (generally speaking,) and where the Inhabitants seem to be thrown upon their own resources. The best encouragement for the emigration of Labourers to Swan River, would be, the total abandonment of the New Land Regulations, and the resumption of the old plan of Free Grants of Land which ought to continue for some years.

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Losing his allotment was very hard, but Harrison managed to keep working with his skills as a carpenter and butcher. There was an eight-year gap between their first child John and the next baby, a daughter. Perhaps Charlotte may have had a couple of miscarriages during this time. They must have been delighted when a daughter, Sarah Blechynden, was born in Perth on 3 Mar 1841. She was baptised in Perth on 28 Mar 1841.

After experiencing hard times and losing his block, Harrison and Charlotte looked to the future. With his close connections through Brockman, Harrison knew the explorations undertaken from Guildford up and beyond the surrounding hills. William Locke Brockman had made several expeditions to explore the country east of the Darling Scarp, the first with Ensign Robert Dale in 1830, discovering good pastoral land. One can surmise that Brockman could offer Harrison suggestions, advice and information on what was going on in the colony.

Census reports showed that the Blechyndens took their young family to Beverley in 1841 and, in 1843, initially leased 'Babbyalla' farm from E Hamersley between 1843 and 1849.

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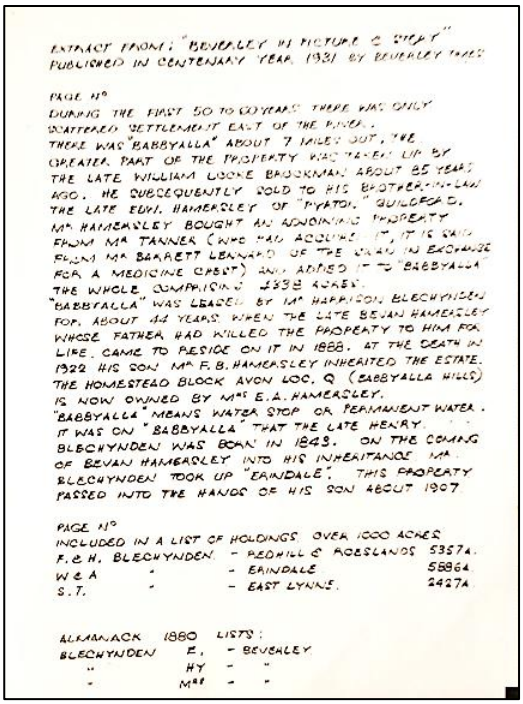
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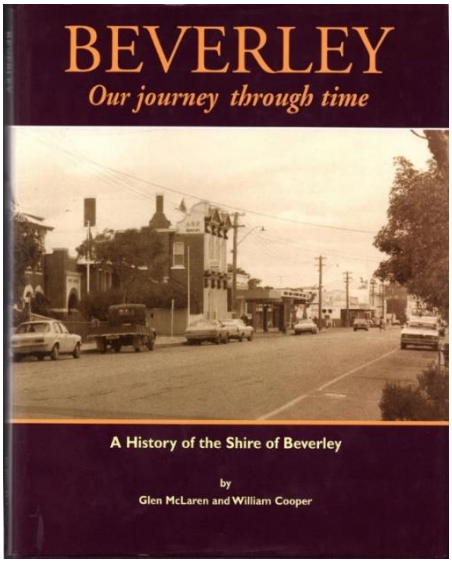
Early Beverley

The following section shows the settlement of the colony was now progressing with expeditions and exploration progressing across the Darling Scarp and further inland. It has a brief description of a few of the major people concerned which led to Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden moving to the district of Beverley.



BEVERLEY Our journey through time
A History of the Shire of Beverley
by
Glen McLaren and William Cooper

This book which has been brilliantly and accurately researched and compiled telling the history of the Beverley district, has proven most helpful in working out the ownership and timeline concerning Harrison Blechynden and his children, who later themselves became pioneers of the South-West.

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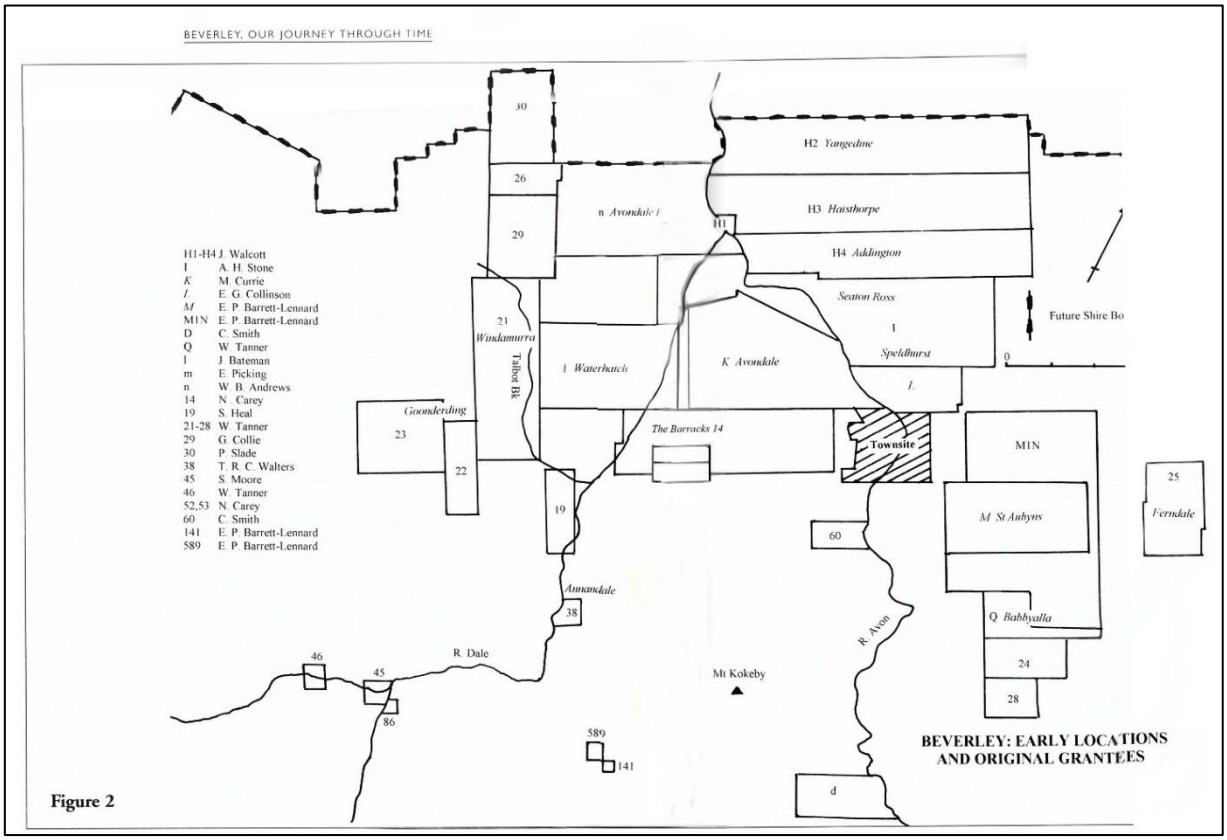


BEVERLEY Our journey though time:
BEVERLEY: early locations and original grantees, pg. 10-11

EARLY LOCATIONS AND ORIGINAL GRANTS - M I N Q –

In the following pages are a number of quotes from *Beverley Our journey through time*.

pg.*2 In early Aug 1830, therefore, Ensign Robert Dale of the 63rd Regiment was placed in charge of a small expedition, comprising himself, experienced Oxfordshire farmer* ***William Lock Brockman****, a soldier and a stockman assigned to take care for the two pack horses. Its task was to explore the country to the east of the Darling Scarp." . . .*

pg.3 *A more comprehensive expedition followed in late October . . .*

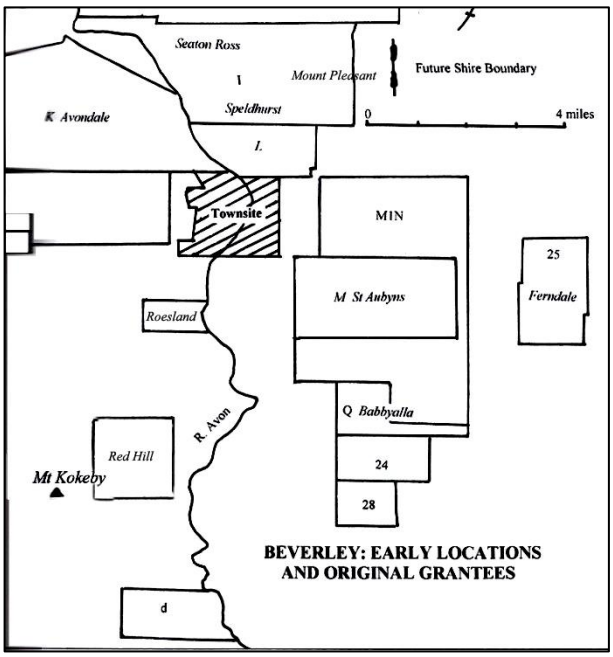
pg. 4 The country surrounding the Dale in the future shire of Beverley was in Hardy's opinion, even better than that around the Avon. . . . In the spring of 1831, after leading a party to establish a Government Stock farm at York and blazing a trail through the Darling Range, Dale carried out a third and more comprehensive exploration of the region. . .

pg. 5 Dale's and Harding's findings were all that the would-be pastoralists in the Swan Valley required and, once the newly appointed York Acting Government Resident Captain Byrne, arrived in September with a small detachment of soldiers, settlers began making their way across the ranges to take up their grants in the district.

In this story we are mainly concerned with the properties of 'St Aubyns' and 'Babbyella' sic, 'Babbyalla'.

pg. 14, 15 *Barrett-Lennard was one of the very few early settlers who deserve the title of gentleman farmer. The fifth son of First Baron of Belhus, he spent most of his time in Western Australia on St Leonards, which was his 4,939-acre grant at Upper Swan. Historian J. S. Battye speaks in glowing terms of Barret-Lennard:*

The core of Barrett-Lennard's St Aubyns *at Beverley, however, was not Location L, but Location M, which was one of that landed gentleman's initial grants. In 1839 he added to it by purchasing Richard Isaac's 1,106-acre property for £150, then acquiring a further 4,000 acres of adjoining land. The resultant 6,106-acre property, which surrounded Location M on three sides, was registered as MIN. The proprietor of St Leonards must have led quite a lonely life after 1848, when his wife and seven children returned to England. Only the eldest son ever returned to WA, to farm* St Leonards. *The development of* St Aubyns *was consequently entrusted to Barrett Lennard's nephew Edmund who had accompanied him to WA in 1829. The area of that property was somewhat reduced in 1841, when the 1,598 acres from the southeastern corner were sold to William Tanner.*



Tanner who was something of a land-jobber, also owned land in Wiltshire, England. Describing himself as an agriculturalist he brought with him into the Colony, 13 males and 10 females capable of working, seven children and goods valued at £2,797 12s. od. Through employing others to carry out the necessary location duties on his lands and by foreclosing the mortgages of several unsuccessful settlers.

pg.15.The area of that property M was somewhat reduced in 1841 when 1,598 acres from the southern eastern corner was sold to WILLIAM TANNER. Tanner became one of the largest owners in

WA. He used remission certificates to acquire Locations Q, 24 and 28, which with the adjoining block purchased from Barrett Lennard in the following year, constituted the 4,338 - acre Babbyella (sic) *estate. (More can be read about Tanner and his other property dealings).*

TANNER, WILLIAM (1801-1845): William Tanner arrived on the *Drummore* on 1 Feb 1831 with his wife Hester, (nee Viveash) (1805-1846) and one male child. He was allowed to select 35,000 acres and took up locations in the Swan and Avon districts. He farmed on the Upper Swan at his property, 'Baskerville' estate'. The family left the colony on 14 Jan 1844, on the *Napolean.*

pg.16. In 1844, after returning to his Wiltshire estate, Tanner sold* Goonderding *and* Babbyella (sic) *to EDWARD HAMERSLEY.

'ST AUBYNS'

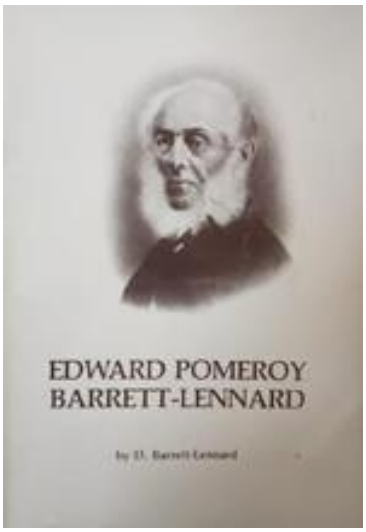
BARRETT-LENNARD, EDWARD POMEROY (1799-1878):

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edward_Pomeroy_Barrett-Lennard
23 Aug 1829 Edward Pomeroy Barrett-Lennard arrived at the Swan River Colony on board the Marquis of Anglesea, *bringing with him six servants and substantial assets including farm animals and equipment. He was allotted a relatively large grant of 2,906 acres (11.8 km²) and quickly established a property in the virgin bushland in the West Swan Area near Guildford which he named* St Leonards. *In December 1829, the Lieutenant-Governor, James Stirling appointed him, along with five other prominent settlers, a Justice of the Peace. Barrett-Lennard returned to England in 1836 where he married Elizabeth Frances Graham on 28 September 1837. They returned to WA on the Montreal on 2 May 1839 with their eldest child and* ***Barrett-Lennard's 16-year-old nephew, EDMUND THOMAS BARRETT-LENNARD.*** The development of 'St Aubyns' was entrusted to his nephew Edmund Thomas Barrett-Lennard.

BOOK: EDWARD POMEROY BARRETT-LENNARD by D. Barrett Lennard:

pg.9 ***Edmund*** *lived at* St Leonards *for a few years and then took over the management of* St Aubyns *for his uncle. For himself he selected a government block of 1,000 acres on the Dale River west of Beverley and finally left* St Aubyns *in 1854 to make his own way. EDMUND THOMAS HENRY BARRETT-LENNARD married ELIZABETH ANN SMITH (1833-1886) 'ELIZA', in 1854, Beverley, WA.) He subsequently enlarged his holding to 5,000 acres and founded a big farming family.*

Note: You will see in various sections that the Smith and Broun families had much influence in properties the Blechynden's held.



EDWARD POMEROY BARRETT-LENNARD
by D. Barrett Lennard:

P.20 *His Properties: By 1865, when Edward Pomeroy Barrett-Lennard's fortunes were at their peak, he controlled nearly 30,000 acres in the Swan and Avon Valleys. Five freehold properties accounted for 16,106 acres, and he held 13,500 acres in the Beverley District under leasehold. Amongst Edward Pomeroy's freehold properties: Enrolment 170 – Avon Loc. M ('St Aubyns'). 3,286 acres.*

P.21 St Leonards, *along with* St Aubyns *was held under the 1837 marriage settlement for the children of Edward Pomeroy and Elizabeth, with Edward Pomeroy retaining the profits and rents. The marriage settlement was altered in 1868 to allow for Edward Graham, the only surviving son, to inherit* St Leonards *and* St Aubyns. *. . Edward Pomeroy obtained full control of* St Leonards, Cossington *Farm and* St Aubyns *only a few months before he died in 1888.*

Between 1841-1842 Harrison, Charlotte, John and Sarah Blechynden moved to a property named 'St Aubyns' in the Beverley District. On 19 Mar 1842 Charlotte gave birth to Elizabeth 'Anne' Blechynden, on 'St Aubyns', Beverley. John was now, aged 9 years of age and Sarah just 12 months. Some idea of what John experienced at this time can be read in his own chapter.

SURMISING: Edmund Thomas Barrett-Lennard was aged 16 years when he arrived in WA in May 1839, with his Uncle Edward Pomeroy Barrett-Lennard. Harrison Blechynden was well known to William Locke Brockman. Brockman and Edward Pomeroy Barrett-Lennard were well known to one another both being JP's and occupying positions of importance within the new colony. Both had been allocated land in the Swan River and new Beverley district. Brockman had been involved in the initial explorations of the area. Edmund Pomeroy Barret-Lennard entrusted the development of his allocated property in the Beverley district to his nephew Edmund Barret-Lennard. There was no infrastructure in the Beverley district. There were no roads, no town, no facilities. 'St Aubyns' and 'Babbyalla' consisted of virgin bush.

An official survey of the Beverley district took place in 1843. The 1843 census recorded the population of WA as 3,842.

BEVERLEY our journey through time P. 21-27

This chapter tells the unfortunate and often tragic story of frequent skirmishes between the new settlers and the local Aborigines.

In common with almost all pioneers throughout Australia, for over a decade-and-a-half the earliest Beverley settlers and their neighbours in the north and south were in a state of armed conflict with the local Aboriginal Bardong people, who had a deep attachment to their country.

BEVERLEY Our journey through time: pg. 24
This article mentions that in 1837, barracks were established at the 'Dale' and at Turkey Cock Creek on 'St Aubyns'.
By July 1837, it was estimated that 23 white settlers had lost their lives. . . While Stirling could not countenance a vigilante force in a British Colony, he did strengthen the military force in the Avon Valley. More troops were stationed at York, a permanent post was established on the banks of the Dale River in the far south-eastern corner of Avondale *and a detachment of the 21st fusiliers were also stationed on and off at* Alldington*. Subsequently* ***barracks were established at John Mann's property at the Dale, aptly named*** **The Barracks*, and at Turkey Cock Creek on* St Aubyns***. Patrols were mounted from these barracks and at times the military also provided armed escorts across the Darling Range. In addition, the planned establishment of a prison for male Aboriginal offenders on Rottnest Island was . . .*

Beverley Historical Society in reply to our query re the Barracks:

The Dale barracks were built about 1839 and were operational for only about 5 years till 1844. Known as the Dale Station the site consisted of two buildings. The first was the Military Post which consisted of an oblong building with a large central room between the two outer walls where the business of the post was carried out. On either end was a smaller room, one of which was the duty officer's quarters and the other was the lockup. About 50 metres away was a larger building known as The Barracks which housed soldiers, wives & families. The attached photo is from Beverley in Picture & Story p14 and is the ruins of the Dale barracks in 1930. The buildings have all gone now as they were made of mud brick. We have no information about who was posted there & it is believed that there were only seven soldiers at different times over the 5 years. Perhaps all this was similar for St Aubyns.

Harrison Blechynden looking for the opportunity to establish himself and his growing family on a property had proven himself to Brockman and his colleagues as an excellent and reliable worker with a knowledge of carpentry, butchering and farming skills. To consider this move was an enormous one fraught with danger and the unknown. A barracks had been set up on 'St Aubyns'. The birth of their third child Elizabeth Blechynden, on 'St Aubyns', Beverley indicated that initially they lived there, the barracks offering protection and support.

The new settlers arriving to occupy the allocated block in the district had to start from scratch.

BEVERLEY Our journey through time, pg.19:

'The district's pioneers faced immense problems. They had no dwellings of any substance, no fences to contain their stock, no dams or wells to guarantee water through the summer months, no sheds to store the gain, and no fodder essential for working horse. . . Where to begin? . . . Moreover, there were no roads, bridges or culverts' . . .

'An immense drawback has attended the Settlement of this part of the Colony for want of a road across the hills by which the transportation of supplies is rendered both difficult and expensive.'

One can imagine that Edmund Barrett-Lennard and Harrison Blechynden travelled backwards and forwards between Guildford and 'St Aubyns' many times bringing supplies and equipment to set up buildings to live in, stables and yards to contain the stock. Charlotte and their two children joined them on 'St Aubyns' sometime between April 1841 and Mar 1842. One wonders who helped Charlotte with the birth of Elizabeth 'Anne' on 19 Mar 1842 at St Aubyns? Highly likely the wife of another new settler in the area nearby or the wife of one of the soldiers in the barracks. (Edmund Thomas Barrett-Lennard was not married until 1853. By this time Charlotte had given birth to their tenth child. In 1853, Charlotte was probably the one to assist his wife Eliza with the birth of their children.)

Beverley Historical Society in reply to our query re who helped the women settlers giving birth:

There were women and families in the Beverley and Dale districts from the late 1830s onward. As you know many of the landowners did not live on the land but they employed others to do the work. St Aubyns was advertising to service and agist horses from 1840. This type of business could not have succeeded unless the farm was running efficiently and this could not be done by just one man or family. Most farms employed several men and priority was given to family men because they were more stable, had family incentives & growing children were useful workers. So, there would have been other women around to help with childbirth either at St Aubyns or neighbouring farms. Additionally, Beverley was fortunate to have the services of a doctor in the form of Dr Samuel Viveash who owned & lived at Yangedine, some 15 kilometres north of St Aubyns. Dr Viveash was well known for assisting in childbirth, often walking overland (very poor roads) to the Dale & other places to attend a birth & even came back the next day to see how the mother & baby were faring. He lived at Yangedine from 1838 till 1842.

EDMUND THOMAS HENRY BARRETT-LENNARD (1823-1895)
the founder of the well-known Western Australian, Beverley family.

Edmund Thomas Barrett-Lennard was born 20 Nov 1823, England and baptised 22 May 1824, St Marylebone, London, England. Arrived 2 May 1839 via Montreal.
Edmund Thomas Barrett-Lennard died 1895, Beverley, WA. Burial Beverley.

Following contains family tree information about
Edmund Thomas Henry Barrett-Lennard (1823-1895) and his family

m.1 EDMUND THOMAS HENRY BARRETT-LENNARD (1823-1895) married **ELIZABETH 'ELIZA' ANN SMITH (1833-1886)** in 1854, Beverley, WA [Reg No.643], registered under Eliza Ann in 1854. Eliza was born 9 Jan 1833, Fremantle, WA. She died 15 Jan 1886, Beverley, WA [Reg. 14169].

EDMUND THOMAS HENRY BARRETT-LENNARD (1823-1895) and **ELIZA BARRETT-LENNARD (1833-1886)** had two living children:

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Following the death of his first wife, Eliza Barret-Lennard (nee Smith) in 1886, Edmund married again.

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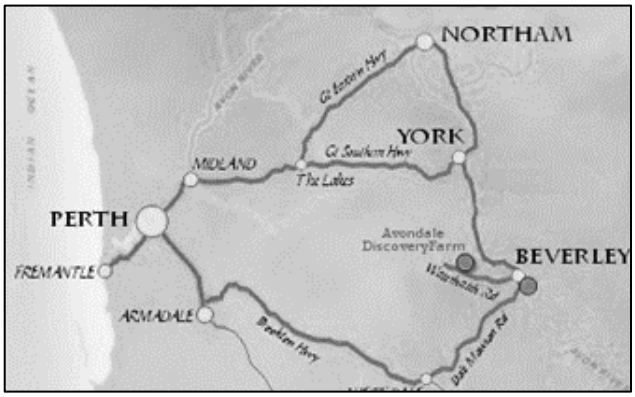

For the comfort and safety of travellers, Inns were established along the York Road and within the Beverley District.
Map showing Perth, York, Beverley, and Northam.

And finally, as the population grew, stores were established in York. Initially they stocked primarily necessities, but as settlers became better established, relatively good quality dwellings were built and a greater number of women and children arrived, a considerable range of comforts and small luxuries became available. By 1848 the entrepreneurial flour miller and publican John Monger was stocking Jamaica rum, gin, ladies' slippers, bolts of floral prints, good quality stationary and "shirts in regatta check" at his York store.
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Distance: Perth to Beverley - 125 kms =77.67 miles, Guildford to Beverley - 109 Kms = 67.7 miles. Beverley to York - 28.5 kms = 17.7 miles.

Saddle horses and light carts could make Guildford from York in a day, loaded wagons took two days.

The York Agricultural Society was formed in York in 1840. From then on, a show was held every year. People from all over the surrounding districts would gather take part and socialise.

This gives one an idea of what was happening in the York, Beverley districts in 1840
Inquirer (Perth, WA: 1840 - 1855), Wed 11 Nov 1840, pg 59
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article65581670.txt

YORK AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The York Agricultural Society held its first Annual Meeting on Wednesday last which was most numerously and respectably attended; the occasion drew together a vast concourse of people who flocked from all parts of the country; the usually quiet town of York was aroused by the appearance of tandems, gigs, and other vehicles, and the place presented rather the appearance of an English Fair than an Agricultural show in the Australian wilderness.

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In 1843, Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden moved to manage the property named 'Babbyalla'.
It was here that Charlotte gave birth to her fourth child, Henry George Blechynden on 6 Aug 1843, at 'Babbyalla', WA [Reg. 278], recorded as Babbalalla. Henry George Blechynden was christened on 6 Oct 1843.

BEVERLEY Our journey though time pg.75.

In 1844 West Guildford gentleman farmer Edward Hamersley acquired 'Babbyalla' Estate immediately south of 'St Aubyns'. He leased the property to Harrison Blechynden.

EDWARD HAMERSLEY (1810-1874) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edward_Hamersley_(senior)

Edward Hamersley was born in Sandgate, Kent, England on 25 Mar 1810. He was educated at Pembroke College, Cambridge, graduating BA in 1833. He then spent a number of years touring throughout Europe, during which time he married Anne Louise Cornelis in Paris. Their first son, Edward, was born in Paris in 1836.

Around 1836, he decided to emigrate to, largely on the basis of optimistic letters received from his sister Frances, who had emigrated to with her husband William Locke Brockman in 1830. He sailed with his wife and son, arriving at Fremantle in February 1837 via the ship Trusty. *Upon arriving in WA, he found many of the original settlers to be financially struggling, and he was able to obtain a number of large grants of land extremely cheaply. He then leased the land out, ensuring himself an income and allowing him to live in relative comfort in Perth. Economic conditions improved in the late 1830s, and his large land holdings brought him substantial wealth. In 1839, he became a partner in a horse breeding business with Samuel Pole Phillips, who had recently arrived in the colony, and in 1841 he became a director of the Western Australian Bank. . .*

When Edward Hamersley died in 1874, his son Bevan Hamersley inherited 'Babbyalla'.

BEVERLEY Our journey though time, pg. 27, pg.30:

The struggles of the early settlers were magnified by their general ignorance of local conditions, the shortage of tradesmen, labourers and ready money, and the necessity to devise appropriate techniques of animal husbandry. *Indeed, their British and European farming experience counted for little, and they quickly had to learn how to fell and dress bush timber, load and cart heavy logs, construct buildings and store feed for their working horses, kill and preserve meat in a hot climate without the aid of refrigeration, grow sufficient vegetables for all their requirements, and so forth. . . .*

This was the beginning:
The presence of dingoes and aboriginal dogs, as well as the almost complete absence of fencing, meant the sheep had to be shepherded out each day and returned to a brushwood fold each night.

An article was presented at the Perth Quarter sessions, on 2 Oct 1844 and tells the story of the loss of a very large ram stag, of the Leicester breed, which had a bell round its neck from the property of Harrison Blechynden at Beverley, which ended in dire consequences for the villains.

QUARTER SESSIONS
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Perth Gazette and Western Australian Journal (WA: 1833 - 1847), Sat 7 Aug 1847, pg 4

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H. C. SUTHERLAND,
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BIRTHS AND DEATHS:

Two more children were added to the family, both recorded as being born at 'Babbyalla'': **Jesse William,** born 12 Apr 1845, Babballall (sic), WA [Reg. 564], and **Walter Edward Blechynden** born 16 Jun 1846, Babalalla (sic), WA [Reg. No/ 808]. Note: Should be 'Babbyalla'.

It has been recorded that another baby: **James Blechynden was born and died in 1845** in 'Babbyalla', E. Beverley, WA. He was born in Apr 1845 in 'Babbyalla', E. Beverley, WA. Perhaps Jesse had a twin who died at birth. I cannot find a record in the WA births and deaths re this baby.

It was a sad time for Harrison and Charlotte, (once again pregnant) when Jesse William died on 11 Dec 1846 WA [Reg. 233], at the age of 20 months.

Their next child, **Charles Edwin** was born 28 Mar 1847, at Babbalilla (sic), WA [Reg. No. 1098], followed by **Thomas Harrison** born 9 Sep 1848, York, WA [Reg. 1098]. Note: Should be 'Babbyalla'.

The next two children were registered at Beverley and York: **Jesse William** Blechynden born 9 Jun 1851, WA [Reg. 1705] and **Joseph Blechynden** born 9 Feb 1853, WA [Reg.2018], registered under Blechenden.

Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden had parented a total of ten children, (reduced to nine with the loss of Jesse in 1846), the living consisting of two daughters and seven sons.

When Joseph Blechynden was born in 1853 the children were aged approximately as follows: John - 20 years, Sarah - 12 years, Elizabeth - 11 years, Henry George - 9 ½ years, Walter Edward - 6 ½ years, Charles Edwin - 5 years, Thomas Harrison - 3 1/2, Jesse William 20 months and Joseph - the baby.

Charlotte was extremely busy with eight children under twelve. John from the age of nine years had helped his father on the farm and from the age of about twelve years had worked side by side with his father doing a man's work. The property was now a going concern, with yards, stables, sheds, animals and crops. The two men were kept busy from dawn until dusk. Charlotte must have been a super woman: building up a home from only the bare necessities, in a place with no outside support, bearing eight children over a period of 13 years in the Beverley District, cooking, washing, feeding the animals, tending to the vegetable garden and all those things necessary for survival.
Charlotte Augusta Blechynden (nee Robus)

Elizabeth and Sarah were a great assistance to their mother helping with the household and yard chores and keeping the boisterous boys out of mischief.

The children, as soon as they were able, helped with chores with the house, yard and animals and taught to ride.

There was as yet little infrastructure in the area and thus far no schools. Any schooling the children had was taught to them by their mother. (Many years later Joseph, the youngest, signed his name with a X, not surprising given the little time Charlotte had to spare).

BEVERLEY Our journey though time, pg.77:

Thomas Bailey noted in 1852 ". . . we have no church or clergyman, magistrate, constable, police or postal communication. Neither we have roads or bridges."

In fact, the first tiny service centre in the district was established at Edwards Crossing at the junction of a number of roads. William Edwards constructed a mud bat store there, and subsequently Joseph Wansbrough commenced business as a wheelwright.

In 1840, York put on the first of what was to become an annual Agricultural Show. (See item a few pages earlier regarding this show and the meeting associated with it.) This was to develop into a most important social event for the settlers. In Oct 1843, the first race meeting was held.

Harrison Blechynden as the manager of property in the Beverley district would have attended the show annually to meet others in the area and show stock from 'Babbyalla'. One can imagine the Blechyndens would have become involved as a family in the events, travelling by horse and cart and probably staying overnight.

BEVERLEY Our journey though time, pg.45:

For two or three days preceding the fair the usual monotony of the York Road – varied on ordinary occasions only by the passing, at long intervals by a solitary bullock team – was relieved by the presence of smart gigs, and gay equestrians, all hastening to the great centre of attraction.

The book on **BEVERLEY Our Journey Through Time, P.21-27** tells of the dangerous interaction with the Aboriginal people. There were inevitably many altercations on both sides.

pg. 23 Sanity prevailed however, for the editor went on to note, the majority of the Avon Valley natives were peaceable.

pg.27 To some extent this marked improvement in relations can be attributed to the work of Protector Peter Burrows who, after being appointed in 1840, arranged for as many as possible of the York-Beverley natives to assemble at York, where he obtained through an interpreter the Governments benevolent intentions and expectations. . .

pg.27 Moreover Barrow noted that the majority of settlers now aware of their numerical superiority and the value of Aborigines as workers, attempted to treat them humanely, for already a growing number were being incorporated within the workforce, often with highly satisfying results.

Our Blechynden family must have had frequent, friendly interaction with the local tribe and it is known that John Blechynden was able to speak the Noongar language. In 1854, John Blechynden walked to the Blackwood district at the age of 21 guided by friendly Aboriginals and was so impressed with what he saw that he acquired two pastoral leases along the Blackwood River. More details can be found in the individual chapter on John Blechynden.

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By 1854 the population of the York-Beverley District, including the military personal, free settlers, convicts and working Aborigines totalled 1,239. Of these, 47 were conditional pardon men, 258 were ticket of leave holders and five were imprisoned.

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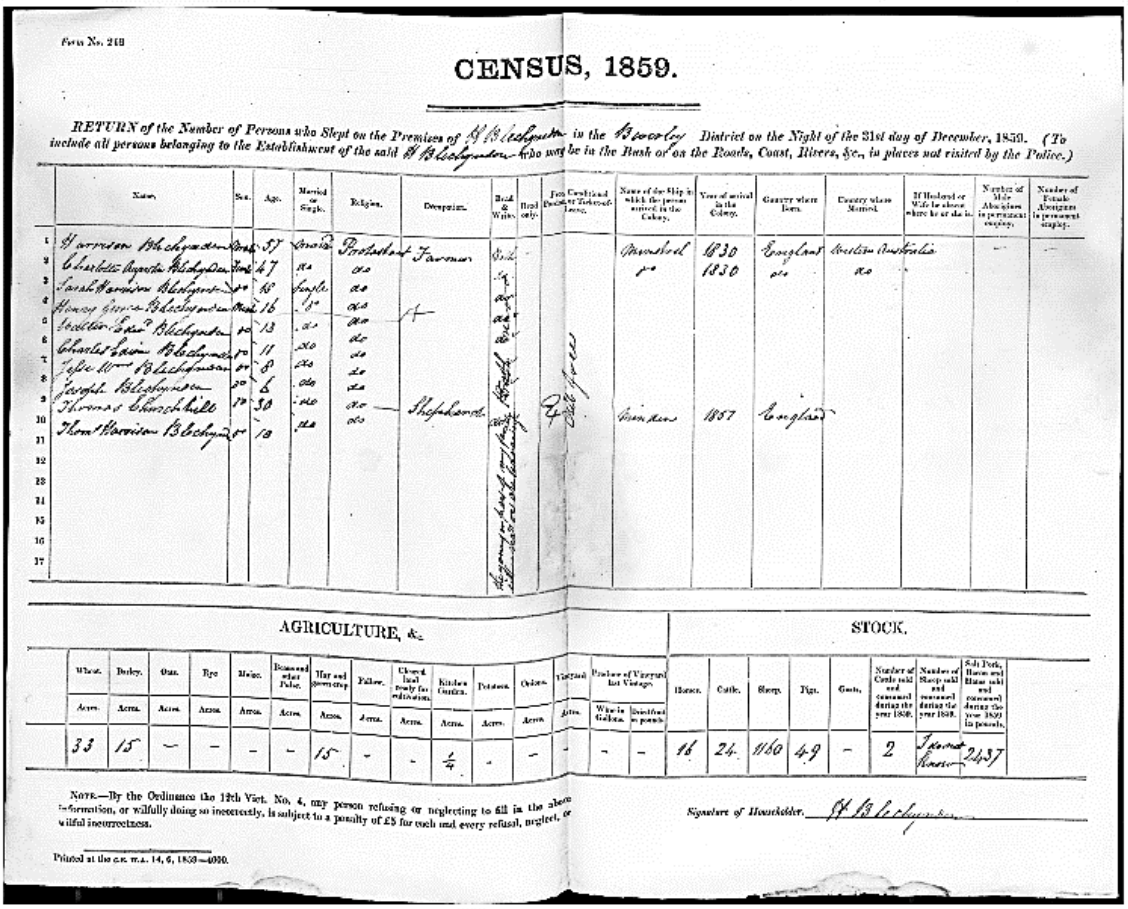
6. Charles Edwin Blechynden, Male, Age 11, Single, Protestant.
7. Jesse William Blechynden, Male, Age 8, Single, Protestant.
8. Joseph Blechynden, Male, Age 6, Single, Protestant.
9. Thomas Churchill, Male, Age 30, Single, Protestant, Shepherd, Arrived in the Colony on the Ship Minden? in 1857. *
10. Thomas Harrison Blechynden, Male, Age 10, Protestant.

CENSUS 1859 - HARRISON BLECHYNDEN



Form No. 249

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	Name.	Sex.	Age.	Married or Single.	Religion.	Description.	Bred & Native only.	Bred only.	Free Certificated or Ticket-of-Leave.	Name of the Ship in which the person arrived in the Colony.	Year of arrival in the Colony.	Country where born.	Country where Married.	If Husband or Wife be absent, where he or she is.	Number of Male Aborigines in permanent employ.	Number of Female Aborigines in permanent employ.
1	Harrison Blechynden	Male	57	married	Protestant	Farmer	Bred			Minstrel	1830	England	Western Australia		—	—
2	Charlotte Augusta Blechynden	Fem.	47	do	do		do			do	1830	do	do			
3	Sarah Harrison Blechynden	do	18	single	do		do									
4	Henry George Blechynden	Male	16	do	do		do									
5	Walter Edward Blechynden	do	13	do	do		do									
6	Charles Edwin Blechynden	do	11	do	do		do									
7	Jesse Wm Blechynden	do	8	do	do		do									
8	Joseph Blechynden	do	6	do	do		do									
9	Thomas Churchill	do	30	do	do	Shepherd	do		Free	Minden	1857	England				
10	Thomas Harrison Blechynden	do	10	do	do		do									
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AGRICULTURE, &c.

Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.	Rye	Maize.	Beans and other Pulse.	Hay and Green crop	Fallow.	Cleared land ready for cultivation.	Kitchen Garden.	Potatoes.	Onions.	Vineyard	Produce of Vineyard for Vintage		STOCK. Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Goats.	Number of Cattle sold and consumed during the year 1859.	Number of Sheep sold and consumed during the year 1859.	Salt Pork, Hams and Bacon sold and consumed during the year 1859 in pounds.
Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Wine in Gallons.	Distilled in pounds.								
33	15	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	¼	—	—	—	—	—	16	24	1160	49	—	2	I cannot know	2437

NOTE.—By the Ordinance the 12th Vict. No. 4, any person refusing or neglecting to fill in the above information, or wilfully doing so incorrectly, is subject to a penalty of £5 for each and every refusal, neglect, or wilful incorrectness.

Signature of Householder. H. B. Blechynden

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Two of Harrison's other children, John born 1833 and Elizabeth 'Anne' born 1842, were not present on the night of the Census in 1859. John had left home in 1854, was to be married in 1860 and was living in the Blackwood District. Harrison Blechynden wrote: "the younger part of my family either start or are learning", emphasized by - do (ditto) down the aisle.

Agriculture: Harrison Blechynden had 33 acres under wheat production, 15 acres of Barley, 15 acres of Hay and a quarter of an acre of Kitchen Garden.

Stock: Harrison Blechynden had 16 horses, 24 cattle, 1160 sheep, 49 Pigs. He had sold 2 cattle during the year but did not know how many sheep had been sold or processed. In the salt and pork area he had made and sold 2437 pounds weight during the year.

* Looking for details re Thomas Churchill, mentioned on the 1859 Census (see above), it is highly likely that he was a convict working for Harrison Blechynden.
THOMAS CHURCHILL (1828-1888) – CONVICT, was born 6 Dec 1828 Shavers End, Dudley, Worcester Shire, England. Parents: Richard Churchill and Phoebe Foxhall (1810-1874) who were married March 1828, St. Mary's, Kingswinford, Stafford, England. (Via Hill Family Tree, Ancestry.) He was convicted and went to trial on 5 Jan 1846 at Worcester, England. In 1848 Thomas was sentenced to transportation - seven years for larceny. Transported to WA in 1851 on the *Minden*.

I could not find any marriages or births of children recorded re Thomas Churchill in WA. Death: 1888, aged 65 years, WA [Reg. 580]. No other facts known.

Convict Records:

Western Australian Convicts - Minden 1851
members.iinet.net.au
SHARE

Name	Christian Name(s)	Reg No	Term	Age-S	Trial Place	Day	Mth	Year	
Campbell	Thomas	828	7y	31	Halifax, Nova Scotia CANADA	10	05	1849	Court Martia
Carpenter	Charles	891	7y	17	Leicester	28	06	1847	Larceny
Castle	William	884	10y	26	Wells	28	03	1848	... ...
Cawsey	James	909	7y	18	Barnstaple	04	07	1848	Larceny
Chamberlain	William	885	10y	41	Wells	28	03	1848	... ...
Chambers	Henry	819	7y	28	Northampton	03	03	1849	Arson of a s
Churchill	Thomas	719	7y	23	Worcester	16	10	1848	Larceny
Clark	Samuel	957	10y	20	Newington	21	05	1849	Larceny from
Collins	John	919	10y	23	Central Criminal Court	27	11	1848	... ...
Connelly	John	714	7y	21	....	..	..	....	*** See the
Connelly	John	962	10y	26	....	..	..	....	*** See the
Connoway	Patrick	821	7y	24	Glasgow	25	04	1849	... ...
Cooper	Daniel	787	7y	52	Central Criminal Court	26	02	1849	Obtaining mo
Cosford	George	698	7y	24	Northampton	03	01	1849	Larceny

https://convictrecords.com.au/ships/minden
This 916, ton ship was built at Sunderland in 1848. It was employed as a convict transport and left Plymouth, England on July 21, 1851 bound for the Swan River Colony. She carried the fifth of 37 shipments of male convicts destined for Western Australia. The voyage took 85 days and the Minden arrived in Fremantle on October 14, 1851 with 115 passengers and 301 convicts [Erickson]. Robert Dawson Crawford and John Gibson were the captain and surgeon respectively.

1859 listed Harrison Blechynden as a well-established farmer and grazier. He Leased 'Babbyalla' at Beverley from E. Hamersley, then developed 'Mt. Pleasant'.

Via Rod Boyle, Beverley Community resource Centre:

'Mt Pleasant' farm is 5 miles north of Beverley, on the Top Beverley Road. About 4 miles from Beverley on the York Road is Edwards railway crossing. Just over the crossing there is a sign for the Top Beverley Road on the right-hand side which takes you over the river and continues on to York. Just over the river, on the right-hand side there is a small church and cemetery in the middle of the paddock. If you take the road into the church and continue on you will come to 'Mt Pleasant' homestead. It is part of Avon Location I.

Harrison and Charlotte's eldest son John Blechynden (1833-1900) married Elizabeth Green (1839-1891) on 23 of Feb 1860, at St George's Cathedral in Perth, WA [Reg. 1487].

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL
https://www.perthcathedral.org/st-georges-cathedral/

The very first Anglican Service to be held in took place under a jarrah tree, possibly on the corner of Irwin and Hay Streets, in 1829. . . With Christmas only three weeks away he (Archdeacon Thomas Scott) set to work to build a church; everyone helped, particularly Captain Frederick Irwin and the soldiers of the Sixty Third Regiment. The church built partly of wood, with rushes filling up the sides, and appropriately known as the 'rush church' came into being and lasted for seven years. It was built on the corner of Hay and Irwin Streets.

In 1841, on January first, Governor John Hutt laid the Foundation Stone of the first Church of St George. About 600 people were present when the church was opened on 22 Jan 1845. This building stood adjacent to the City of Perth library. The old church faced north and south and stretched from approximately the west end of the present Cathedral main entrance. At this time was included in the Diocese of Adelaide and the church had to await the arrival of Bishop Short who consecrated it on 15 November 1848.

St George's Cathedral

On the arrival in 1858 of Mathew Blagden Hale, Perth's first Bishop, St George's became his Cathedral, and although it was later enlarged it did not meet the needs of the Diocese or the Parish of Perth. (The Cathedral Parish included West Perth, North Perth, Highgate and East Perth...and in the early 1900s was ministering to up to 15,000 people!)

The arrival of Henry Hutton Parry, Perth's second Bishop heralded the building of the present Cathedral. . . Work began in 1879 with the Foundation Stone being laid on 2 November 1880 by the Governor, Sir William Robinson. This stone is on the north east corner (outside the North Transept).

Speculating: The whole family travelled to Perth for the wedding, taking two days, stopping at one of the Inns along the York Road. On the day of the wedding, Charlotte and the girls, Sarah and 'Anne' looked and felt very special, dressed up in their best clothes. Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden would have found it a very social occasion meeting with many of their associates and peers from their time living in Perth. The Robus and Green families would have been present, as well as the Brockmans. Following their marriage, John and Elizabeth Blechynden spent their honeymoon travelling by bullock wagon from Perth to a rough dwelling house in the Blackwood area on John's ten-acre homestead block on which he had earlier built a stockman's cottage. (More details re John and Elizabeth Blechynden can be read in their own chapter.)

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As the local population and production increased, a small urban settlement gradually took shape. It was not before time for, as local resident Joseph Bailey noted in April 1852:

. . .we have no church or clergyman, magistrate, constable, police or postal communication. Neither have we bridges.

In fact, the first tiny service centre in the district was established at Edwards Crossing on Brooklebay, *at the junction of a number of roads. William Edwards constructed a mud-bat store there, and subsequently Joseph Wainwright commenced business as a wheelwright. By 1864 a smithy was also operating at the site, and in the same year a convict team consolidated this little township by building the Avon bridge, later named Seaton Ross Bridge.*

With the departure of John, the older boys Henry and Walter took his place in helping their father on the property. One can imagine the younger boys, escorted by their sisters, often rode their horses to visit their neighbours at Edwards Crossing. Elizabeth and Sarah, now attractive young women, attended social gatherings held by neighbours nearby, sometimes travelling further to York. Romance developed between Anne Blechynden and Thomas Edwards who lived at Edwards Crossing.

'Anne' Elizabeth Blechynden (1842-1927) was married in York, at the Anglican Holy Trinity Church to Thomas Edwards (1838-1903), 5 Mar 1862, WA [Reg. 1753]. (St Paul's Church, Edwards Crossing, was consecrated in 1862.) As for John and Elizabeth's wedding, this would have been a very significant social event for the whole family. More can be read about Anne and Thomas Edwards in their individual chapter.

In 1864, Walter Edward aged 18 years, and his brother Charles Edwin Blechynden, aged 17 years, walked to Bridgetown and joined their eldest brother, John. For three years they rented 'Wilgarrup', then owned by Mr. Charles Rose. In the early seventies, Walter selected 'Glenpennant' on the Upper Warren where he settled and lived for the rest of his life. Charles returned to Beverley where he is recorded as employing 5 Ticket of Leave men at Beverley in 1865.

Surmising: Sarah Blechynden met and was romanced by a farmer, from the Blackwood district, John Henry Markham Page, an ex-convict who had been granted a pardon in 1860. Sarah may have taken the opportunity to stay with her brother John in Bridgetown and help her new sister-in-law, Elizabeth, with the birth of her babies: John William, born in 1861 and George in 1862. Perhaps John Henry Markham Page visited the family at 'Babbyalla' in Beverley.

Sarah Harrison Blechynden (1841-1930) was married 30 Nov 1867, in York, WA [Reg. 2656], at the Anglican Holy Trinity Church, to John Henry Markham Page (1831-1917). More can be read about Sarah and John page in their individual chapter.

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By 1867 the Surveyor General became aware that a township was developing on private land at Edwards Crossing without being surveyed and formerly gazetted. He therefore sent his son, contactor George Roe to survey a township on part of the land previously reserved for that purpose. . .

Item 027 - Beverley 15/2. Beverley - coloured working plan, G. Roe.
https://archive.sro.wa.gov.au/index.php/beverley-15-2-beverley-coloured-working-plan-g-roe-027

First map of Beverley township

WA BUSHRANGERS

***West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Sat 23 Jan 1937, pg 9**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/41270899#

In this lengthy and descriptive article, a fascinating and terrifying account of three bushrangers in the York, Beverley districts, Mrs Blechynden is mentioned:

"*Nothing further was heard until June 15, when **Mrs. Blechynden reported to the York police** that a native woman in the employ of Mr Alfred Robins, of Bally Bally, stated she saw two men (one with a gun) going through the bush and that they were heavily laden."*

This Mrs Blechynden must have been Charlotte Blechynden, as the only son married in 1867 was John Blechynden who married Elizabeth Green and were residing in Bridgetown. Elizabeth was married in 1862 and Sarah in 1867, but of course they took on their husband's names.

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Inspector Piesse took steps on receipt of this complaint to intercept the men by stationing a constable at the ferry over the Swan River and another constable at the Swan Bridge. Constables Armstrong and Kirk, together with two native trackers, were sent out to capture, if possible, the offenders, who were believed to be the escaped convicts. These constables crossed the Swan River and proceeded to Mr. Oliver's property, then followed the river down to Lennard's block. Sergeant Peacock also went down to the ferry and brought across from the other side of the river two canoes to prevent the escapees crossing the river by that means. Shortly afterwards shots were heard in the direction of the river and on Inspector Piesse crossing the bridge, he was met by Constables Armstrong and Kirk, who informed him that one of the natives when near the residence of Mr. Robins had struck a match to see if there were any tracks on the road and the three escapees were seen by Armstrong within 15 yards of them. They were called on several times to surrender, but rushed away towards a large jarrah tree, from which they opened fire on the police.

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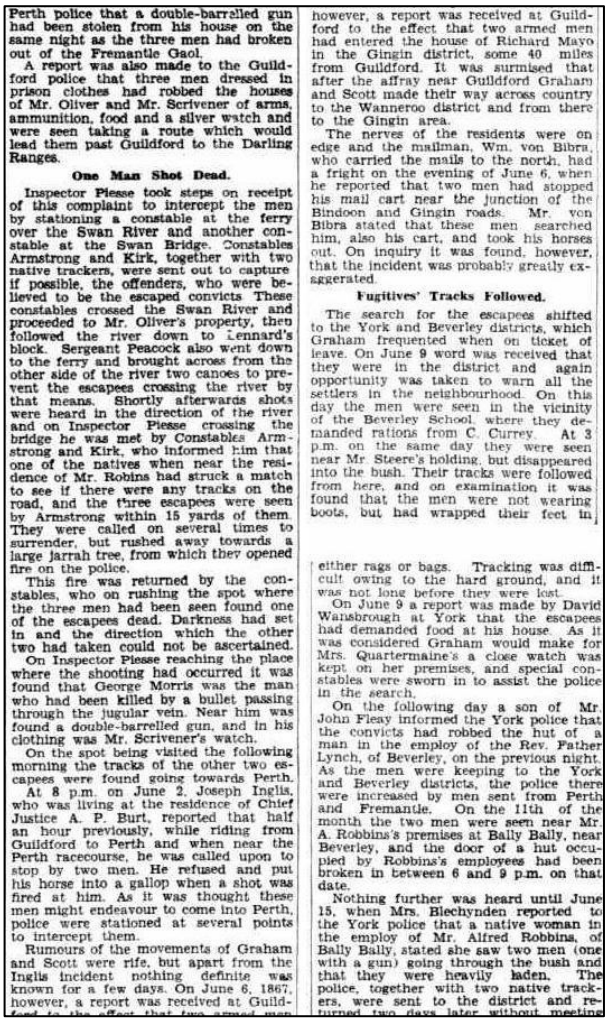

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With the marriage of John, Anne and Sarah and the departure of Walter and Charles, the family dynamics had changed dramatically. In 1868, Henry George Blechynden was 25 years, Thomas 19 years, Jesse 17 years and Joseph 15 years. They were all expected to assist Harrison on the farm. Harrison was now aged 66 years and Charlotte 56 years.

The Beverley townsite was established around 1868 and life became easier as people settled in the town and Government services were progressively introduced.

The following article indicates that a bush fire destroyed the house owned by "Mr Blechynden". We have not heard Harrison's home on 'Babbyalla' was demolished by fire. This is a bit of a mystery:

In 1869 Harrison and Charlotte were still on' 'Babbyalla'' and developing 'Mt Pleasant'. John, Sarah and Elizabeth were married and had moved away. Perhaps it could have been on the property of Henry George Blechynden. He was 26 years in 1869. His Obituary read: *The late Mr Blechynden, as a young man took up land at Mt. Kokeby, the property being known as "Erindale."* As this land was near 'Babbyalla' it is quite likely he was there in 1869.

Charles Edwin Blechynden (1848-1918) would have been 21 years of age. The obituary of his brother Walter Blechynden recorded: *"In 1864, a youth of 18, he (Walter) walked to Bridgetown in company with his brother Edwin, and there joined his eldest brother, John. The three brothers rented "Wilgarrup," which was then owned by the late Charles Rose (uncle of the present owner, Mr. J. C. Rose)."*

Recorded in the Bicentennial Dictionary of WA: Charles Edwin Blechynden: *Farmer, Beverley "Seaton Ross " then Bridgetown, then Beverley, acquired "Roesland" 1888 & later "Red Hill". Employed 5 TIL men at Beverley 1865 & 1873/4.*

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I guess we will never know. By the amount, of damages, it sounds like it was a substantial house. The mystery remains.

***Herald* (Fremantle, WA: 1867 - 1886), Sat 13 Mar 1869, pg 3**
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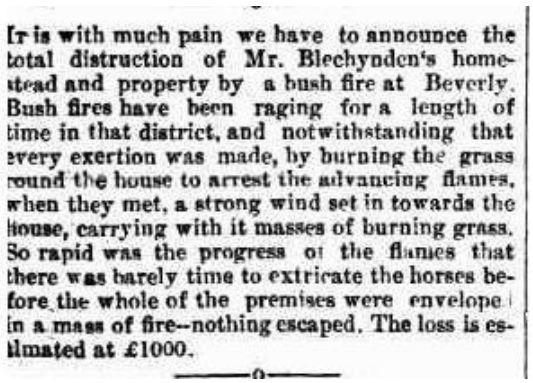
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Charles 'Edwin' Blechynden for five years rented the property, 'Seaton Ross' from Mr. Johnson. During this time, Edwin met and courted a young woman named Caroline Davies, the daughter of Thomas Davies (1825-1902) and Matilda Edwards (1831-1887). Caroline, born in Guildford in 1850, had moved with her family to York in about 1858, at the age of about eight years of age.

***BEVERLEY Our Journey Through Time*, pg.78-79**

By 1870 a second bridge had been constructed across the Avon, thus giving access to the eastern half of the new township. . .

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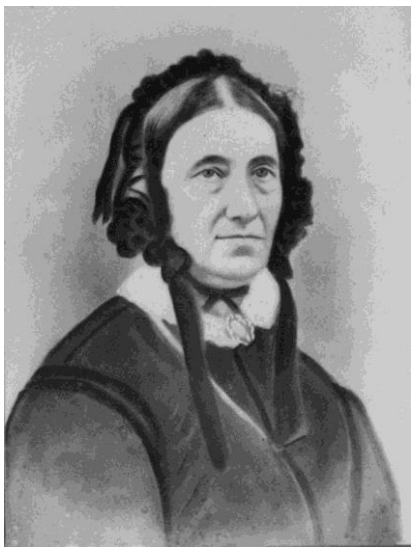

Charlotte Blechynden (nee Robus)

As well as running the business side of the house and farm, Charlotte enjoyed visiting her married children and grandchildren, which were increasing in numbers.

Henry George, Thomas Harrison, Jesse William and Joseph continued to help their father on the farm which by now was a large and busy concern, running horses, cattle, sheep and pigs. They were kept busy attending sales, looking after and processing beef, sheep and pigs.

It was a sad day for Charlotte and the family when Harrison Blechynden died at 'Babbyalla' on the 17 Jul 1873 [Reg. 6696], (recorded under Bleychenden), aged 71 years. The funeral took place at St Paul's Church, Edwards Crossing and he was laid to rest at the Edwards Crossing Cemetery, Beverley, WA.

***Herald* (Fremantle, WA: 1867 - 1886), Sat 2 Aug 1873, pg 2**
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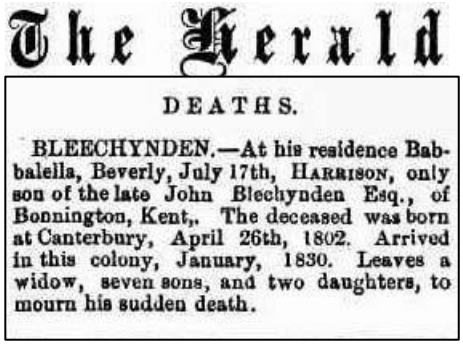

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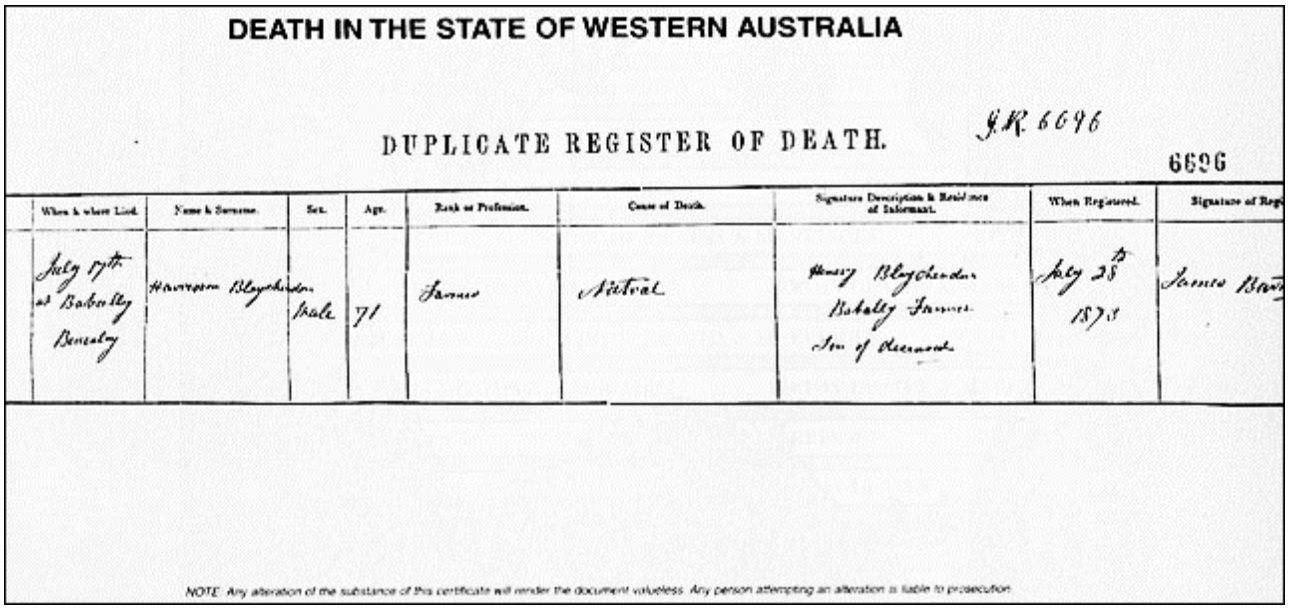
One can imagine a big attendance at the funeral of Harrison Blechynden, who was a well-known and respected settler, one of the first in the district. He and his wife Charlotte had brought up a family of ten children, nine of who had now gone on to establish their own farms.

Old picture of St Paul's church Edwards Crossing, the graves are to the left of Church entrance



DEATH IN THE STATE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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When & where Died.	Name & Surname.	Sex.	Age.	Rank or Profession.	Cause of Death.	Signature Description & Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Regi
July 17th at Babbaley Beverley	Harrison Blechynden	Male	71	Farmer	Mitral	Henry Blechynden Babbaley Farmer Son of deceased	July 28th 1873	James Bent

NOTE: Any alteration of the substance of this certificate will render the document valueless. Any person attempting an alteration is liable to prosecution.

Death certificate of Harrison Blechynden, cause of death Mitral – (short for Mitral infarction) - heart

See also the full headstone including Charlottes inscription located a few pages further on.

Headstone Harrison Blechynden, Edwards Crossing Cemetery. The lettering, all in upper case, can be deciphered fairly well.

SACRED

TO THE MEMORY OF HARRISON BLECHYNDEN
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Life continued on with Henry George and the three youngest sons, Thomas Harrison, Jesse and Joseph working the farm at 'Babbyalla'. Charlotte was aged 61 years, Henry George was now aged 30 years, Thomas 24 years, Jesse 22 years and Joseph 20 years.

At the time of Harrison's death, four of their nine children; John, Anne, Sarah Harrison, and Charles Edwin, were married, and Harrison and Charlotte had twenty grandchildren.

John and Elizabeth Blechynden (nee Green) had seven children: John, George, Edwin, Charlotte (deceased), James, Arthur, Alfred and Ernest.

Sarah Harrison (nee Blechynden) and John Markham Page had four children: Susannah Markham, James Henry, Martha Markham and John.

Anne (nee Blechynden) and Thomas Edwards had six children: Samuel Harrison, Ross Frederick, Louis Ayling, Arthur William, Florence Elizabeth, Andrew Thomas (died at the age of 2 years) and Walter Ernest.

Charles Blechynden and Caroline (nee Davies) had three children: Frank, Alice, and Albert.

Charlotte Blechynden (nee Robus)

Walter Edward Blechynden (1846-1940) was married on 27 Oct 1873 at the Picton Anglican Church, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 3638], to Jane Needs (1855-1948). This was just three months after Harrison died. Walter and his bride settled and raised their children on his property 'Glenpennant', Wilgarrup, which was close to the future townsite of Manjimup, declared in 1910.

One can imagine that Charlotte and her family all travelled from their various homes now scattered around the state and gathered together at Bunbury for the wedding.

Charlotte may very well have continued on to stay for a while with John and Elizabeth in their home, which was the first built in the newly named town of Bridgetown. John and Elizabeth Blechynden now had seven children all under 13 years: John William - born 1861, George - born 1862, Edwin - born 1864, James - born 1866, Charlotte - born 1868 and sadly died 1869, Arthur - born 1870, Alfred - born 1871 and Ernest - born just 4 days before his grandfather's death.

Almost a year after his father's death, Henry George Blechynden (1843-1927) was married in York, WA [Reg. 3772], to Mary Ann Reilly (1850-1923) on 7 May 1874. R/C. Registered under H G Blechynden. Mary Anne was born in 1850, Rotunda Barracks, Dublin, Ireland, the daughter of John Reilly (1818-1902) (Corporal) and Mary Ann Stafford (1835-1907). She came to Perth, WA on 19 Aug 1859, with her parents as a young girl, her father, at that time being one of the Pensioner Guards on the transport ship *Sultana*. She grew up with her brothers and sisters at Guildford.

Surmising: that Henry took his bride back to 'Babbyalla'. Following the evacuation of 'Babbyalla' in 1888, Henry George Blechynden, took up land at 'Mt Kokeby', the property being known as 'Erindale.' This was across the other side of the Avon River from 'Babbyalla'. More details can be read in their Individual chapter.

Thomas 'Harrison' Blechynden began to court a young woman named Annie Maria Dunham, daughter of Caroline Wright (Nee Porley) and William Dunham. **Thomas Harrison Blechynden (1849-1933) was married, at the Anglican Church, Northam, WA [Reg. 4372], to Annie Maria Dunham (1850-1933) on 24 Sep 1877,** registered in Fremantle. More details can be read in their individual chapters.

It was recorded that in 1877 Thomas Harrison Blechynden signed a petition regarding discrimination against expirees. Following the evacuation of 'Babbyalla' (see later) in 1888, Thomas became a farmer at Wagin.

In 1916 Jesse Blechynden began to take notice of Annie Maria's younger sister Emma Sarah Dunham who often visited her sister and her husband, Thomas at 'Babbyalla'. Romance blossomed and **Jesse William Blechynden (1851-1934) was married on 13 Sep 1882 at York, Reg. No. 5431] to Emma Sarah Dunham (1862-1947).**

Note: Two Blechynden brothers married two Dunham sisters. More details can be read in their Individual chapters.

Life was not easy following Harrison's death, and Charlotte was put under a lot of stress. When two of her flocks of sheep became infected with scab, she did her best to remedy the situation by washing them in a pool at Butlers Pool, on 'Mt. Pleasant', in the Avon River. The following newspaper articles show that the consequences were devastating for Charlotte and she was fined 10 pounds per head.

Avon River
http://wheatbeltnrm.org.au/sites/default/files/basic_page/files/Avon%20River.pdf

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Inquirer and Commercial News **(Perth, WA: 1855 - 1901), Wed 24 Aug 1881, pg 2**
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West Australian **(Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Tue 11 Oct 1881, pg 2**
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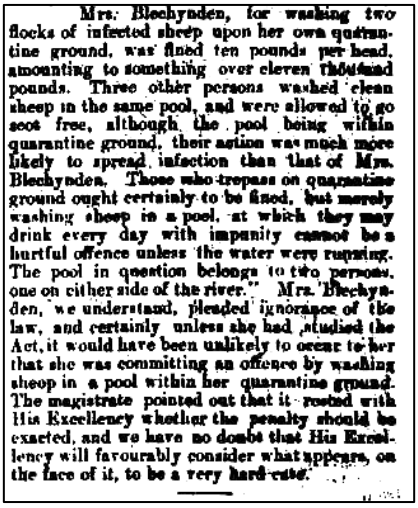
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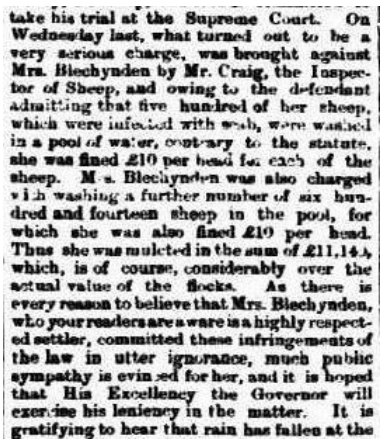
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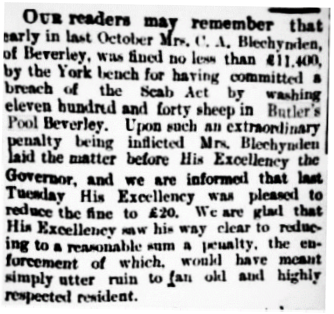
We, her descendants on discovering these newspaper articles in *Trove* were horrified at this turn of events. In the newspaper articles she pleaded ignorance and many sympathised with her situation. Many hours were spent searching *Trove* in the hope of finding that she was pardoned by the Governor.

The Herald **(Fremantle, WA: 1867 - 1886), Sat 17 Dec 1881, Pg 1**
17 Dec 1881 - THE WEEK. (nla.gov.au)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We were relieved to discover that common sense prevailed.

An enormous change was about to take place in those living at 'Babbyalla'. The owner of 'Babbyalla', Edward Hamersley died 26 Nov 1874. Bevan Hamersley inherited the property of 'Babbyalla' Estate and took up residence there in 1888.

In 1888 Charles Edwin Blechynden purchased 'Roesland', so called because it was surveyed by Mr. Roe at the time, he surveyed the Beverley township. Following the evacuation of 'Babbyalla', Charlotte and Joseph had moved to live with Charles Edwin and his wife Caroline. Charles and Caroline now had six children: Frank Harrison born 1873, Alice Matilda born 1875, Albert Edwin born 1877 (sadly died at the age of five months), Ernest Walter born 1878, Sydney Thomas born 1881, Horace Edwin born 1882 and Herbert William born 1886. (Alick George Robus was not yet born).

Concerned for their future a letter was written in 1888 by Charlotte Blechynden requesting a grant of land. She said that she and her husband had rented a farm from Mr Hamersley for 44 years and also leased Crown Land. Sadly, this was not to be realized:

DEATH OF CHARLOTTE BLECHYNDEN (NEE ROBUS) (1812-1889)

Charlotte Blechynden (nee Robus) died on 13 Sep 1889 at the residence of her son Charles Edwin Blechynden at 'Roesland', Beverley. This was a very sad time for the whole family as their mother had been a loving mother and remained strong for them all. She had dearly loved all her grandchildren.

Daily News **(Perth, WA: 1882 - 1950), Mon 21 Oct1889, pg 3**
26 Oct 1889 - Family Notices - Trove (nla.gov.au)

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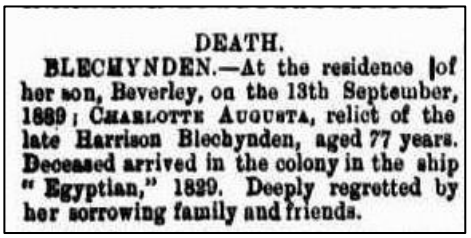
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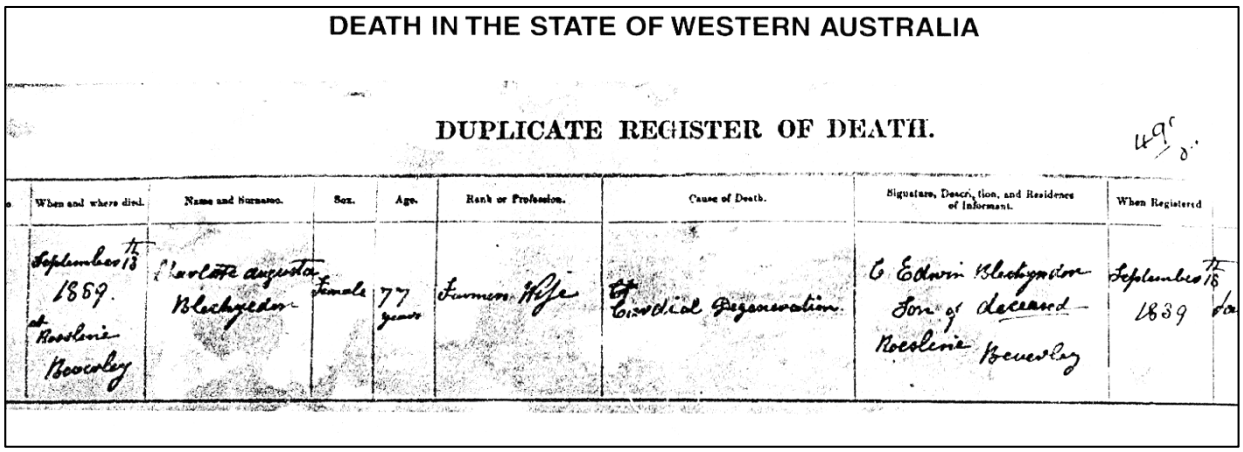

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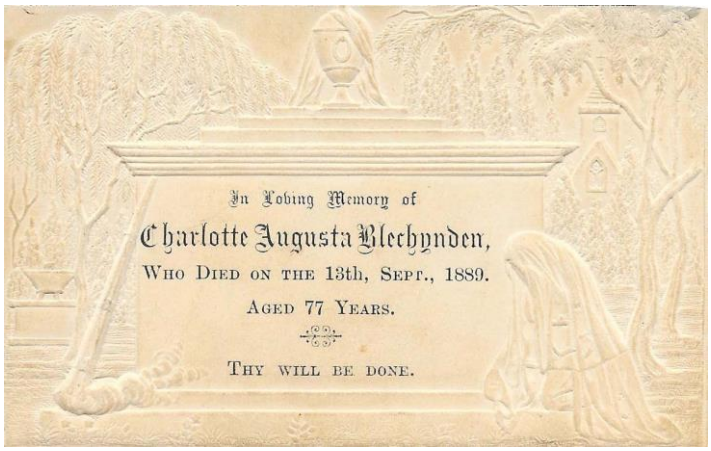
Death certificate of Charlotte Blechynden (nee Robus)

Charlotte Augusta Blechynden (nee Robus) died of Cardiac Degeneration. The informant was C. Edwin Blechynden, Roesland, Beverley. The funeral was held at St Paul's Church, Edwards Crossing and she was buried at the Edwards Crossing Cemetery next to her husband Harrison Blechynden. One can imagine there would have been a large crowd of people from Beverley, York and Perth to honour this strong and caring woman.



Funeral card of Charlotte Blechynden (nee Robus)

HEADSTONE OF HARRISON BLECHYNDEN AND CHARLOTTE BELCHYNDEN (NEE ROBUS)

SACRED
To the memory of Harrison Blechynden
who died July 17th 1873
aged 73 (sic), should be 71) *years.*
My body lies beneath the sod
Summoned here in haste,
Pardon my sins my gracious God
Ere I behold thy face.

The following words were added to the headstone:
Also, his beloved wife
Charlotte Augusta Blechynden
who died 13th Sept 1889 aged 77 years
Thy will be done.

At the time of Charlotte's death, Sep 1889, eight of her ten children were married. Jessie deceased 1846 and Joseph married in 1893. She now had 48 grandchildren, including 1 fostered (Ernest Dunham). Another 11 grandchildren were born after Charlotte's death. Charlotte never met any of her 203 great grandchildren as they were all born after she died.

John and Elizabeth Blechynden (nee Green) had eleven out of thirteen surviving children: John William. George Harrison, Edwin, James, Charlotte (dec), **died on 17 Jun 1869 aged 15 months;** Arthur, Alfred, Ernest Charles, Herbert, Amy, Clarence, May and (Ada (dec), **died in 1881 at the age of 4 years**.

Sarah (nee Blechynden) and John Markham Page had six children: Susannah Markham, James Henry, Martha Markham, John, Maria, Bertha,

Elizabeth (nee Blechynden) and Thomas Edwards had eight children: Samuel Harrison, Ross Frederick, Louis Ayling, Arthur William, Florence Elizabeth, Andrew Thomas (died at the age of 2 years), Walter Ernest and Peter Abner

Henry George Blechynden and Mary Anne (nee Reilly) had four children: Henry Herbert, William Harrison, Arthur and Kathleen Mary.

Walter Edward Blechynden and Jane (nee Needs) had nine children plus two born after Charlotte died: Benjamin Harrison, Clara Anne, Charlotte Jane, Lila Rubus, Elena Evelyn, Alma Mercy, Hazel Minna, Hilda Blanche and Laura Jane, **plus Clayton Ashley and Enid Maud born after 1889.**

Charles Blechynden and Caroline (nee Davies) had seven children plus one born after Charlotte died: Frank Harrison, Alice Matilda, Albert Edwin, Ernest Walter, Sydney Thomas, Horace Edwin, and Hubert William pus **Alick George Robus born after 1889**

Thomas Harrison Blechynden and Annie Maria Dunham had no children: *Benjamin Lewis Blechynden (fostered from Jesse and Emma) was born after 1889.

Jesse William Blechynden and Emma Sarah (nee Dunham) had two children prior to 1889: Frederick William, Ernest Dunham (fostered) and Ida May. **From 1889 onwards the following five children were** added to the family: Benjamin Lewis (brought up by Thomas Harrison and Annie Marie Dunham from the age of 20 months), Alfred Walter, Evelyn Annie, George Seymour (twin, died aged 1 month), Horace Ernest.

Joseph and Grace Blechynden (nee Hancock) had two children after Charlotte died: George and Grace.

Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden (nee Robus) ended up having a total of 59 grandchildren including 1 fostered, (Ernest Dunham) and 203 great grandchildren. The mind boggles at thinking of the number of descendants from this couple in 2023.

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INTERVIEW WITH GEORGE BLECHYNDEN RE HIS FAMILY AND EARLY LIFE IN PINGELLY.
1987, English, Book edition: [Interview with George Bruce Blechynden] / [interviewed by Chris Jeffery].
https://trove.nla.gov.au/work/159320946?q&versionId=173666673

The full typed out version of this interview covers 8 pages so is not included here. It mainly outlines George's, son of Joseph introduced above, and his family's life in the Pingelly area.

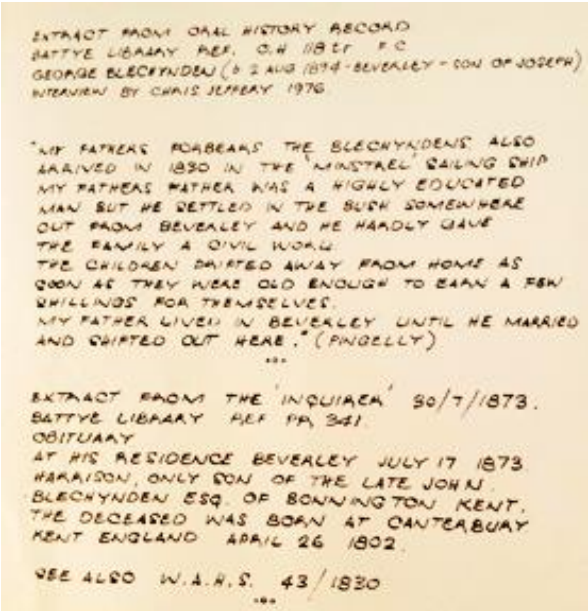
His Grandfather Harrison Blechynden is mentioned in the extract below. As written above, schooling for most people was virtually non-existent in those days. In the interview George says of his father

Joseph*: "My father had no education at all, only what he could pick up from reading books. He could just sign his name".* George stated his own education was limited and that he only attended school for "one and a half years".

Life in the colony was fraught with hardship and difficulty in those days. Harrison worked hard to make a life for his family. As the boys (George's uncles) came of age and left one by one, Harrison would very- likely have come across as grumpy and disillusioned in later years which could explain George's unfortunate understanding of his grandfather.

George Blechynden was born twenty-one years after his grandfather's death, and never knew Harrison Blechynden. His understanding of the difficulties under which the colony developed was through his father Joseph's experiences growing up in the Beverley and Pingelly district and stories he had been told.

Impressions, memories and stories often become exaggerated over time so we hope Harrison was not like the impression George was given of him.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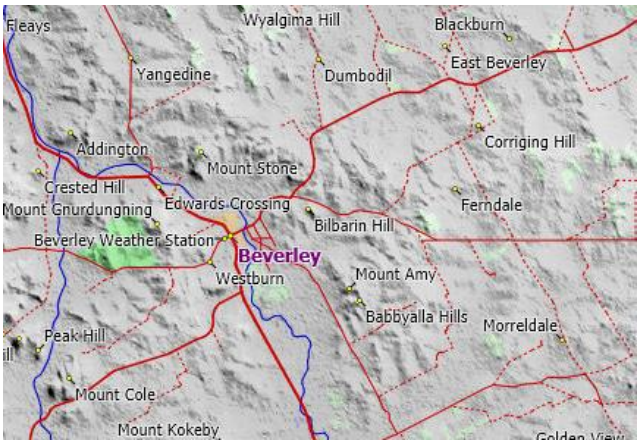
The following section contains articles and photos with reference to the district and town of Beverley past and present.

'Babbyalla'

Compiled by Shane Negus in 2018

Shane grew up until he was 15, on 'Babbyalla'

My parents Geoffrey and Shirley Negus (nee Edwards) farmed 'Babbyalla Hills' from 1940 to 1985. They continue to live in Beverley, in a house within the town precincts. They told the story that 'Babbyalla' is a Noongar phrase (or a derivation of one) meaning 'place of running water'. This doesn't make a great deal of sense to me because it is high ground and there's no significant creek or body of water on the hill itself. It does afford wonderful views of Beverley township and Avon Valley to the north-west.



'Babbyalla Hills', near the town of Beverley

I should add that 'Babbyalla Hills' was the name of a farm that has varied in size greatly since freehold title was first granted back in the 1840s, I think it was. When my parents owned it, it was not much more than 1,000 acres in area - much smaller than the original allotment. When they sold it in 1985, the farm was subsumed into the farm owned by next-door-neighbours, the Curtin family.

I can't tell you exactly who named the hills and the farm but there's a history of Beverley that offers some details about the early days. It's entitled Beverley: *Our journey through time* by Glen McLaren and William Cooper, and it was published by the Shire of Beverley in 2002. Just looking at this now, it seems the original spelling was 'Babbyella'. It appears the first owner of what became the 'Babbyella' estate was one William Tanner, a major landholder in the colony of Western Australia. At that time, the farm comprised 4,338 acres.

Then, to quote, McLaren and Cooper: "In 1844 West Guildford gentleman farmer Edward Hamersley acquired 'Babbyella' estate... He leased the property to Harrison Blechynden, who had arrived in WA as an indentured servant to Swan Valley pioneer William Brockman. Blechynden and his family took up residence almost immediately." This was in the very, early days of the Beverley district.

My own knowledge of 'Babbyalla Hills' is limited to the first 15 years of my life, after which I moved to Perth for study and a teaching career. My aging parents (Dad, 90, Mum, 87) are still alive. (Ed. 2018, see note at the end.) Mum was an Edwards from Morbinning, and I know some of the Edwards' married a Blechynden or two, but I'm hazy about details.

My father, Geoff, his father, George, and mother, Sylvia. Photo taken at 'Babbyalla' homestead c. late 1940s.

The original farmhouse, 'Babbyalla Hills', Beverley

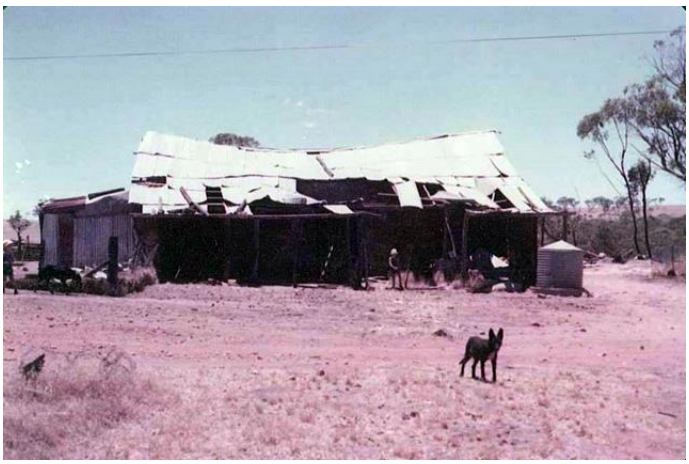
I know there is a mob of Blechies in Bridgetown and another in Beverley but have never known if there's a familial connection between them or not. I gather they all go back to Harrison and Charlotte to a greater or lesser degree.

I will be up front and declare that my parents know next to nothing about the history of 'Babbyalla Hills' beyond the fact the Hammersley's owned it before they did (final purchase in the 1950s; before that leased). They also claim that the property was called "Q" on government maps for "Queen (Victoria)" but I have no idea if there's any substance to that, nor what it might signify.

I'm afraid they will know even less about 'St Aubyns' which, was a separate property in our time owned by the Chester family (I think they might still do so).

I will, of course, ask if Mum and Dad can add anything more. Naturally they will have plenty of memories of farming out there and I'm sure we'll be able to dig up some photos.

We are not related to the Hamersley's. Indeed, the last member of that family who lived in Beverley, Eddie (Edward) was our next-door-neighbour when we lived in town during the 1960s.



You asked if there are any traces of the original buildings. In fact, I believe the old shearing shed, built in the 1870s or '80s, is heritage listed.

I'm pretty sure it's still standing (and certainly was when I last visited the property in 2009).

Shearing shed, 'Babbyalla', early 1980s just before it was re-roofed. Full of "character" eh?

The original farmhouse is a ruin, not much more than a pile of rocks. All of this is now owned by Ted and Dorothy Sampson. They bought the 30-acre hobby farm my parents had excised from the larger farm when they sold 'Babbyalla Hills' to the Curtin family in 1985.

I should add while I think of it that my grandparents, George and Sylvia Negus, took up lease of 'Babbyalla Hills' in 1940. My father was 12 years of age at the time, and he had a younger brother, Brian, who was just four. They had been farming in York before the move to Beverley.

The house was abandoned as a home in 1968 after George and Sylvia Negus moved into a newly built farmhouse further up the hill. Photo taken c. 1978. (Now in much more ruinous condition)

George Joseph Negus atop his horse-drawn combine harvester at ''Babbyalla' Hills farm. Photo taken c. early 1940s

There are some other interesting facts which connect the Edwards and Blechynden families in Beverley. **My great-great-grandfather, Thomas Edwards, Beverley's first police officer and later a successful farmer, leased 'Babbyalla' from B. Hamersley and E.A. Hamersley from 1st Jun 1896 to 31st May 1897. I have a copy of the lease agreement.** Whether the lease was renewed beyond the latter date, I have no idea. The other connection between the families is that my mother's aunt, Ethel Edwards,

married Ernest (Ernie) Blechynden. They had four children: John, Ada, Don and Patricia. Ernie died in 1955, Ethel 30 years later.

I expect that I am related to the Blechies of BE courtesy of Ernie and Ethel B's offspring. My mother was first cousin to their children (John Ada, Don, Pat), which makes me something-or-other cousin to them and their children.

I am intrigued that there was a barracks initially on 'St Aubyns' which of course was right next door. The map in the *Beverley Book* helps me to visualize the properties.

My pleasure to have offered the information. I'll pass your wishes along to Mum and Dad, to be sure!

View to Beverley from the eastern flank of 'Babbyalla' Hill, taken 1970s:

And, yes, I agree, McLaren and Cooper did handle the history of conflict between Noongars and Wadjelahs in the early colonial period really well. Sadly, the legacy of that ugly conflict is still largely unresolved and can't be, in my opinion, until the Reconciliation process is taken much further. Difficult, when there is still so much ignorance, denial of what happened, and entrenched racism in the community. We will get there, I'm sure, but probably not in my lifetime.

I wasn't aware that there were barracks on the 'St Aubyns' estate, but it doesn't surprise me, given the threats faced by the isolated early settlers as Noongars naturally sought to defend their lands from what they perceived as invaders. As I understand it, barracks were dotted all over the Avon Valley.

Following looking at a copy of the 1859 Census relating to the Blechynden family on 'Babbyalla':

Quarter of an acre kitchen garden attests to the number of mouths to be fed! That's enormous by modern domestic standards. My parents kept pigs and sheep on the property, and my grandparents' horses and cattle as well, so there's been quite a bit of continuity.

As I would have expected, the emphasis was much more on grazing animals in Harrison and Charlotte's time than in my parents', who concentrated much more on cropping of wheat, barley and oats.

Brett Negus (my younger brother) driving tractor, 'Babbyalla Hills' farm, c. 1978

Harvesting equipment, 'Babbyalla Hills', mid-1970s

Yes, all those vicissitudes of pioneering life in the early colonial period - and, doubtless, the added nagging worry about possible attacks from the Noongar Ballardong people! It seems Harrison, Charlotte and children were spared any bloodshed on that front.

As children, Sharyn, Brett and I would sometimes come across stone implements around the property that had clearly been hewn and used by Noongar people, possibly many millennia before Europeans ever arrived in the Avon Valley. Sadly, we didn't think to keep any of them, so they were thrown aside. I expect they're still lying around 'Babbyalla'.

One line of the Edwards family (Ethel's mob) lost two young brothers to venomous snake bite - two children of their eight! I guess the high child mortality rate of those times -- (much lower than in the 'stews' of London and other English cities, mind) -- was a one of the reasons parents had such large families.

Continued by Shane in 2022.

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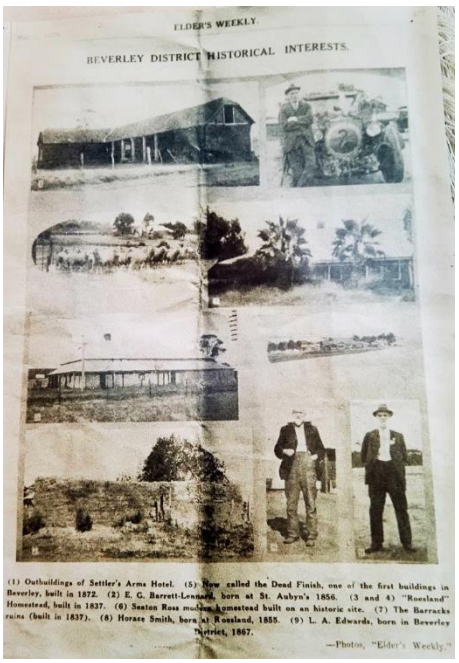
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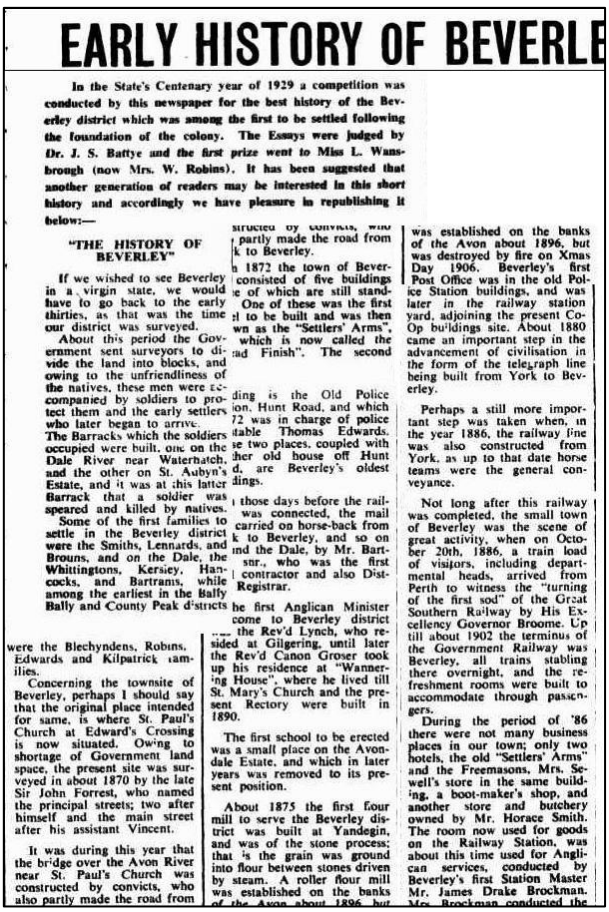

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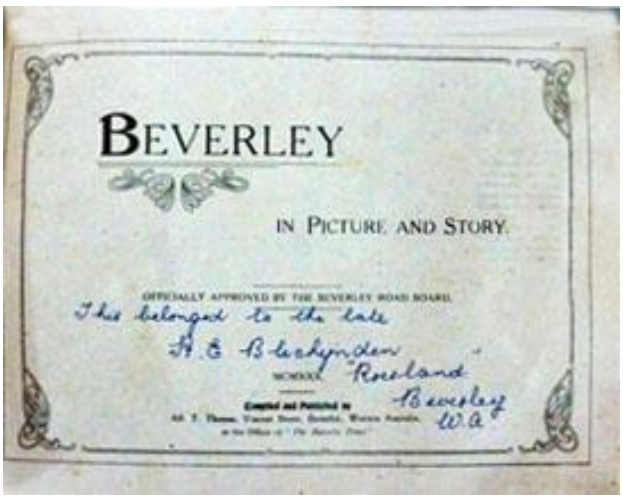

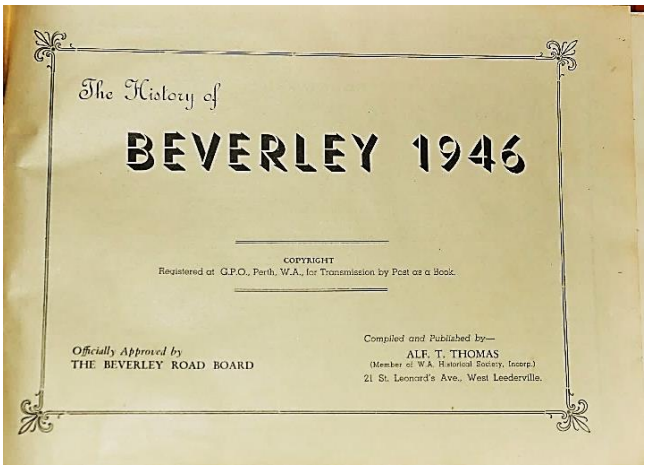

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North-East Ward: Mrs. M. Adamson, "Haisthorpe," 2,444 acres; W. S. Aiken, Balkuling, 1,660; W. H. Bateman 2,00 ; G. Bell, 1,057; W. H. Broun (estate late J. W. Broun) "Southbourne," 2,319; G. L. Broun, "Avondale Park," 4848; Dr. F. S. Butler, 1,924; Butler Bros., 3,013; James Carr & Sons, "Walgy Farm," 2,905; W. C Cooper, "Severn Grove," 2,757; L. Drake-Brockman, "Waikerie," 1,493; R. C. Doncon & Sons (H C and Len) 7,625; A. W. Draper, "Blackburn," 1,369; Louis Draper, "Rockdale," 1,308; C. F. Draper, 1,725; R. T. Edwards & Sons (James, "Rosewood," Harold, "Beringer," and Herbert) "Annbrook," 8,041 acres; A. W. Edwards, "Mount Pleasant" 1,798; L. A. Edwards, "Speldhurst," 1,700; O. J. Edwards, Morbining, 1,103; E. W. Edwards, "Mynbyn," 2,739; J. Ellis, "Chesterfield," 1,210; H. A Gors & Sons, "Barrington," 3,474; F. Hayman, "Watervale," 1,093; W. J. Hastings, 1,394; Heal family, "Eastbourne," 1,479; Fred Hobbs, 1,112; H. Johnson, 2,013; Frank Lodge, "East Yangedine," 2,040; H. J. Lukin, "Addington," 1,871; S R. Manuel, 1690; J S. Marwick, Yangedine, 3,892; Francis McDonald and Family, Dunbeath, 3,800; A. J. McGlew, Seaton Ross, 4,668; J. D McKellar, Clovelly, 1,280; H. Morgan, 1,371; Murray Bros., Lockerbie, 1,463; Ivan Petchell, 1,546; R. S Potts, 573; Robins Estate, Dongadilling, 1,547; H. O Sims & Sons, 4,954; Smith Bros. (Conrad, "Oakdale," and Milton, "Ferndale") 6,24 ; J S. Twine, St Ives, 1,250; S. V. Wansbrough, 1,518; C. S. Weaver, 2,090; A N. Woodley, 2,112.

Dale Ward: Anderson, Dr. T. L. and James Warden, Hillcrest, 1000; Robert Anderson, Avondale Farm, 1049; C. F Bailey, Nukering, 4075; J S Bartram, Emerald Hill, 4803; G. W Beardon, 2,093; A Beecroft, 1,279; F. & H. Blechynden, "Redhill" and "Roeslands," 5,357,; D. Brereton, 3,000; Est. F T. Broun, "Waterhatch" and "Beaming Hill," 3,726; V. N Butcher, 2,086; R. Butcher, 1,000; W. & A. Blechynden, Erindale, 5,886; H. Barrett-Lennard, 1,433; B. M. Craig, 7,500; F. J. Davies, Annandale, 3,441; Julia Fleay and Sons, (Onslow, Alex and John) 9,385; D. H. Forbes 1,002; H. J. Grover 1,295; E. W Grover,

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1,139; Aubrey Hancock 1,650; Thos. Hick, Cloughton, 2,478; J. A. Hid, Koongleyung, 1,185; W. T. Hobbs, 2,122; S Hutchinson, 2,049; R Huskings, 3,196; Humphrys & Morgan, Rosedale (Whittington Estate) 2,995; Lewis Moulton, 1,338; G. Jamieson, 1,419; E. J. Jones, 3,454; E. G. Barrett-Lennard, Milepool, and A. F. Barrett-Lennard, Belhus, 2,811; Frank Barrett-Lennard, Drumelyer, 1,266; Thomas Barrett Lennard and Geoffrey, Woonderlin, 5,956; Vernon Lodge, 1488; Milton Lucas, Uanmite, 1782; P. A. Lupton, 1,629; J. I. Mann, The Ba racks, 1,856; O. H Marsh, 1 026; R E. McCallum, Burra Burra 3,844; Thos. Meckin, 1,706; Mrs. E. McGee, 1,539; C H Moxon, Mandiakin, 2,578; Alex Miles, Boyadine, 6,432; A. Noonan, 3,041; H. B. Norman, Romilly, 10,000; Fred Rogers, 2,072; W. J Rumble, 1,447; Albert Smith, 1,187; Horace Smith and Onslow, Coorangelling, 2,579; Herbert Smith and Sons (Herbert, Kenneth and Septimus), 1,034; Hubert D Smith, Chocolate Hills, 1,188; Stirling Bros., Bookagine, 2,215; R. St ange, 3,59 ; V. Strange, 1,440; Fred Strange, 2,086; G. N. Talbot, 1,391; J. O. Tepper, 1,088; J. L Thomas and Son, Springdell, 5,773; T. J. Thomas, 9,427; Mrs. Valentine, Redlands, 1,843; Mrs. J. Walker, 1,000; W H Willey, 1,150; A. C. Willey, 1,620; R. B. Williamson, Umuna, 1,899; D. H. Potts, 1,98 ; John Woods, 1,491.

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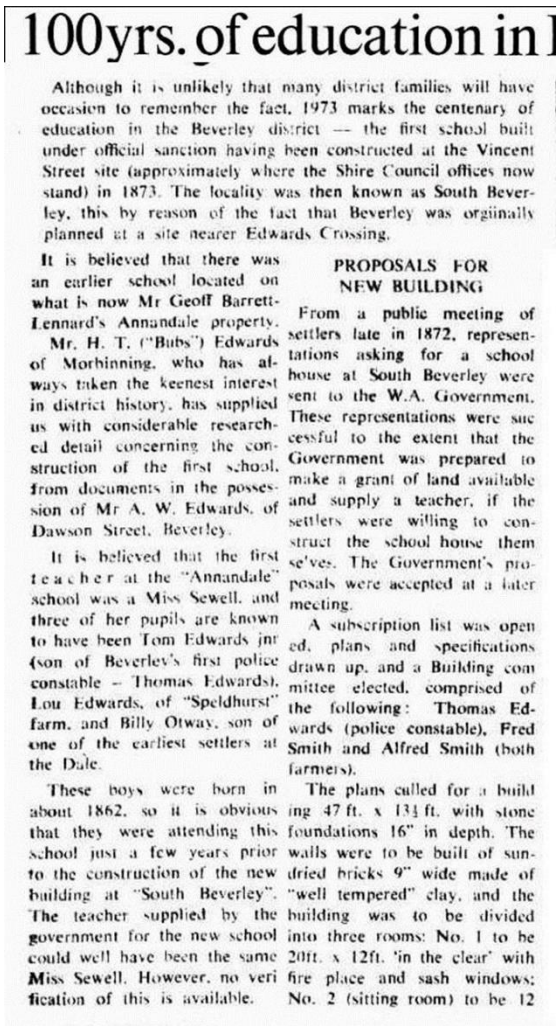

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Tenders were called, and below is a copy of the tender that was finally accepted —

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Sirs,
I hereby tender to erect the School House according to that specified by the Working Committee, for the sum of £36 – a double water closet included – and complete the whole work in 2 months from the date of acceptance of tender.
William Morrison.

Accepted: Fred Smith,
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P.c.

Settlers who contributed to the building fund were —— £2Chas Smith snr., John Box, Jen Taylor; $1/10 - J. W. Broun; $1 William Smith, A. & F. Smith, Richard Clayton Henry Lukin, Henry Hole, H. H. Sewell, John Fleay snr, J. H. Monger, J. T. Monger, J. Walmesley, James Draper, F. Horn, William Lee, and James Fleay; 15/- H. Blechynden; 10/-: Thomas Davey, William Feeney, Chas Williams, Herb Smith, W. Low jnr John Fleay jnr., William Fleay, G. Monger W. W. Hoops, J. Seabrook jnr., W. Shaddick, J. Seabrook snr., J. & H. Bartram, James Smith, E. Doncon, William Edwards, M. Craig, W. Rudd, H. York, A. Horn, F. Horn and J. Grover; 7/- G. Christmas; 5/- Henry Montague, G. Sewell, Thomas Tucker, C. Edwards (York), G. Edwards, W. McCreary, P.c., Philip Furlong Morton Craig, W. Cowan, P. Carmody P.c., W. Johnson, W Kitchener, J. Spiller, Mrs G. Hancock; 2/6: Henry Parker, G. Worth (blacksmith), William Lavery, Henry Turner, H. W. M. Parker donated £1/-/-. Thomas Edwards agreed to do all the carting and to supply bricks for chimney; A G Robin contributed 210 ft. of ¾" boards; and W. Hines 150 ft. of 1" boards.

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Settlers who contributed to the building fund were --£2 Chas Smith snr., John Box, Jen Taylor; $1/10/- J. W. Broun; £1 William Smith, A. & F. Smith, Richard Clayton, Henry Lukin, Henry Hole, H. H. Sewell, John Fleay snr, J. H. Monger, J. T. Monger, J. Walmesley, James Draper, F. Horn, William Lee, and James Fleay; 15/- ***H. Blechynden; 10/-:*** *Thomas Davey, William Feeney, Chas Williams, Herb Smith, W. Low jnr, John Fleay jnr., William Fleay. G. Monger, W. W. Hoops, J. Seabrook jnr., W. Shaddick, J. Seabrook snr., J. & H. Bartram, James Smith, E. Doncon, William Edwards, M. Craig, W. Rudd, H. York, A. Horn, F. Horn and J. Grover; 7/- G. Christmas; 5/- Henry Montague, G. Sewell, Thomas Tucker, C. Edwards (York), G. Edwards, W. McCreary, P.c., Philip Furlong, Morton Craig, W. Cowan, P. Carmody P.c., W. Johnson, W. Kitchener, J. Spiller, Mrs G. Hancock; 2/6: Henry Parker, G. Worth (blacksmith), William Lavery, Henry Turner, H. W. M. Parker donated £1/-/-. Thomas Edwards agreed to do all the carting and to supply bricks for chimney; A G Robin contributed 210 ft. of ¾ " boards; and W. Hines 150 ft. of 1" boards.*

Education continued at this school for many years, although another structure (the present kindergarten/library complex) had to be built to keep pace with increasing attendances and the centralising of district education as some small outlying schools were discarded and bus services to bring country children to the town were introduced. The only outlying school still being maintained in the Beverley Shire is that at West Dale. There were increasing demands by the community for new and more adequate facilities, and after some years of discussion the Education Dept agreed, in the late 1940's, that a completely new structure should be provided at Beverley. This led to protracted discussion and argument as to just where it should be sited - the Dept. not wishing to embark on a building programme on the main thoroughfare and favouring a less centralised locality in keeping with its general policy at the time. This led to a decision to acquire land in John Street . . .

Notes:
Lou Edwards: Louis Ayling Edwards (1867-1944), third child of Anne Blechynden and Thomas Edwards.

H. Blechynden was most probably Thomas Harrison Blechynden. (Harrison Blechynden died in 1873).

CHRISTMAS ROAST LAMB FOR DINNER - BEVERLEY WA TO BEVERLEY ENGAND:

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 10 Feb 1933, pg 3**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/.../nla.news-article201808912.txt

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The Hall, Beverley
10th January, 1933.

Secretary, Beverley Road Board,
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Dear Sir,

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I enclose herewith a Guide-book to Beverley, and also a pamphlet issued by Messrs. Richard Hodgson & Sons Ltd., Tanners of Beverley, describing their works, which is the principal industry of Beverley, and one of the largest and most up to-date tanneries in the world.

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The Mayor and Mayoress welcomed the guests, and after the loyal toast had been honoured, the Mayor explained the reason for the gathering, and the Town Clerk read the following letter of greeting from Beverley, West Australia, announcing the gift of a lamb:—

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The Mayor, Beverley,
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ROY L. DUFFIELD
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ASSORTED PHOTOS OF BEVERLEY:

The following photos of Beverley, displayed at the Beverley Hotel, were taken with the owner's permission by Angela Blechynden.

BEVERLEY Court House and Lands department – early 1900s. Courtesy Beverley Hotel

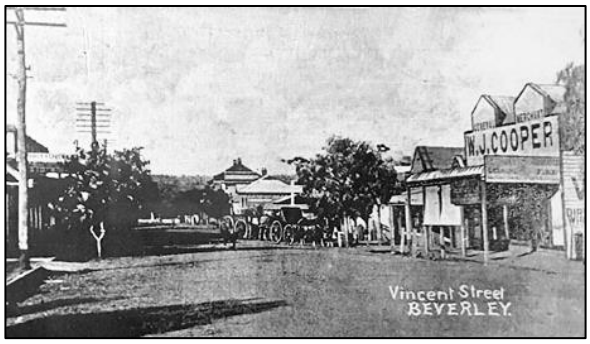
Beverley Hotel, 2021. Courtesy Angela Blechynden

The Hotel in Beverley. Courtesy owner Beverley Hotel

The Hotel in Beverley. Courtesy owner Beverley Hotel

In the photo above on the right, one of the young women in white looks as if she is talking with a woman on the balcony. They appear to be in a uniform, possibly they are waitresses from the Hotel.

Chapman and Stanes CENTRAL STORES, Vincent St, Beverley 1900. Courtesy owner Beverley Hotel



GENERAL MERCHANT W. L. COOPER Vincent St, Beverley 1900. Courtesy owner Beverley Hotel

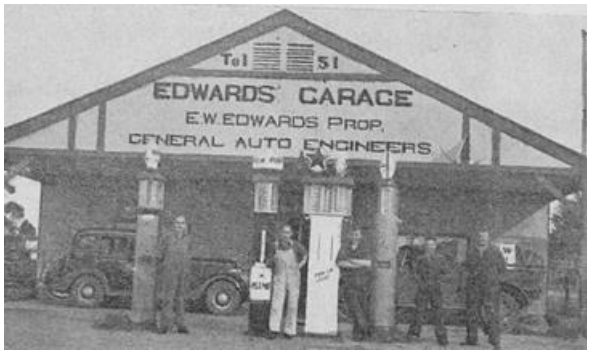
Hunt Rd looking north, Vincent St, looking west Beverley Hotel in background,1890s. Courtesy owner Beverley Hotel

Vincent St, Beverley 1900. Courtesy owner Beverley Hotel

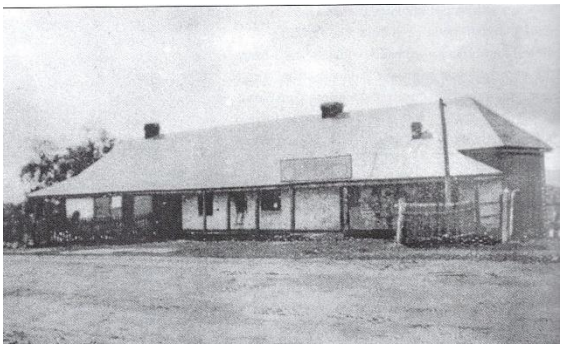
Vincent St. Beverley – late 1920's, (Railway Hotel, Beverley in foreground). Courtesy owner Beverley Hotel

First Beverley School, built 1894

BEVERLEY, OUR JOURNEY THROUGH TIME, P. 62
Mr. Edwards store, first store in Beverley in 1897. Courtesy Kevin Fowler



Edwards garage. Courtesy Kevin Fowler



BEVERLEY, OUR JOURNEY THROUGH TIME, *Plate 13 – The police station, 1868-1929*

The Post Office which stood on the block at the entrance to the railway station. Photo from a postcard. Courtesy Mrs Cook and John Fregon.

[Beverley. Beverley Photos by Mingor]

Beverley - Museum
The Beverley 'Dead Finish' Museum on the Great Southern Highway. You can see an old G.P.O. postman's bicycle propped up out the front. Originally this was an hotel built in 1872 and then rebuilt in 1876 after a fire. Pre-museum days it has been variously known as the Settlers Arms, the Beverley Hotel and the Wheatsheaf Inn. This is the oldest remaining building in Beverley. Sep 2010. Photos Ref: BVLY026

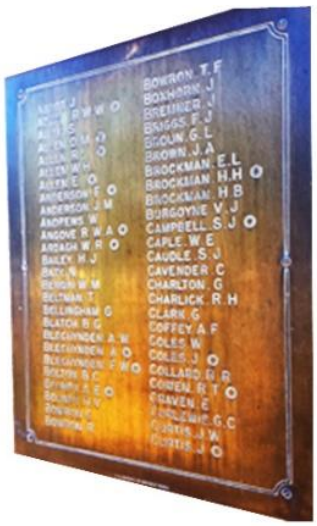
BEVERLEY - LEST WE FORGET
https://vwma.org.au/explore/memorials/2803

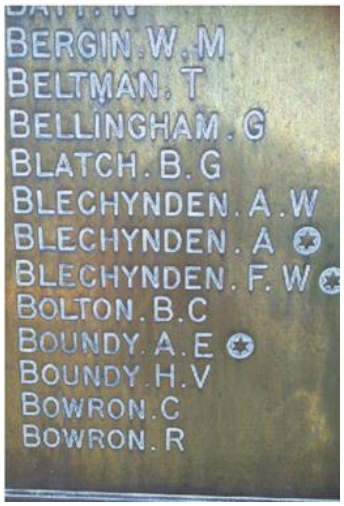
The plaque below reads:

ERECTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE BEVERLEY ROADS BOARD
DISTRICT TO PERPETUATE NAMES OF THE GALLANT MEN
WHO OFFERED THEIR SERVICES AND LEFT AUSTRALIA TO TAKE
PART IN THE GREAT WAR OF 1914-1919 FOR HOME AND EMPIRE

Beverley War Memorial:

Memorial plaques at Beverley. Remembering, members of the Blechynden family, plus many others from the Beverley district are commemorated





Search this excellent link below for names of the Blechynden members and others who served for Australia in various wars:

Virtual War memorial Australia
https://vwma.org.au/public/search?utf8=%E2%9C%93&query=Blechynden&commit=

BLECHYNDEN, Maurice
Service numbers WX9454, Private, 2nd/28th Infantry Battalion, Australian Military Forces (Army WW2), Born 29 Aug 1915

BLECHYNDEN, Jeffrey Edward
Private, Born 15 Dec 1948

BLECHYNDEN, George
Service numbers W84297, Private, Born 2 Aug 1894

BLECHYNDEN, George
Service numbers 5321, Private, 28th Infantry Battalion, AIF WW1

BLECHYNDEN, John Bathurst
Service numbers WX37268, Private, Born 31 May 1916

BLECHYNDEN, Malachi Bernard
Service numbers 38333, Leading Aircraftman, Born 8 Dec 1913

BLECHYNDEN, Dorien Farris
Service numbers 103924, Aircraftwoman, RAAF Telecommunications and Communications Units, Royal Australian Air Force, Born 22 Dec 1924

BLECHYNDEN, Leslie Thomas
Service numbers 2882, Private, 48th Infantry Battalion, AIF WW1, Born 1898, Died 1 Jul 1917, Died of wounds

BLECHYNDEN, Frederick William
Service numbers 5993, Private, 11th Infantry Battalion, AIF WW1, Died 16 Apr 1917, Killed in action

BLECHYNDEN, Ignatius Hammit
Service numbers 455187, Born 30 Sep 1918

BLECHYNDEN, Mervyn Henry
Service numbers 29936, Corporal, Born 20 Feb 1917

BLECHYNDEN, Maureen Agnes
Service numbers 113333, Aircraftwoman, RAAF Laverton, Royal Australian Air Force, Born 5 Aug 1926

BLECHYNDEN, John Martin
Service numbers 46808, Leading Aircraftman, Born 23 Oct 1912

BLECHYNDEN, Reginald Ernest
Service numbers 46387, Corporal, Born 1 Aug 1911

BLECHYNDEN, Edwin Thomas
Service numbers 29399, W73862, Private, Born 27 Jan 1906

BLECHYNDEN, Noel Norman
Service numbers W70642, Private, 5th (NSW) Battalion VDC, Australian Military Forces (Army WW2), Born 2 May 1905

BLECHYNDEN, Ernest John
Service numbers W75738, Private, 15th Infantry Battalion AMF, Australian Military Forces (Army WW2), Born 27 Oct 1907

BLECHYNDEN, Ignatis Hamitt
Service numbers W25749, Private, 44th Infantry Battalion AMF, Australian Military Forces (Army WW2), Born 30 Sep 1918

BLECHYNDEN, Hubert John
Service numbers W70806, Private, 14th (NSW) Battalion VDC, Australian Military Forces (Army WW2), Born 2 Jul 1912

BLECHYNDEN, Frank Robus
Service numbers W73219, Private, 9th (SA) Battalion VDC, Australian Military Forces (Army WW2), Born 22 Nov 1910

BLECHYNDEN, Nancy Farris
Service numbers NFX200366, Lance Corporal, General Hospitals, Australian Military Forces (Army WW2), Born 3 Oct 1917

BLECHYNDEN, Colin Horace
Service numbers W73538, Private, 9th (SA) Battalion VDC, Australian Military Forces (Army WW2), Born 22 Sep 1916

BLECHYNDEN, Alfred Jhon
Service numbers W88896, Private, Born 19 Mar 1899

BLECHYNDEN, Gerald Joseph
Service numbers 84625, Leading Aircraftman, Born 25 Feb 1912

BLECHYNDEN, Colin Bovel
Service numbers 29827, Leading Aircraftman, Born 20 Apr 1917

BLECHYNDEN, Thomas Albert Baden
Service numbers WX8062, Private, Born 14 Apr 1920

BLECHYNDEN, Terence Anthony Stafford
Service numbers 84511, Leading Aircraftman, Born 7 May 1923

BLECHYNDEN, Geo Bruce Wentworth
Service numbers W70807, Private, 14th (NSW) Battalion VDC, Australian Military Forces (Army WW2), Born 16 Oct 1900

BLECHYNDEN, Bruce Edwin Davies
Service numbers W73565, Private, 9th

BLECHYNDEN, Raymond Arthur
Service numbers WX619, Private, Born 6 Jul 1912

BLECHYNDEN, Gordon Frederick
Service numbers WX34914, Private, Born 3 Jun 1916

BLECHYNDEN, Roger Vincent
Service numbers 46227, Leading Aircraftman, Born 5 Dec 1919, Died 11 Dec 1943, Accidental (Ground Accident)

CHANDLER, Albert Blechynden
Service numbers WX28975, Corporal, Born 22 May 1910

BLECHYNDEN, David John
Service numbers 52510, Private, Born 25 Aug 1924

BLECHYNDEN, Bernard Kevan
Service numbers WX25407, Private, 2nd/31st Infantry Battalion, Australian Military Forces (Army WW2), Born 13 Jul 1919

BLECHYNDEN, Raymond Joseph
Service numbers VX78622, Private, Born 16 Mar 1914

BLECHYNDEN, William Raymond
Service numbers WX32144, Corporal, Born 17 Feb 1912

BLECHYNDEN, Reuben John
Service numbers 2812, W70688, Lance Sergeant, Volunteer Defence Corps (SA), Australian Military Forces (Army WW2), Born 20 Feb 1895, Died 1 Jul 1981, Natural causes

(NSW) Battalion VDC, Australian Military Forces (Army WW2), Born 19 Apr 1908

BLECHYNDEN, Dansy Lewis William
Service numbers WX11361, Private, Born 17 Mar 1919

ANDREW, Colin Francis Blechynden
Service numbers 167923, QX6329, Lieutenant, 2nd/10th Field Regiment, Australian Military Forces (Army WW2), Born 26 May 1914

BLECHYNDEN, Alick George Robas
Service numbers 571, R571, Sergeant, 28th Infantry Battalion, AIF WW1, Born 22 Feb 1892, Died 28 Feb 1917, Killed in Action

BLECHYNDEN, Charles James Frederick
Service numbers W70805, Private, Born 8 Jun 1910

BLECHYNDEN, Frederick William Doohan
Service numbers 83181, Leading Aircraftman, Born 31 Jan 1925

BLECHYNDEN, Alfred Walter (known as Walter)
Service numbers 1899, Private, 28th Infantry Battalion, AIF WW1, Born 1894, Died 7 Sep 1976, Natural causes

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AT THE BEVERLEY SHOW

Over the years there have been many newspaper articles about the Beverley Show, which can now be viewed in *Trove*. Following is an article from 1938.

***Western Mail* (Perth, WA: 1885 - 1954), Thu 20 Oct 1938, pg 5**

Follow the links to view the names of each individual and a larger image.

20 Oct 1938 - At the Beverley Show— (nla.gov.au)

Western Mail (Perth, WA: 1885 - 1954), Thursday 20 October 1938, page 5 (nla.gov.au)

At the Beverley Show
Snapshots on October ll.

At the Beverley Show—
Snapshots on October 11.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES DISCOVERED IN TROVE EMPHASISING CHRISTMAS AND CONDTIONS IN 1829, 1896 AND 1908 IN THE NEW COLONY

Harrison and his cousin George Blechynden, Charlotte Robus, the Brockmans and other passengers spent their first Christmas, 25 Dec 1829, aboard the *Minstrel* arriving at the Swan River Colony on 20 Jan 1830. The following newspaper articles found on *Trove* give some idea of what our ancestors may have been experiencing in the early days of the colony, especially at Christmas and what it may have meant to them so far away from their homeland.

Daily News (Perth, WA: 1882 - 1950), Sat 24 Dec 1938, pg 2

24 Dec 1938 - Contrasts At Xmas (nla.gov.au)

CONTRASTS AT CHRISTMAS

1829

There was an ache in the heart of many settlers in the little Swan River Colony at Christmas, 1829.

They yearned for the snow and holly of the traditional English Christmas.

But instead, they saw sandy tracks, crude huts, tents and rough bushland simmering in a heat haze.

It was not a very happy Christmas in 1829.

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There were then only 850 permanent residents in the little Colony, and they had suffered hardships during the year that would try the courage of any pioneer.

Many lived in crude huts, some in tents, and only a fortunate few had built houses of a more or less permanent nature.

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An air of happy anticipation pervades the city for Christmas, 1938.

Steadily warming weather promises a traditional Australian Christmas.

Shops glisten with Christmas decoration and parcel-laden crowds throng the streets.

Christmas of 1938 will be a happy one. International problems that threaten the peace of the world will be forgotten in the joy of Christmas festivities, and everyday worries will be left to care for themselves.

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Following: This delightful article on Christmas in 1896 paints a picture of how our ancestors in the city of Perth, now with the appearance of thriving, were celebrating in this new land away from their homeland and relatives. Follow the link below.

***West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Fri 25 Dec 1896, pg 5**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article3104624.3.html?followup=686242dad8799c1337bdde3b5a2c8eda

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The following article from *Trove*, (not inserted here) is well worth a read about the first year in the Swan River Colony. To view, follow the link below.

***Call and WA Sportsman* (Perth, WA: 1918 - 1920), Fri 19 Dec 1919, pg 17**
http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article210815103
IN 1829 THE SPIRIT OF THE WEST WAS BORN. PERTH'S FIRST CHRISTMAS JUST NINETY YEARS AGO.
The Story of the Men Who Left Europe to Found the Golden State — City of Today Takes Place of Mud and Sapling Huts. Into an entirely new world, with new conditions of life, a strange climate, and still stranger soil, the pioneers of this great State entered during the month of June, 1829, ninety years ago.

The following article paints a thriving picture of Beverley and her surrounding districts as it is today. It includes a very brief description of some of the properties and families associated with Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden and their descendants who settled in this region. Detailed histories of specific families mentioned are outlined in much more detail throughout the project.

Article by Di Black, 24 Sep 2022

Spring Back to Beverley – 150 Years

Beverley and her surrounding districts were certainly looking their best for the 150-year Spring Festival. Congratulations and a credit to all those who were involved. The main street closed off to traffic came to life hosting many visitors from all over the state. The small train running up and down the street giving rides to the children and many adults added to the festive feeling. Food stalls, the Hotels and the local bakery did a fierce trade all day long as people thronged for morning tea and lunch. Most of the local shops and organisations had a display with photos and the history involved over many years.

Photos taken 24 & 25 Sep 2022 during "Spring Back to Beverley 150 years" weekend. The main street with its new landscapes was closed to traffic during the events.

The Town Hall was looking her best and it was filled with people meeting with the knowledgeable researchers who had set up tables. It was interesting to catch up with Ann Horley Weaver and Carline Humphry representing the Swan River Pioneers, Kevin Fowler sharing his research on the Edwards family and many others.

Swan River Pioneers 1829-1838 Inc. Ann Horley and Carline Humphrey

Lindsay Adams and researcher Kevin Fowler discussing Kevin's book on the Edwards family.

Dead Finish Museum gaily displaying balloons celebrating the 150 years festival.

Di Black, Joy Smith, Ken and Angela Blechynden at the Dead Finish Museum

The Dead Finish Museum was thronged with people, all with family connections with the district and was filled with people chatting about and discussing their family history. A big thank you especially to Joy Smith and her colleagues who shared their valuable knowledge and followed up every lead.
The town was buzzing and it was mindboggling meeting so many who were descendants from the area. Almost everyone you met had a family tree link. It is definitely a "never ending story".
Our group being Blechynden and associated descendants were privileged to stay at one of the farms 'Roesland' and were made to feel very much part of the family. I was amazed at the size and tidiness of the farms and machinery and was impressed driving through and viewing the thriving and varying crops. The wild flowers were in bloom and wherever one looked the view was worth a photo.

Spring time at 'Babbyalla', one of the many farms in the district

Di Black. David and Lindsay Adams admiring a cop of canola, at 'Roesland'

'Roesland' homestead overlooked by lots of silos.

Large sheds full of multiple types of farm machinery

We spent much of our time looking at the ruins or checking out the sites where our ancestors farmed in the very early days of the Beverley district.

A big thank you to David and Gina Adams, Sue and Terry Wheatley, Brett Shaw, Brett Negus and Ted Sampson, Cyril and Chris Blechynden, Toby and Holly, Kristian and his grandmother Mary Blechynden, plus many others for their valuable time spent with us.

Angela Blechynden, Ken Blechynden, Lindsay Adams, Brett Negus and Brett Shaw at the beginning of a tour of' Babbyalla" which was leased by Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden from 1842-1888.

The current home in the old section of 'Babbyalla' now owned by retired Ted and Dorothy Sampson overlooking the original ruins to the right, mostly hidden by the trees.

Brett Shaw, the current owner of 'Babbyalla' farm kindly showed us around the property which was leased by Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden from 1842-1888.

The owner of 'Babbyalla', Edward Hamersley died 26 Nov 1874. Bevan Hamersley inherited the property of 'Babbyalla' Estate and took up residence there in 1888.

Brett Negus, whose parents George and Sylvia Negus owned 'Babbyalla' from 1940-1968, joined us. On the tour we were taken to the older section on which Harrison and Charlotte settled and raised their family. Ted Sampson who has now retired in his current home on the property kindly showed us around. It was amazing to see and walk through the ruins of what is thought to be the original home. Ted commented that he remembers it with the roof, which now sadly has gone.

Ted Sampson, Brett Shaw, Lindsay Adams and Ken Blechynden on 'Babbyalla' prior to viewing the remnants of the original homestead.

View of 'Babbyalla' from the home of Ted Sampson.

Ruins of what is thought to be the original homestead on 'Babbyalla'.

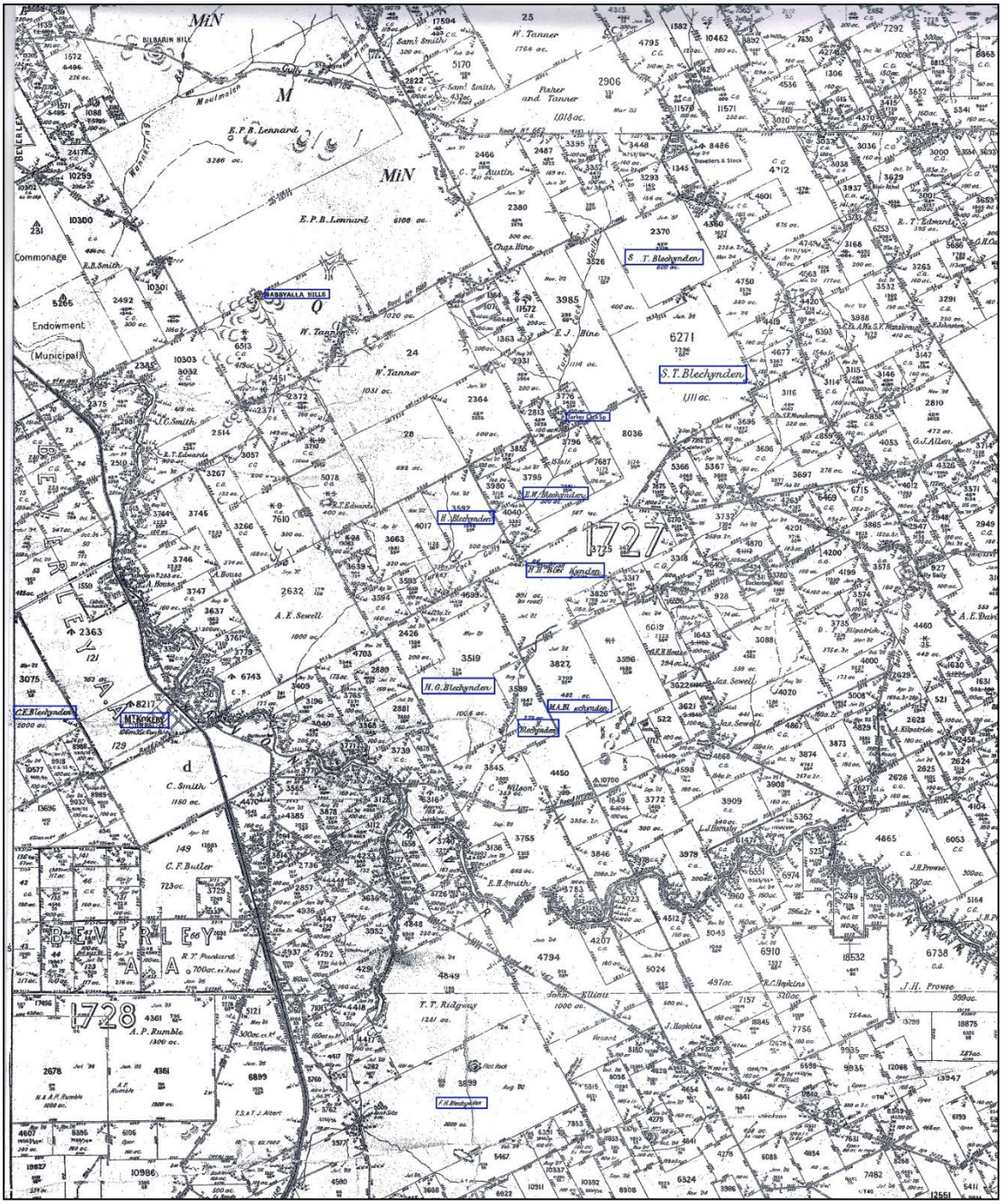
Angela Blechynden, Brett Negus, Di Black, Ken Blechynden and Lindsay Adams inside the ruins at 'Babbyalla'.

'Roesland' was originally owned by Charles Smith when it was presented by the West Australian Government in 1843 to Mrs. Charles Smith for presenting the State with the first twins Frederick and Alfred Smith. In 1888 it was taken over by Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden's son Charles Edwin Blechynden.
'Roesland' and 'Redhill' have been combined and the whole property renamed 'Roesland', which is in fact the original 'Redhill' home built by Charles Blechynden's son Frank Blechynden, in about 1909. Frank and Ella's only child daughter Norma married Ronald Adams in 1960. They had two sons, David and Lindsay. David and his wife Gina are the current owners of 'Roesland'.

The photo to the left shows discussions over a series of maps of the Beverley District at the current 'Roesland' homestead owned by David and Gina Adams. The maps were scanned by Sue Wheatley while researching her family tree of Broun. Charles Broun and family resided on 'Roesland' for some time.

Sue Wheatley, Lindsay Adams, David Adams, Ken Blechynden and Di Black, pouring over the maps for properties.

RUSSELL Stewart-Avon Land Agency.343. Top LH Corner –
researched and scanned by Susanne Wheatley
This map shows the properties owned by the Blechynden family – see the blue outlines.



The 'Babbyalla' property leased by Harrison Blechynden is shown on the map as well as the properties of a number of his sons and grandsons: Charles Edwin Blechynden, Frank Harrison Blechynden, Sydney Thomas Blechynden. Henry Herbert Blechynden, Horace Blechynden and Ernest Walter Blechynden.

Back to Sue Wheatley's Broun family connections with 'Roesland' and her interest in the search for the site of the original 'Roesland' homestead:

It was in the year 1887 that the railway connected Beverley to Perth and two years later, Sir Anthony Hordern continued the railway to Albany. Until then Mr. Chas. Broun carried mail and passengers, per coach, to York and the return to Beverley. Charles Frederick Broun resided on "Roesland' for many years between 1860 and 1880's...and during building of Great Southern Railway.

For interest: Sue Wheatley's Blechynden/Noack/Broun connection on her Broun tree. Dawn Audrey Blechynden married Herman Keith Noack. Dawn was the third child of George Blechynden and Mabel Esther Turpin, granddaughter of Joseph Blechynden and Grace Hancock.

Comments as to the original 'Roesland' homestead site, via Sue Wheatley: *"Rodney Boyle has a wealth of knowledge on the area, in particular Roesland. His father, Morris John Boyle, worked for Blechynden's at Roesland as a young lad. Rodney knows exactly where the Roesland house stood and remembers the Peppercorn trees well. He said he used to walk to Roesland from Beverley. The peppercorn trees were not native to Australia, and were brought in, probably from Cape York on the ships from UK, as they could survive with little or no water. I showed him the picture with the train carriages and sheep, he confirmed the river was between the house and the sheep. He remembers the fencing well."*

Photo of 'Roesland'. Dorset ewes, train and homestead in background. Undated, but after July 1889 when the train started running. Courtesy Lindsay Adams

Discussions and exploration of the Homestead and the camp site used while building the railway: Lindsay Adams, Ken Blechynden, David Adams, Sue Wheatley, Di Black, and Angela Blechynden, photo taken by Terry Wheatley.

Ken and Angela stayed at 'Burnside' 10km north of Brookton with Cyril and Chris Blechynden for one night on their way to Beverley. Cyril is the son of Bruce Blechynden, grandson of Horace Blechynden and great grandson of Charles Edwin Blechynden. Amidst many long discussions about family events, it was found that the original bricks from the original 'Roesland' homestead, which has long gone, were carted to Burnside and an outside room made from them. The bricks are in remarkable condition.

'Burnside with Cyril, Christine and Vance Blechynden

Cyril Blechynden outside the room made from the bricks carted from the original 'Roesland' homestead.

Further discussions about Cyril and Chris's umpteen grandchildren and great-grandchildren lead to a visit to 'Southdale', Stud: Poll Merino and White Suffolk, where we met their grandson Toby and his wife Holly and their delightful children. His parents, Mark and Denise were away.

'Southdale', Ken Blechynden, Toby, Di Black and Holly Blechynden

Henry George Blechynden took up land at Mt. Kokeby, the property being known as 'Erindale'. *"This was across the other side of the Avon River from 'Babbyalla'. Erindale farm, was sold by Bill Blechynden and his son Geoff in early 2000s, possibly 2005 to Geoff Bremner. The property is on Yenyenning Lakes Road about 4 or 5 km east of the great southern highway. Yenyenning Lakes Road is about 2km south of Mt Kokeby (towards Brookton). The mud brick walls of the original Erindale farm house still stand among peppercorn trees south of and very close to the road."*

Kristian Blechynden and his grandmother Mary Blechynden (nee Smith) who in 1951 married Bernard 'Kevin' Blechynden, eighth child of William Harrison and Mary Ethel Blechynden, grandson of Henry George Blechynden and Mary Ann Reilly.

'Erindale' original home, made from mud bats, no longer owned by family

Back of 'Erindale' original homestead,

Beautiful views of 'Erindale' can be seen on both sides of the road.

Bally Bally Hall, still used today, close to the Bally Bally School Site, 1914-1936: First teacher Miss M Turner. First families attending: Kilpatrick, Sutherland, Wansbrough

'Speldhurst', 'Seaton Ross' and Edwards Crossing: By 1845 William Edwards had 3,540 acres at Beverley: 'Speldhurst', and 'Seaton Ross'. Thomas Edwards, eighth child of William and Eleanor Edwards married Anne Elizabeth Blechynden, third child of Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden on 5 Mar 1862 at the 'Mount Pleasant' Homestead at Edwards Crossing. When William died in 1865, Thomas and Anne became the owners of 'Mount Pleasant' and 'Seaton Ross' which still remain in the family today.

The first tiny service centre in the Beverley district was established at Edwards Crossing at the junction of a number of roads. William Edwards constructed a mud bat store there, and subsequently Joseph Wansbrough commenced business as a wheelwright.

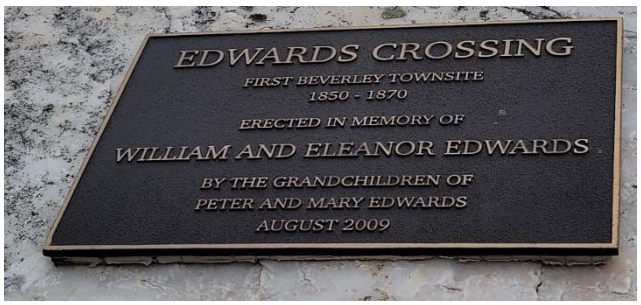
William Edwards gave the land for St Paul's Church and the family was instrumental in having the Church built. St Paul's Church, Edwards Crossing, was consecrated in 1862.

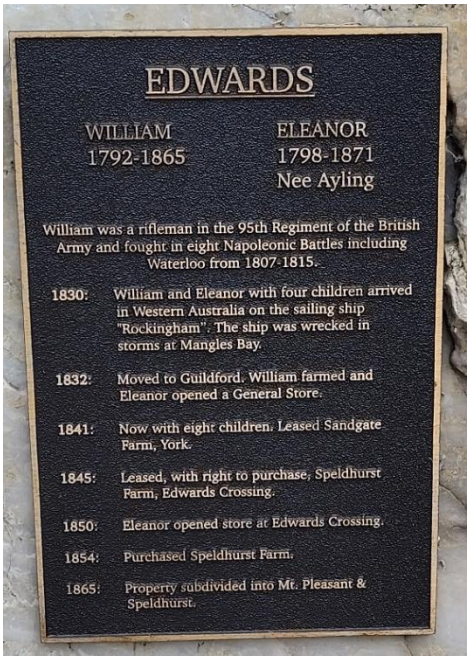
The first home at 'Speldhurst' was a crude bush affair down near the river at a fresh water pool. Probably because of later floods they built a better establishment further up the banks. During 1966 Thomas built the third house at 'Speldhurst' where it now stands with many subsequent alterations over the past 113 years.

Di Black and Ken Blechynden, 'Speldhurst' in the background.

St Paul's Church and grave yard at Edwards Crossing

Commemoration on the opposite side of the road to St Paul's Church at Edwards Crossing, erected by the grandchildren of Peter and Mary Edwards. Peter, the eighth child of Thomas and Anne Edwards.

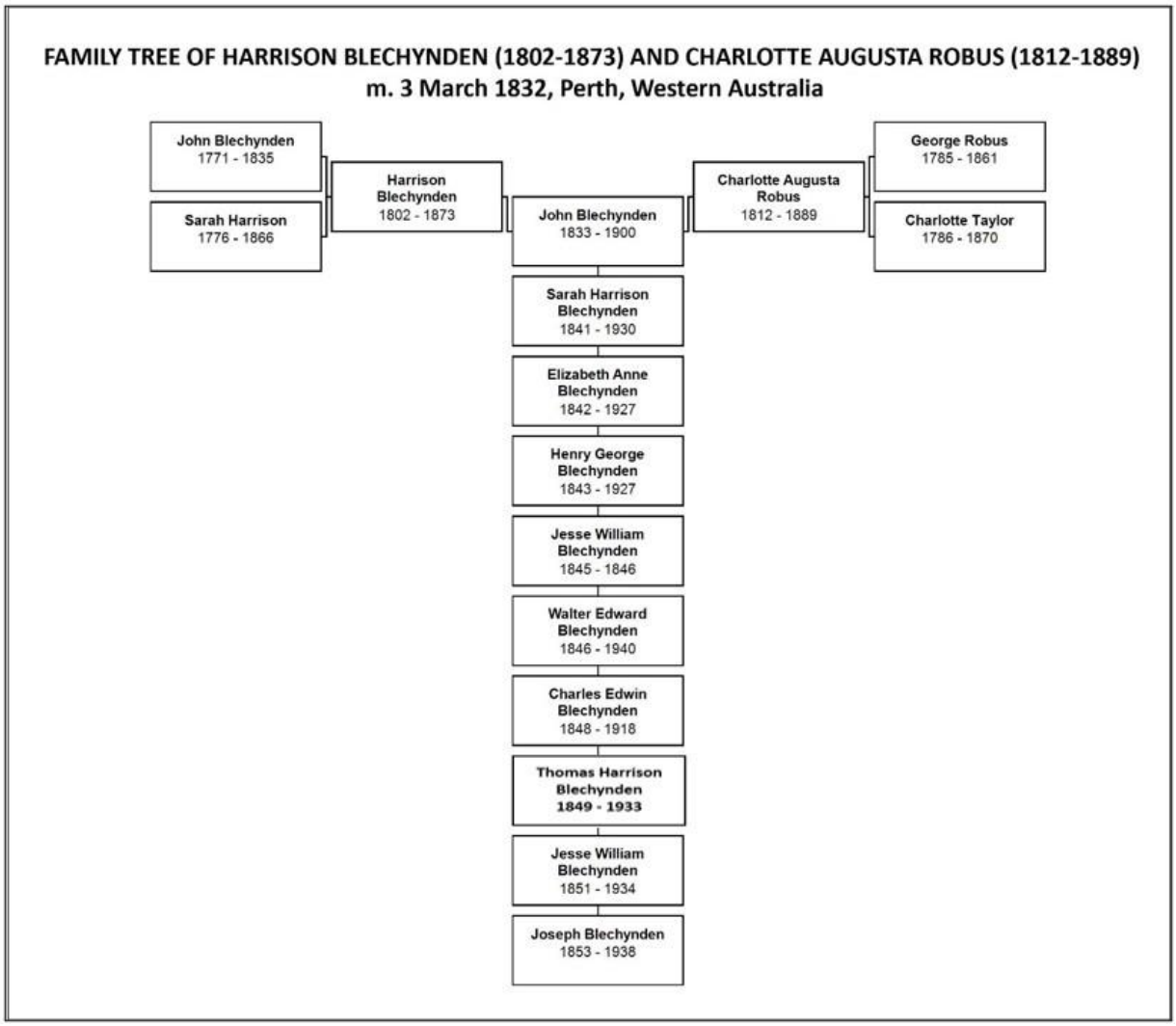




It was wonderful to be able to share these special moments exploring and photographing bits of the history of our ancestors.
Over the four days we met many descendants of the Blechynden and associated families.
These photos are just a few of hundreds of photos taken by Angela and Ken Blechynden, Di Black and Lindsay Adams.

One of the spectacular views from County Peak showing the countryside at its best.

Ten Children of Harrison & Charlotte Blechynden



Note: WA BDM registration numbers are the year and place where they were registered.

1. JOHN BLECHYNDEN (1833-1900): Born 14 Mar 1833, Perth, WA, was the first of nine 'surviving' children. Marriage: John BLECHYNDEN: (1833-1900) married Elizabeth GREEN (1839-1891) 23rd Feb 1860, Perth, WA [Reg. 1487]. John BLECHYNDEN died 14 Oct 1900, Beverley, WA [Reg. 12].

2. SARAH HARRISON BLECHYNDEN (1841-1930): Born 3 Mar 1841, Perth, WA. Marriage: Sarah Harrison BLECHYNDEN (1841-1930) married John Henry Markham PAGE (1831-1917) 1867, York, WA [Reg. 2656]. Sarah Harrison Blechynden died 2 Oct 1930, Quindanning, WA [Reg. 57].

3. ELIZABETH 'ANNE' BLECHYNDEN (1842-1927): Known as Anne as recorded in her marriage and death records. Born 19 Mar 1842, ''St Aubyns', Beverley District, WA [Reg. 105]. Marriage: Elizabeth 'Anne' BLECHYNDEN (1842-1927) married Thomas EDWARDS (1838-1903) 1862, York, WA [Reg. 1753]. Registered as Anne Elizabeth. Anne Elizabeth Blechynden died 1 Dec 1927, Beverley, WA [Reg. 70]. Registered as Anne Elizabeth.

4. HENRY GEORGE BLECHYNDEN (1843-1927): Born 6 Oct 1843, 'Babbyalla' Beverley District, WA [Reg. 278]. Some have 6 Aug. Marriage: Henry George BLECHYNDEN (1843-1927) married Mary Ann REILLY (1850-1923) 27 May 1874, York, WA [Reg. 3772]. Henry George Blechynden died 6 Nov 1927, WA [Reg. 64].

5. JESSE WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN (1845-1846): Jesse William Blechynden born 1845, recorded as Babballall, (should be 'Babbyalla'), Beverley District, WA [Reg. 564]. Jesse William Blechynden died 1846, aged (20 months), father H Blechynden, [Reg. 233].

6. WALTER EDWARD BLECHYNDEN (1846-1940): Born 16 Jun 1846, recorded as Babalalla, (sic, should be 'Babbyalla'), Beverley, WA [Reg. 808]. Marriage: Walter Edward BLECHYNDEN (1846-1940) married Jane NEEDS (1855-1948) 1873 Picton Anglican Church, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 3638]. Walter Edward Blechynden died 8 Apr 1940, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 20].

7. CHARLES EDWIN BLECHYNDEN (1848-1918): Born 15 Mar 1848, recorded as Babbalilla, (sic, should be 'Babbyalla'), Beverley, WA [Reg. 1098]. Marriage: Charles Edwin BLECHYNDEN (1848-1918) married Caroline Mary DAVIES (1850-1942) 24 Apr 1872, St Paul's Church, Beverley, WA [Reg. 3421], registered under Edwin Blechynden. Charles Edwin Blechynden died 1918, Beverley, WA [Reg. 19]. Registered as Charles Edwin.

8. THOMAS HARRISON BLECHYNDEN (1849-1933): Born 9 Sep 1849, York, WA. Reg in Beverley, [Reg. 1376]. Marriage: Thomas Harrison BLECHYNDEN (1849-1933) married Annie Maria DUNHAM (1850-1933) 24 Sep 1877, Northam Anglican Church, registered in Fremantle, WA [Reg. 4372]. Registered as Annie Maria Denham. Thomas Harrison Blechynden died 11 Sep 1933, Wagin, WA [Reg. 81]. Registered in Katanning.

9. JESSE WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN (1851-1934): Born 9 Jun 1851, Beverley, WA [Reg. 1705]. Marriage: Jesse William BLECHYNDEN (1851-1934) married Emma Sarah DUNHAM: (1862-1947) 13 Sep 1882, York, WA [Reg. 5431]. Registered as Jesse Williams Blechynden. Jesse William Blechynden died 1 May 1934, Beverley, WA [Reg. 11].

10. JOSEPH BLECHYNDEN (1853-1938): Born 9 Feb 1853, Beverley, WA [Reg. 2018]. Registered as Blechenden. Marriage: Joseph BLECHYNDEN (1853-1938) married Grace Emma HANCOCK (1858-1947) 1893, Beverley, WA [Reg. 310]. Joseph Blechynden died 6 May 1938, Pingelly, WA [Reg. 24].

NOTE: DISCREPANCIES RE CHILDREN

Two other children are recorded by some to have been born to Charlotte and Harrison Blechynden. Errors have been found in early records.
See https://www.friendsofbattyelibrary.org.au/bicentennial-dictionary, page 241 (link below)
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> *BLECHYNDEN. Harrison, b. 1802, d. 17.7.1873 (Beverley), son of John, arr. 20.1.1830 per Mnstre1, m· 3.3.1832 Charlotte Augusta RO BUS b.1802 d. 13.9. 1889, passenger on same ship. Chd. John b. 1833 d. 1900, Sarah Harrison b. 1841, Elizabeth Ann b. 1842 d. 1927, Henry George b. 1843 d. 1927,* ***James b. 1845,*** *Walter Edward b. 1846 d. 1940, Edwin Charles b. 1848 d. 1918. Thomas Harrison b. 1849,* ***Jesse William b. 1851****. Joseph b. 185] d. 1938. Indentured servant to W.L. Brookman at Swan. Perth butcher by 1833. By 1840s was at Avon district. York Census 1859 listed him as a well-established farmer & grazier. Leased "'Babbyalla'" at Beverley from. E. Hamersley, then developed "Mt. Pleasant".*

The baby James Blechynden recorded in the Dictionary of WA (see above) does not appear in the State Library records re birth and death. Jesse Blechynden born in 1845 and who died in 1846 is not mentioned in the Dictionary of WA, pg 241. It is possible James was a twin to Jesse William born in 1845 and who died in 1846 or has been incorrectly recorded and should have been recorded as Jesse. The second Jesse born in 1851 has been listed.

A George Blechynden was mentioned by a member as being born in March 1833 and died 1833 in Perth, WA. It is possible a child named George was born to Harrison and Charlotte and he may have been a twin to John Blechynden who was born in 1833, Searching the Fiche records in the WA State Library only two children were recorded under Blechynden: John and Sarah. After much searching, I have not been able to find a record of this George born in 1833.

This leads to an error in the Dictionary of WA, also re George Blechynden, cousin to Harrison Blechynden.

BLECHYNDEN, George. arr. 20.1.1830 per Minstrel with cous
m. 19.7.1864 (Sunbury) Jane NILGIE (half- caste). To Wellington district 1840s.

Note: George Blechynden who arrived on the *Minstrel*, cousin to Harrison Blechynden did not marry Jane Nilgie. It was his son also named George Blechynden, (born to an unknown Aboriginal woman), who married Jane Nilgie.
George Blechynden (1806-1889) who was cousin to Harrison Blechynden, arrived with him on the ship *Minstrel in 1830*. A marriage certificate shows that a son born to George (via an unknown Aboriginal woman) married Jane Nilgie in 1864, (see their chapter). Despite much searching we have not been able to find his birth or death. Records show son George recorded as being half caste, and he became known as George Whitey Brown. It is thought he was born about 1844.

PART 3 – Ten Lines of Descendants

Left: Photographic impression of Harrison Blechynden (1802-1873) by descendant Kim Daley.

Right: Charlotte Augusta Blechynden nee Robus (1812-1889)

Their fifth child Jesse William Blechynden (1845-1846) died at the age of 20 months.

Living children of Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden:

1. John Blechynden (1833-1900)

2 Sarah Harrison Blechynden (1841-1930)

3. 'Anne' Elizabeth Blechynden (1842-1927)

4. Henry George Blechynden (1843-1927)

6. Walter Edward Blechynden (1846-1940)

'Babbyalla'

7. Charles Edwin Blechynden (1848-1918)

8. Thomas Harrison Blechynden (1849-1933)

9. Jesse William Blechynden (1851-1934)

10. Joseph Blechynden (1853-1938)

1. JOHN BLECHYNDEN (1833-1900) & ELIZABETH GREEN (1839-1891)

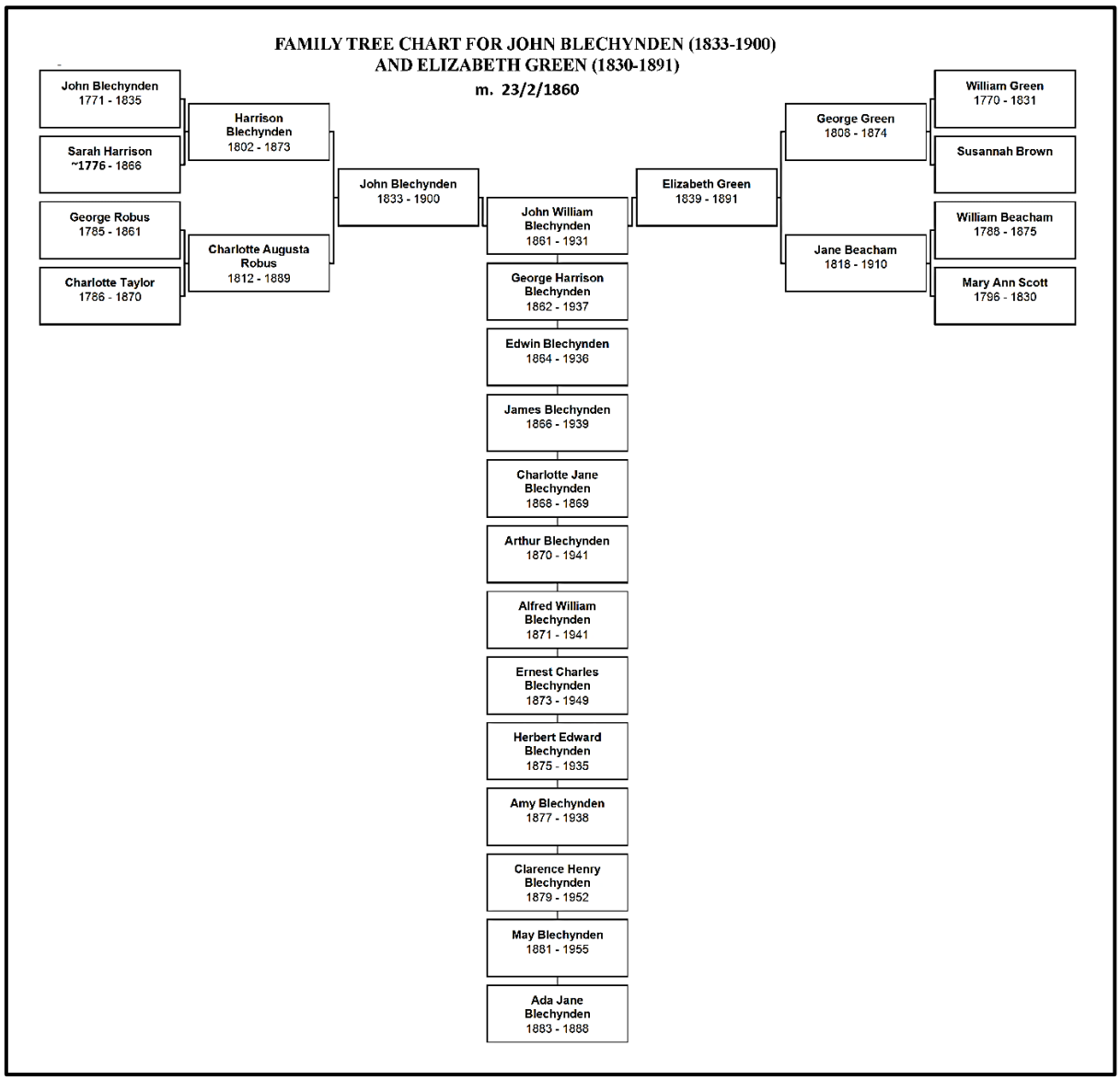
John was Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden's first child. He was born on 14 Mar 1833 in Perth, Western Australia.

On 23 Feb 1860, John married Elizabeth Green in St George's Cathedral, Perth. It was one of the earliest (European) marriages in which both bride and groom had been born in the colony.

They had 13 children.

Elizabeth passed away at the age of 51 on 8 Apr 1891 in Bridgetown and is buried in the town cemetery.

John passed away at the age of 67 on 14 Oct 1900, during a visit to his brother Charles Edwin and family at 'Roesland' in Beverley. He is buried alongside his parents, Harrison and Charlotte, at the Edwards Crossing Cemetery at Beverley.



John was the first of ten children born to Harrison Blechynden and Charlotte Robus. He was born on 4 Mar 1833 in Perth, WA and christened on 28 Apr 1833 by *The Colonial Chaplain J. B. Wittenoom.* Their second child Sarah Blechynden was also born in Perth, 3 Mar 1841. She was also baptised on 28 Mar 1841 by Chaplain White, in Perth.

Copy of Baptism records of John and Sarah Blechynden

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PERTH REGISTER - BOOK REF. Nº 703/1

Nº	DATE OF BAPTISM	CHILDS NAME	PARENTS CHRISTIAN & SURNAME	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE	FATHERS PROFESSION	BY WHO BAPTISE
102	APRIL 28TH	JOHN	HARRISON BLECHYNDEN & CHARLOTTE.	MARCH 4TH 1833	PERTH	BUTCHER.	J.B. WITTE COLONIAL CHAPLAIN
222	MARCH 28TH	SARAH HARRISON	HARRISON BLECHYNDEN & CHARLOTTE AUGUSTA	MARCH 3RD 1841	PERTH	YEOMAN	J.B. WITTE COLONIAL CHAPLAIN

John Blechynden's parents were Harrison Blechynden (1802-1873) and Charlotte Robus (1812-1889) who migrated from Kent, England, to the Western Australian Swan River Colony, arriving on 20 Feb 1830 aboard the ship *Minstrel*. Harrison was the son of John Blechynden (1771-1835) and Sarah Harrison (~1766-1866), Charlotte was the daughter of George Robus (~ 1785-1861) and Charlotte Taylor (1786-1870).

The Blechyndens are descended from one of the most ancient families of Kent, England, with roots going back it is believed, to the 800s and perhaps even earlier. The family at one time owned land, manors and property. Nicholas Blechynden is one such example, having owned and lived at Quarrington Manor, Mersham, Kent, in the 1300s. The Blechyndens, including Nicholas, are mentioned several times in Hasted's History of Kent as well as other publications.

For Harrison and his direct antecedents, however fortunes had changed and added opportunities to better their circumstances had become reduced. Perhaps to Harrison a future in England in the 1800s seemed bleak. Whatever the reason he accepted the offer of William Locke Brockman, as did Harrison's cousin George Blechynden, to leave England and work for Brockman in the Swan River Colony of WA. HAs a result of the decision to migrate under the patronage of William Locke Brockman, Harrison and George were indentured to Brockman for four years, Harrison as Brockman's foreman, George as carpenter.

Brockman was to become a prominent member of the newly formed Swan River Colony. Charlotte Robus who had emigrated on the same ship was indentured as a maid to Mrs. Brockman. When they arrived, the Swan River Colony was just beginning its second year and the infant settlement was only just starting to find its feet. Harrison and George Blechynden were put to work immediately helping William Brockman to set up his house and property, which he named 'Herne Hill'. Charlotte Robus was kept busy helping Mrs. Brockman to set up and run her household and to look after her young son, Edmund, who was just a toddler. The following year, Mrs. Brockman gave birth to a second child, a daughter, named Elizabeth on 28 Dec 1831.

Harrison Blechynden and Charlotte Robus were married in Perth on 3 Mar 1832. When John was born, William Brockman's son, Edmund Brockman was about four and a half years of age and his daughter, Elizabeth just a toddler. John was almost nine years of age when his sister Sarah was born 3 Mar 1841 and baptised on 28 Mar 1841 in Perth. Now the father of two young children, Harrison had completed his indenture and was still working as a butcher.

John during his first nine years in Perth, together with his parents, mixed with other children, the Brockmans, their associates and other new arrivals to the Colony. As John was the son of new settlers, he may have attended one of the schools set up initially in the new colony. It appears that a school was held in the Court House on weekdays and in the Little Rush Church. His mother and father were both well-educated and would have given him what education they could manage in between setting.

Heritage in Perth: An Education in History
https://heritageperth.com.au/an-education-in-history/?fbclid=IwAR354LOG0g7cOGPEwt_WyZyn96yZ8nNsqK-YrcrhTg2knoVuiTZzDmIz-s4

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL
https://www.perthcathedral.org/st-georges-cathedral/

Following the sale and demolition of the 'rush church', services were held in the Court House, which still stands in the Supreme Court Gardens and is the home of the Francis Burt Law Centre. The Court House was opened for worship on Good Friday (24 Mar 1837). But this was an unsatisfactory arrangement, as the building was used for a school on weekdays, and as a court on Saturdays. However, this was to last for a further eight years.

Angela Blechynden (nee Jones), wife of Ken Blechynden, many years ago compiled a descriptive five-page article which is an excellent summary of the lives of John Blechynden and Elizabeth Green. Much of the following chapter has come from her manuscript.

*JOHN BLECHYNDEN was born in Perth on 14th Mar 1833. He was the first-born son of Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden (nee Robus) formerly of Kent England. His first few years were spent in Perth and Beverley. As he was the son of new settlers, it is possible he did not receive a formal education as there were few schools in the area. His mother and father were both well-educated and would have given him what education they could manage in between setting up their farming and grazing property at 'Babbyalla', Beverley and raising their nine children. His father was a butcher, carpenter and farmer and no doubt passed on these skills to him and the other children. His mother came out on the Minstrel as a maid to Mrs Brockman and would have been able to pass on to him the social customs of the day. His father also came out to the colony on the Minstrel and also worked initially for Mr Brockman as a carpenter and foreman on his '*Herne Hill'* property.*

Harrison Blechynden was keen to make his way in the colony and was granted a Town Location Lot E3. Unfortunately, times were hard, and after a few years he lost it not being able to keep up his payments. Harrison continued working as a butcher but looked for other opportunities to make his way in the new colony. Listening in to conversations between his father and others, John would have become aware that Mr Brockman had taken part in a couple of explorations over the hills and inland. Mr Edward Pomeroy Barrett Lennard, another prominent owner of property in the Swan River Colony entrusted the development of his allocated property in the Beverley district to his nephew Edmund Barrett-Lennard. (This all can be read in more detail in the earlier chapters on Harrison Blechynden and Charlotte Robus.)

Beverley, Our journey through time, pg.24:

By July 1837, it was estimated that 23 white settlers had lost their lives. . . While Stirling could not countenance a vigilante force in a British Colony, he did strengthen the military force in the Avon Valley. More troops were stationed at York, a permanent post was established on the banks of the Dale River in the far south-eastern corner of Avondale and a detachment of the 21st fusiliers were also stationed on and off at Addington. Subsequently barracks were established at John Mann's property at the Dale, aptly named the Barracks, and at Turkey Cock Creek on 'St Aubyns'. Patrols were mounted from these barracks and at times the military also provided armed escorts across the Darling Range.

At the age of about nine years, John and his baby sister Sarah travelled from Perth to the District of Beverley with their parents Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden. John's second sister Elizabeth 'Anne' Blechynden was born in 1842 at 'St Aubyns', Beverley, the property at that time of Edward Pomeroy Barrett-Lennard (1799 -1878). Edward Pomeroy Barrett-Lennard's nephew Edmund Barrett-Lennard, shortly after his arrival in the Colony from England, was sent to manage 'St Aubyns'. More can be read in the chapter on Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden.

One can imagine his father and Edmund Barrett-Lennard would have made a number of trips prior to moving to live on the property. What an exciting time it would have been for John when he with his mother and baby sister travelled by horse and cart up over the hills, escorted by his father and most probably soldiers in uniform and mounted on horse-back, along a barely developed track through thick bush to begin their new life. It would have taken a couple of days before they arrived at their new home which had been hurriedly and roughly constructed on the property. It was a different world as John helped Edmund Barrett Lennard and his father construct yards to fence in the stock, water and feed the animals and set up the basics needed to run a farm. As a barracks had been set up on 'St Aubyns' he would have been fascinated with the soldiers' movements. He also would

become aware of and after time got to know the children of the local Aborigines who often camped on the property. Gradually John became able to speak in the local Aboriginal language.

It is possible that his father's cousin, George Blechynden may have joined them on the property for a while, George using his carpentry and wheelwright skills. (I guess we will never know). An article of unclaimed letters was posted 25 Feb 1837 for George and Harrison Blechynden. The next mention of George was in Molloy's Journal, on Sunday 16 Jun 1839, at the Vasse River, Busselton.

John's mother gave birth to another child, Elizabeth on 19 Mar 1842. Her birth was registered as 'St. Aubyns'. By the time John's brother Henry George was born on 6 Oct 1843, they had moved across to the property next door named 'Babbyalla'. Over the next nine years his mother gave birth to six more children, all sons: Jesse William 1845, Walter Edward 1846, (sadly, almost six months later Jessie, died on 11 Dec 1846, aged-20-months), Charles Edwin 1848, Thomas Harrison 1849, Jesse William 1851 and Joseph Blechynden born 9 Feb 1853. At this stage John was aged 20 years, Sarah was now aged almost 12 years old and Elizabeth eleven years old. Sarah and Elizabeth would have taken on a great deal of responsibility helping their mother look after the younger ones.

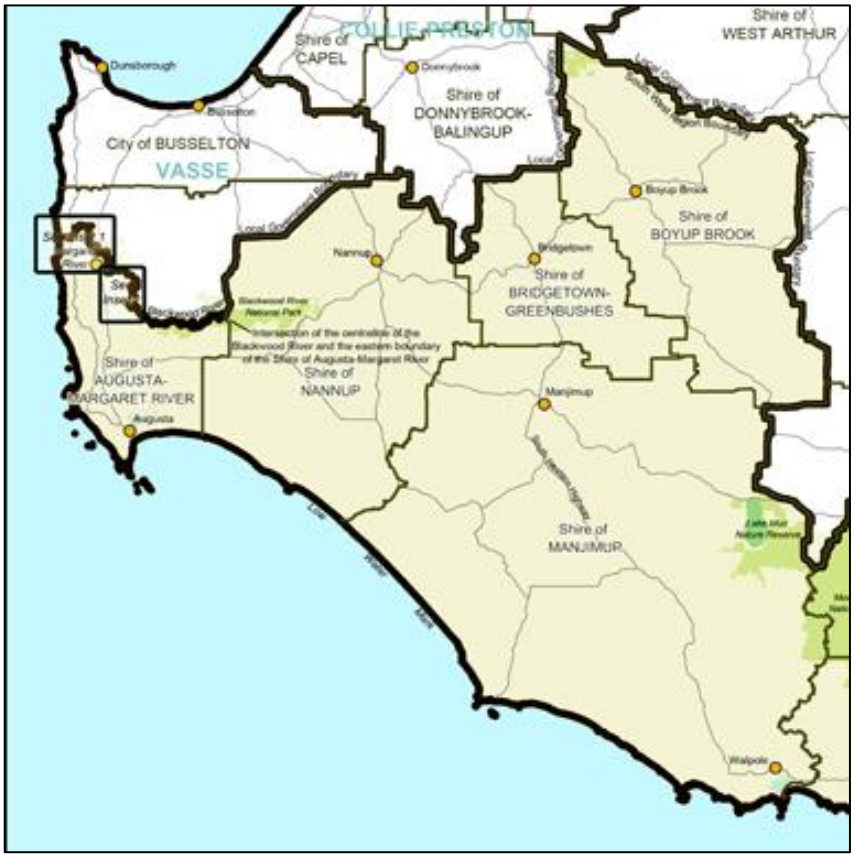
In 1853, John by now, since about the age of twelve, would have been doing a full day's work, from dawn until dusk alongside his father. He was a strong and capable young man; he was a good horseman and had developed a multitude of skills as the farm became a going concern. He treated his sisters with respect and was a hero to the younger ones. John often rode over to the store and wheelwright at Edwards Crossing and looked forward to the annual show at York, an event attended by the whole family. He and his father frequently came across the local Aboriginals, who at times camped and worked on the property, and over many years earned their trust and respect.

In 1854, *John walked to the Blackwood district at the age of 21, guided by two friendly Aborigines. He was so impressed with what he saw that he acquired two pastoral leases over about 10,000 acres of land along the middle courses of the Blackwood River with an option to buy ten acres to build a residence. He was one of the first people to appreciate the possibilities of stock raising in the country. He camped near the ford of the river, where a bridge was later built.*

Establishing himself on his leases, meant frequent visits to the city of Perth for equipment and stores. This also meant stop overs and during this time he made the acquaintance and began to court a young woman named Elizabeth Green. Elizabeth was the daughter of George Green and Jane Beacham from two well-known pioneering families involved in establishing themselves in the new colony.

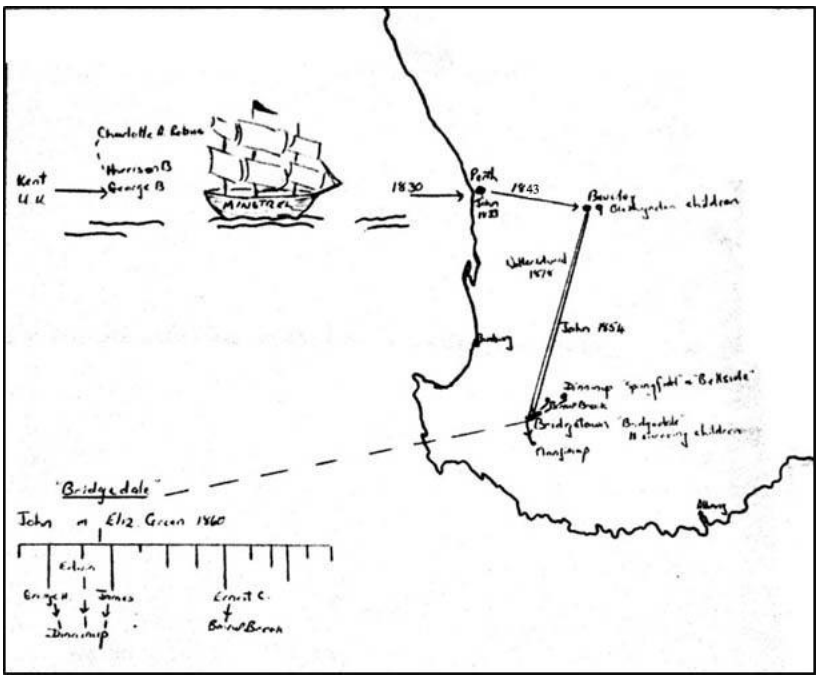
He quickly improved and enlarged his ten-acre homestead and, with his pastoral business firmly established, made arrangements for his marriage to Elizabeth Green of Perth. They were married on 23rd of Feb 1860 at St George's Cathedral in Perth, the earliest white marriage in which both bride and groom had been born in the colony.

MAP OF SOUTH-WEST WA
WARREN-BLACKWOOD DISTRICTS
showing Nannup, Donnybrook, Bridgetown, Manjimup, and Boyup Brook



HAND DRAWN MAP DEPICTING KENT, PERTH, BEVERLEY, BRIDGETOWN, DINNINUP, BOYUIP BROOK

This delightful map was hand drawn by an unknown member from the 'Bridgedale' Blechynden family, depicting the journey from Kent, England to Perth, then to Beverley, where their nine children were raised. It then shows John Blechynden in his own quest for land, 1854, moving to Bridgetown and building 'Bridgedale', where he and Eliza Green raised 11 surviving children.



It also shows Manjimup where his brother Walter Blechynden moved becoming a pioneer of that district, where he and Jane Needs raised a family of 13 children.

The graph in the left- hand corner concentrates on some of John's children who when they reached adulthood, moved away from Bridgetown and took up farming: Edwin, George and James - Dinninup: 'Springfield' and 'Bellside', Ernest - Boyup Brook.

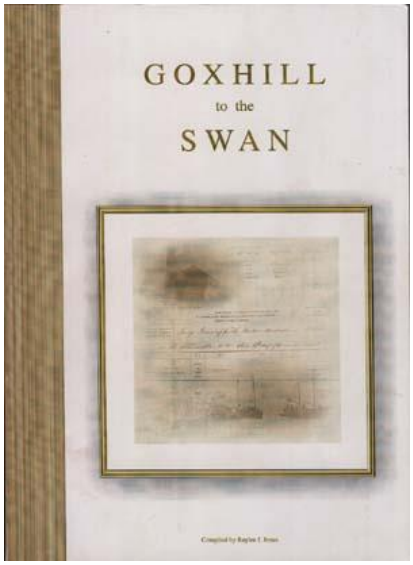
JOHN BLECHYNDEN (1833-1900) MARRIED ELIZABETH GREEN (1839-1891), 23 FEB 1860, PERTH

The next section covers the GREEN and BEACHAM FAMILIES, who were pioneering settlers in the Swan River Colony. This detailed history of their participation in helping to establish the new colony is added as it provides a good background. Not only to the Blechynden history, but to the life of their interconnected families and those of other early settlers.

GOXHILL to the SWAN
GREEN AND BEACHAM FAMILIES

Raylee J. Jones (nee Slade) researched and compiled an excellent book on the Green family called *GOXHILL to the SWAN: A History of the Green family, 1995*.

*Four brothers **GEORGE, JOHN, HENRY AND THOMAS GREEN** were to migrate to Australia**:**



In her book *Goxhill to the Swan* Raylee Jones wrote as follows:

pg.1, "In 1829 John and George Green of Goxhill, Lincolnshire boarded the brig 'Tranby' to commence on a journey which would take them to the new British colony on the Swan River in WA. This journey would result in tragedy for one of the brothers and fortune for the other. It would see two younger brothers also migrating to Australia at a later date. The three surviving men would marry, and their children form the nucleus of a large group of people in Australia today who can trace their roots back to those original men and women whose courage and fortitude we all admire.

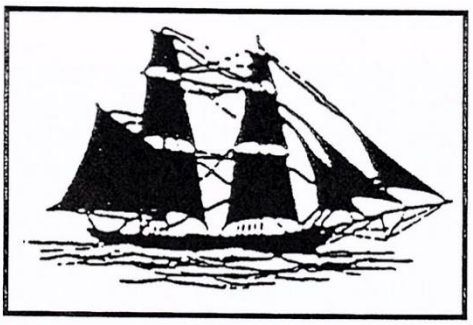
Goxhill to the Swan

BLECHYNDEN, (NEE GREEN), ELIZABETH (1839-1891)
Contemplation by Di Black

In the never ending and fascinating journey tracing one's ancestors we have become fascinated and intrigued with the story of my great-great-grandmother Elizabeth Blechynden (nee Green). She was born in the early days of the Swan River Colony. As a bride in her early twenties Elizabeth travelled with her husband John Blechynden to settle on John's newly acquired block and pastoral lease. Her strength of character and determination was largely shaped by the example set by her parents and grandparents as pioneers making their way in this new land. In the first part of this article, we will endeavour to show the atmosphere into which Elizabeth as a young girl thrived and grew. It is important to understand the ambition and fortitude of her family as they made their lives in this new colony.

Elizabeth Green was born on the 8 Jun 1839 in Perth. She was the third child of **GEORGE GREEN (1808-1874),** bricklayer and **JANE GREEN (NEE BEACHAM) (1818-1910)** who were married on the banks of Lake Monger, on 21 Feb 1836 in Perth.

Elizabeth Green was the daughter of George Green, bricklayer, and Jane Beacham. She was born on the 8 Jun 1839 and was 20 years old at the time of her marriage. Her father, George and her Uncle John came out to Australia from Lincolnshire on the "Tranby' which sailed from hull on the 9th September 1829 and arrived in the Swan River Colony on the 3rd February 1830.



Tranby Brig 6, GOXHILL to the SWAN: pg. 10

George helped build both 'Grove farm', the two 'Tranby' houses and 'The old Mill' at the Narrows of the Swan River. George was in the search party with William Beacham when they found the body of William's son Reuben, brother of Jane, who had been speared by aboriginals on the 3rd February, 1832, and there were many accounts of this story in the Green and Beacham family histories and in the newspapers under the title 'Chippers leap'.

George Green married Jane Beacham on 21st February 1836 and their eleven children were William Green who married twice to Eliza Wallace and Sarah Russell, Elizabeth who married John Blechynden, Dinah who married Edward Ridley, John Edward who married Mary Croway, James Joseph who married Mary Elizabeth Mews, Thomas Henry who married Emma Barrett, Mary who married Charles Pearson and Levi who married Sarah Elizabeth Graham and founded the Bairds Store in Perth. The eldest child Reuben was lost at sea, George Reuben did not survive childhood and the youngest daughter Sarah Jane did not marry."

"Elizabeth's father George Green died in 1873 and Jane, her mother in October 1910 having outlived Elizabeth by 18 years and all her children except one son."

GEORGE GREEN (1808-1874)

Much of this information has been obtained with the kind permission of Raylee Jones from her book. *GOXHILL TO THE SWAN,* which contains a wealth of information.

George Green was the third child of ten born to **WILLIAM GREEN (1770-1831)** and **SUSANNAH BROWN.** He was christened 15 Jun 1808 Goxhill, Lincolnshire, England.

Map showing Goxhill, Lincolnshire, England

Map showing Hull and Goxhill, Lincolnshire, England

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His parents who were married 15 May 1808 at the Goxhill Parish Church, probably moved to the family farm on West Marsh Lane soon after their marriage as William's parents, John and Jane passed away, in 1807 and 1811, respectively. Their large family of ten children, four of whom settled in Australia, would have experienced rural life during their childhood.

In her book, Raylee traced the history of the Green family back to descendants **RICHARD GREEN (-1717)** and **MARY WILKIN (-1718)** from Goxhill, Lincolnshire, England.

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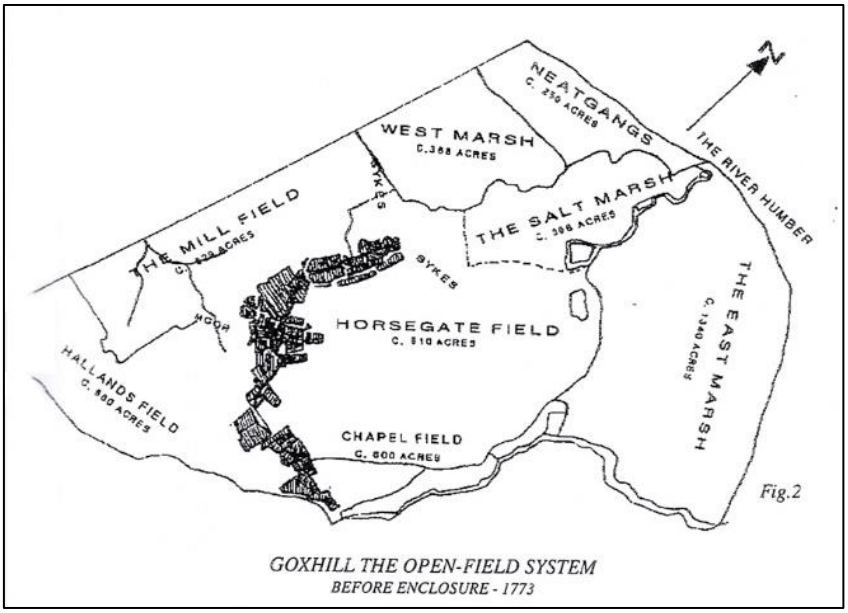
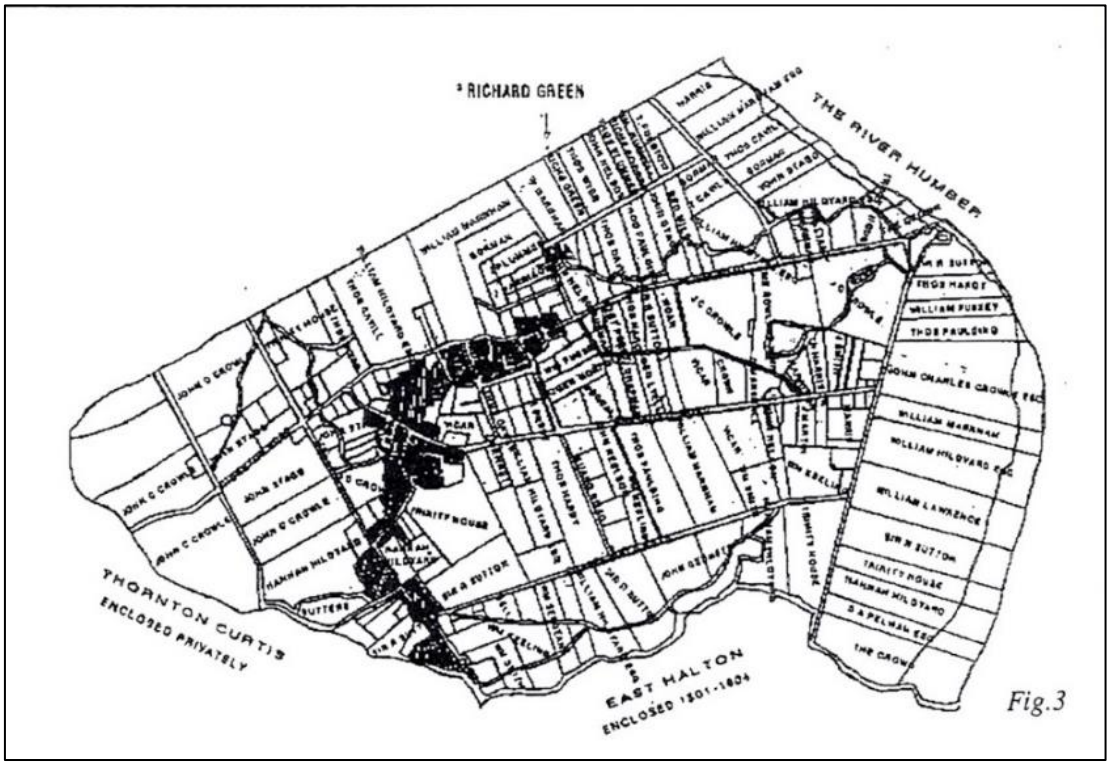
Before 1773, the Parish of Goxhill was broken up into the open field system where all animals were grazed on land belonging to the community, on common ground.



Goxhill the Open Field System before enclosure – 1773, pg. 5.

In 1775 the Parish of Goxhill underwent an enormous change when the Enclosure Act was put into force. Goxhill is a large village and civil parish in North Lincolnshire, England.



Goxhill, after Enclosure. 1775.

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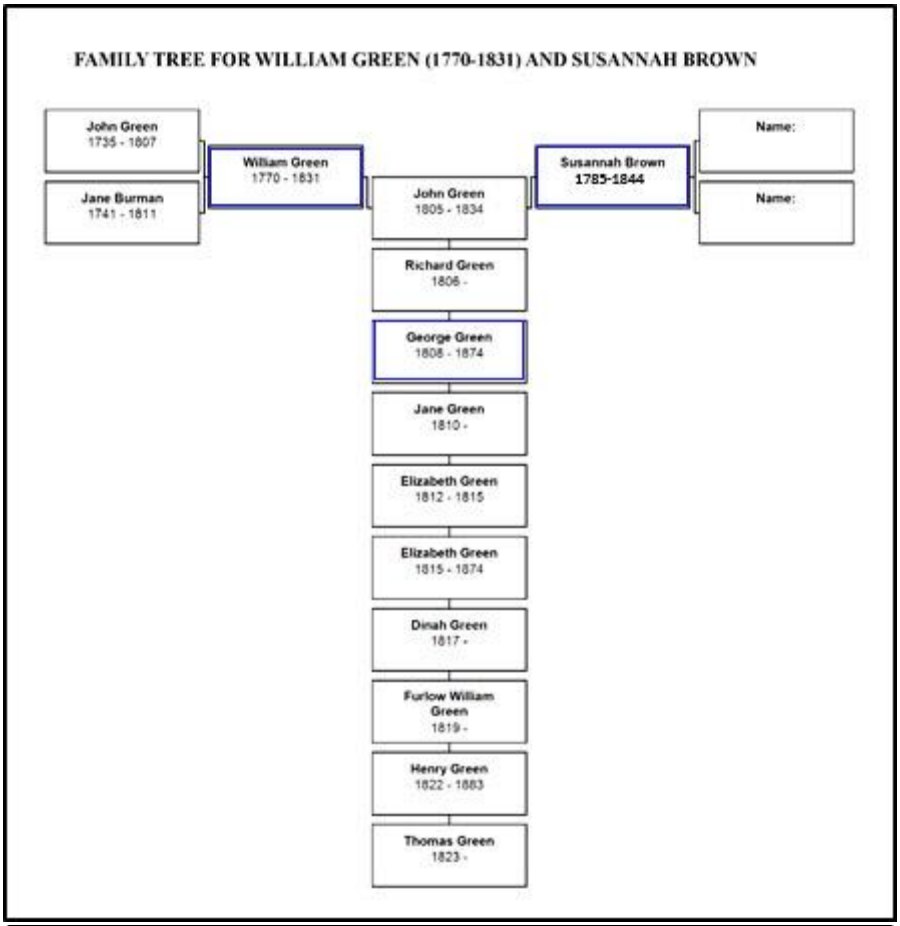
Jane Green, commented to Henry Green, her grandson, that George Green the third son of William and Susannah, inherited the family farm. George is said to have wavered his interest and signed the farm over to his sister Dinah.



FAMILY TREE
WILLLIAM GREEN (1770-1831 married
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15 May 1804,
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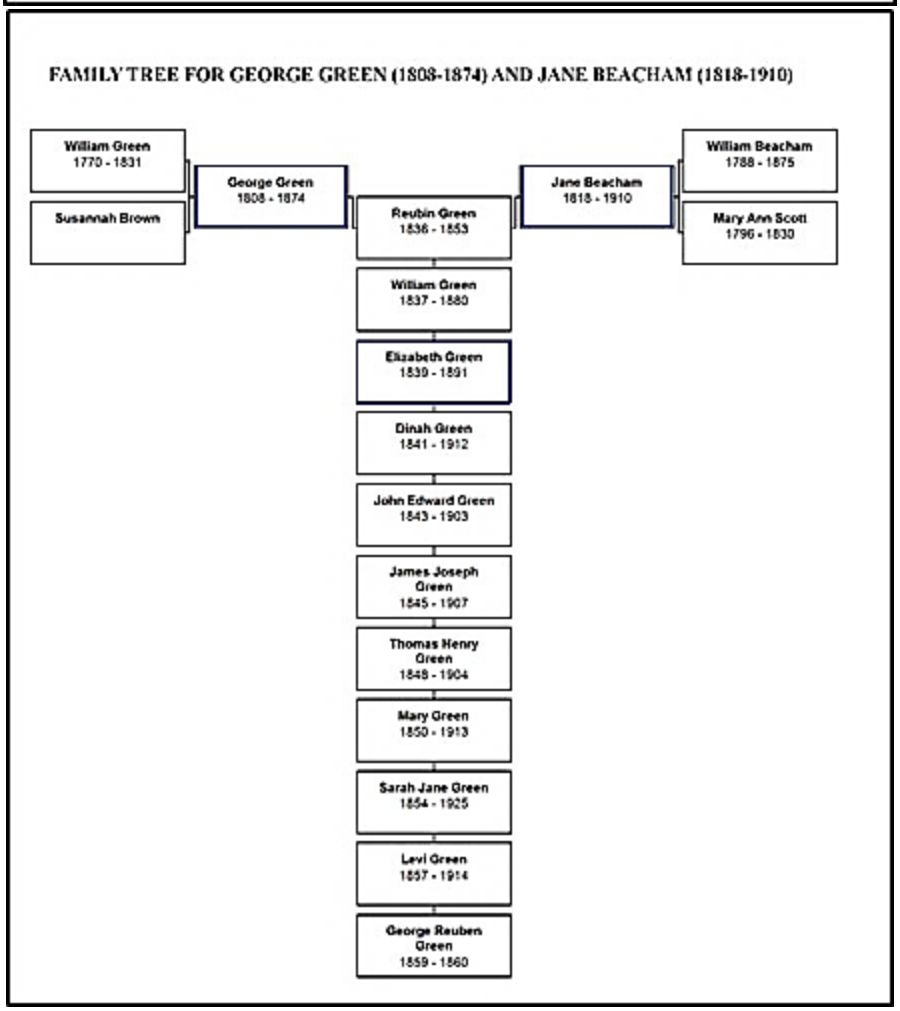

FAMILY TREE
GEORGE GREEN (1808-1874)
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JANE BEACHAM (1818-1910)
21 February 1836,
Monger's Lake, Western Australia.

ANCESTORS, WILLIAM GREEN (1770-1831) AND SUSANNAH BROWN (1785-1844):

GREEN, WILLIAM (1770-1831) Via Ian Fraser's Working Copy, version one, Family Tree, Ancestry.

William Green was born 5 Aug 1770, Goxhill, Yorkshire England. **Parents: JOHN GREEN (1735-1807)** and **JANE BURMAN (1741-1811).** This was John Green's second marriage. William Green died 19 Mar 1831, Goxhill, Yorkshire England.

GREEN JOHN (1735-1807) (Via Power/Bollen Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 7 Oct 1735, Lincolnshire, England. He died 1 Feb 1807, Goxhill, Yorkshire England.

m.1. JOHN GREEN (1735-1807) married **ANN HARRISON (1739-1762)** 31 May 1759, Goxhill, Lincolnshire, England. They had two children: **WILLIAM GREEN (1761-)** and **JOHN GREEN (1762-1762**), died aged 1 day. Ann Harrison died in 1762, Lincolnshire, England.

m.2. JOHN GREEN (1735-1807) and **JANE BURMAN (1741-1811)** who were married 10 Dec 1767, Humber, Goxhill, Herefordshire, England.

JOHN GREEN (1735-1807) and **JANE BURMAN (1741-1811) HAD SIX CHILDREN as follows:** 1. ELIZABETH GREEN (1769-1831), 2. WILLIAM GREEN (1770-1831), 3. SUSAN GREEN (1771-), 4. ANNE GREEN (1772-), 5. MARY GREEN 1773-1773) and 6. JOHN GREEN (1775-1776).

WILLIAM GREEN (1770-1831) married **SUSANNAH BROWN (1785-1844)** 15 May 1804, Goxhill, Lincolnshire, England.

BROWN, SUSANNAH (1785-1844) was born 13 Mar 1785, Goxhill, Lincolnshire, England. Susannah Green (nee Brown) died 8 Jan 1844, Goxhill, Lincolnshire, England.

WILLIAM GREEN (1770-1831) and **SUSANNAH BROWN (1785-1844)** had ten children, all born in Goxhill, Lincolnshire, England:

1. GREEN, JOHN (1805-1834) was baptised 24 Jan 1805 Goxhill, Lincolnshire, England. He died 15 Jan 1834 Perth, WA, tragically, by the falling in of a well.

2. GREEN, RICHARD (1806-) was baptised 23 Jul 1806, Goxhill, Lincolnshire, England. In 1845, he married, **ELIZA GILLIATT (1819-)**, born 14 Mar 1819, Goxhill, Lincolnshire, England.

3. GREEN, GEORGE (1808-1874) was baptised 15 Jun 1808 Goxhill, Lincolnshire, England. He married **JANE BEACHAM (1818-1910**) 21 Feb 1836 at Monger's Lake, near Perth, WA. George Green died 13 Dec 1874, Perth, WA [Reg No 8232]. He was interred in the East Perth, Cemetery. Note: **Jane Beacham** is the mother of **Elizabeth Green** who married **John Blechynden**.

4. GREEN, JANE (1810-) was baptised 11 Feb 1810 Goxhill, Lincolnshire, England.

5. GREEN, ELIZABETH (1812-1815) was baptised 13 Dec 1812 Goxhill, Lincolnshire, England. She died as a toddler in 1815, Goxhill, Lincolnshire, England.

6. GREEN, ELIZABETH (1815-1874) was baptised 19 Feb 1815 Goxhill, Lincolnshire, England. She married **CHARLES HOMLEY (1809-1880)** in 1834, Irby, Merseyside, England**.** Elizabeth died 1874 Irby, England.

7. GREEN, DINAH (1817-) was baptised 20 Jan 1817 Goxhill, Lincolnshire, England.

8. GREEN, FURLOW WILLIAM (1819-) was baptised 20 May 1819 Goxhill, Lincolnshire, England. He married 1838, **ELIZABETH BULLIVANT (nee unknown) (1815-1872)** Goxhill, Lincolnshire, England.

9. GREEN, HENRY (1822-1883 was baptised 27 Jan 1822. He married 18 May 1847 to **ELIZABETH CORK (1828-1899)** in Adelaide, SA. Elizabeth Green (nee Cork) died 14 Feb 1899 Streaky Bay, SA. Henry died 30 Dec 1883 Streaky Bay, SA.

10. GREEN, THOMAS (1823-1897) was born 18 Feb 1823, Goxhill, Lincolnshire, England. Baptised 30 May 1824, Goxhill, Lincolnshire, England. He married **SARAH HOOPER MAIDMENT (~1825-1891)** 28 May 1844, England. SARAH HOOPER Green (nee MAIDMENT) died 27 Jul 1891, Kapunda, SA. Thomas died 10 Dec 1897, at his daughter's home at Marryatville, SA. Buried at Kapunda Cemetery, SA.

George Green and his brothers and sisters were brought up on their parents' farm.

Raylee speculated:

"*Why did the brothers emigrate to the Swan River Colony? One can only surmise: William and Susannah's small farm would not be able to provide for all the family."*

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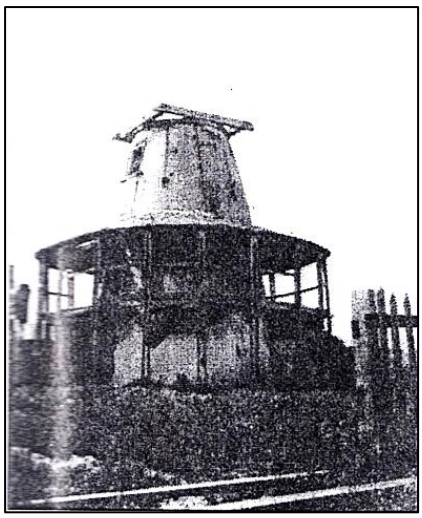
The "Tranby" was chartered by Wesleyans pursuing religious freedom. As free settlers in they would be entitled to land grants the size of which were determined by such things as the amount of capital, equipment and the number of indentured servants they brought to the colony. One of the Wesleyan families was that of Mr John Wall Hardey. A family member mentioned that George Green was a cousin of Mrs John Wall Hardey.

GEORGE GREEN (1808-1874) AND JANE BEACHAM (1818-1910)

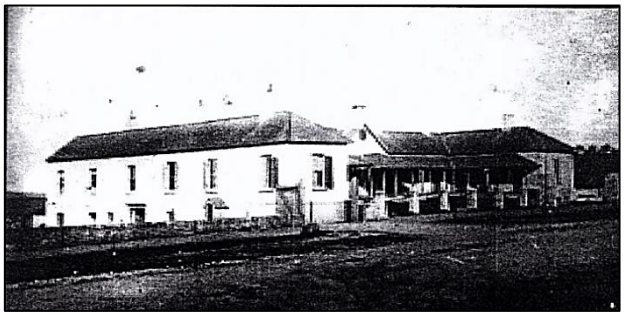
John Green aged 24 years, bricklayer indentured to Mr Hardey as his servant, and George Green, aged 21 years indentured to Mr Clarkson, bricklayer, emigrated from Goxhill, via Port Hull, on the *Tranby* in 1829, to the newly established Swan River Colony, arriving in February 1830, just a year after the colony was commenced. The Green's would have arrived to and experienced conditions very much the same as the Blechynden's who had also arrived in the colony the same month as the Green's.

George Green (1818-1910, photo via Edna Kelly (nee Green), 150th celebration of Tranby House.

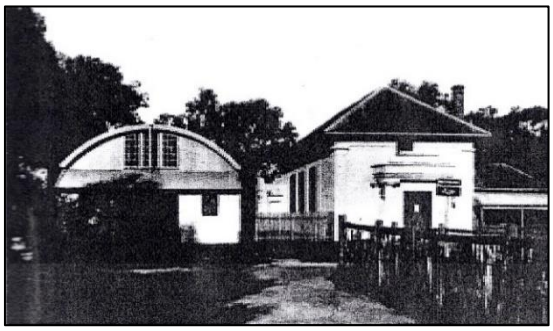


George became an accomplished bricklayer and plasterer and helped build many of the first government buildings in Perth. He was involved in building the Old Mill in South Perth in 1833-34. He was to become a wealthy man owning property in Perth. Working as a bricklayer and plasterer George Green joined a group of artisans to build the first Public Offices in Perth and many other important buildings.

Left: *South Perth Mill built in 1835.*
The original built in 1833, was destroyed by fire in 1834 and rebuilt.
GOXHILL to the SWAN, pg.17



George Green had the contract for plastering, Public Offices finally completed in 1839, GOXHILL to the SWAN, pg.17



The Old Supreme Court House, 1837, GOXHILL to the SWAN, p19

Henry J. Green, George's grandson described him in a letter *"as a very enterprising man – one of the most enterprising who went to the Swan River Settlement. He was not in the new colony more than twenty-three years before he had two or three schooners running on the coast."*

Tragically George's brother, John Green, died 15 Jan 1834, when a well collapsed. "Death occasioned by the falling in of a well". *GOXHILL to the SWAN*, pgs. 12-13.

THE PERTH GAZETTE, AND WESTERN AUSTRALIAN JOURNAL.
Sat.18/01/1834

Death occasioned by the falling in of a well -On Wednesday morning last about 9 o'clock, an alarm was given, which soon collected a concourse of people around the spot, namely, that the Lieutenant Governor's well had fallen in, and that John Green, a bricklayer, was buried in the ruins. Curiosity in some and an eagerness in others, to be of assistance in extricating the poor man from his perilous situation, was the occasion of too many pressing round the opening of the well at the same moment; it consequently soon gave way and the sand burst in upon him from all sides.

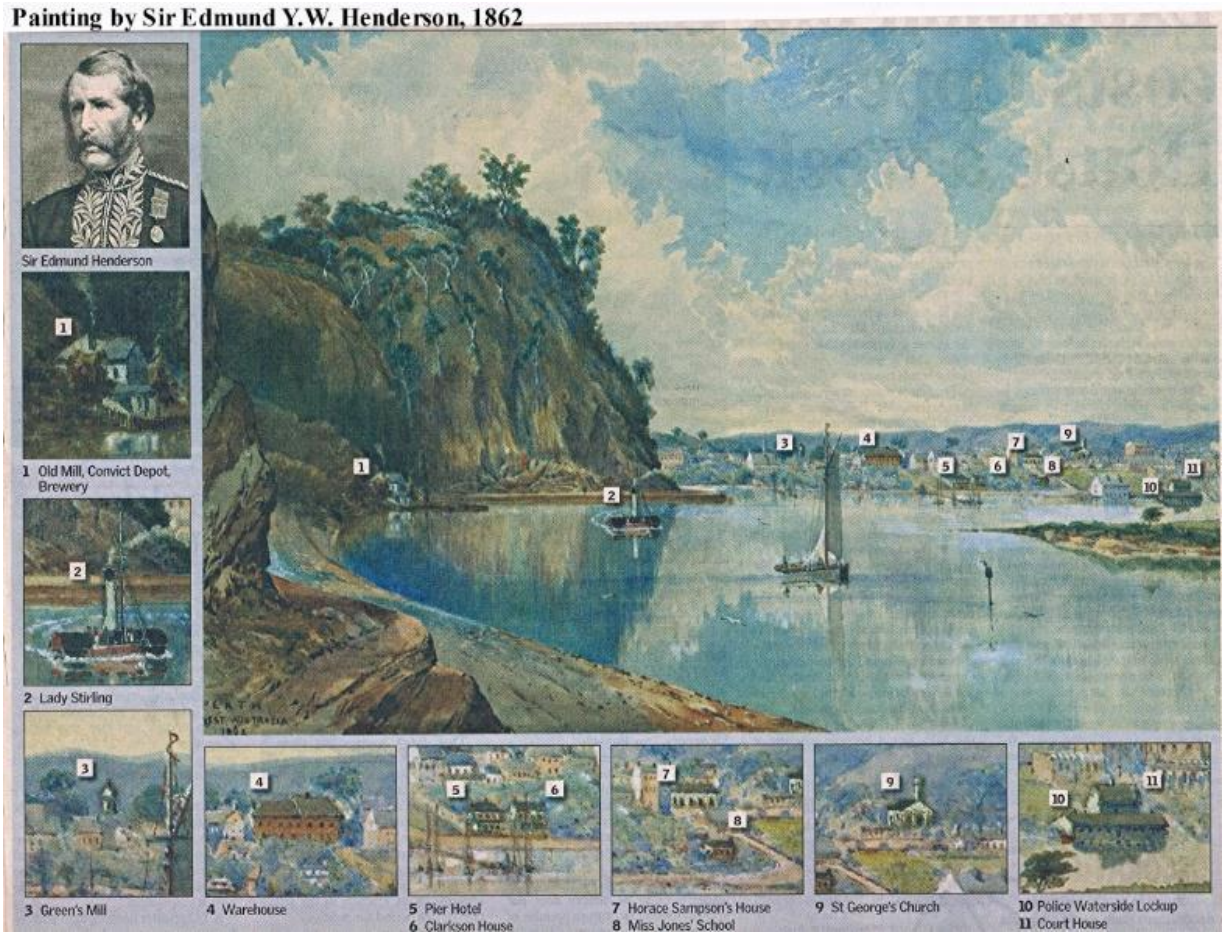
Previously, to this, Smith, who was working with him, had been down after the first accident, and had given him some water, when he expressed himself as not apprehending any further danger, and, wished to be left until more assistance could be procured. - He made an effort to lay hold of a rope which was handed down to him, but from an injury he had received, he found he was unable to raise himself up. At this junction, unhappily the crowd pressed round, and the calamitous consequences occurred which we have already related. Several men of the 21st and 63rd Regts., procured from the adjoining barracks, aided by the by-standers, commenced instantly to open the well, but from the great quantity of sand which had fallen in, it was nearly 2 o'clock in the afternoon before the body was dug out.

NGA National gallery of Australia - PAINTING BY SIR EDMUND Y W HENDERSON
https://artsearch.nga.gov.au/detail.cfm?IRN=204587&PICTAUS=TRUE

Edmund Henderson arrived with the first convicts in 1850 as Comptroller General in charge of convicts in WA, a position he held for eleven years. A talented amateur artist, Henderson painted atmospheric drawings and water colours; not for any official purpose but simply to express his response to place. In Perth he transformed the scene into a magical and captivating vista filled with air and sparkling light.

This painting by Edmund Henderson featuring Mount Brown, depicts the boats on the Swan River, and in the background, the first buildings of Perth.

West Australian Newspaper, Sat 1 Dec 2007 advertised the painting for sale. It was purchased by the National Art Gallery in 2010.



Perth, Western Australia*: Painting by Sir Edmund Y W Henderson.*
Courtesy Liz Blechynden.

This combined group of images as viewed in the West Australian, featuring many of the original buildings, were grouped about the painting for sale, of *Perth, Western Australia,* by Sir Edmund Y W Henderson. They have been numbered and labelled and shown where the buildings would have been positioned. Note: It is interesting that number 3, shows Green's Mill and number 9, St George's Church.

GEORGE GREEN (1808-1874) was married in 1836, on the banks of Lake Monger, Banns waived, to **JANE BEACHAM (1818-1910)** from Burnham, Sussex in England, rearing a family of 10 children. **JANE BEACHAM** was the daughter of **WILLIAM BEACHAM** and **MARY ANN SCOTT.**

THE FOLLOWING PAGES HAVE INFORMATION ON JANE BEACHAM's PARENTS, WILLIAM BEACHAM (1788-1875) AND MARY ANN SCOTT (1796-1830) AND THEIR EMIGRATION FROM SUSSEX, ENGLAND TO THE SWAN RIVER COLONY IN WA.

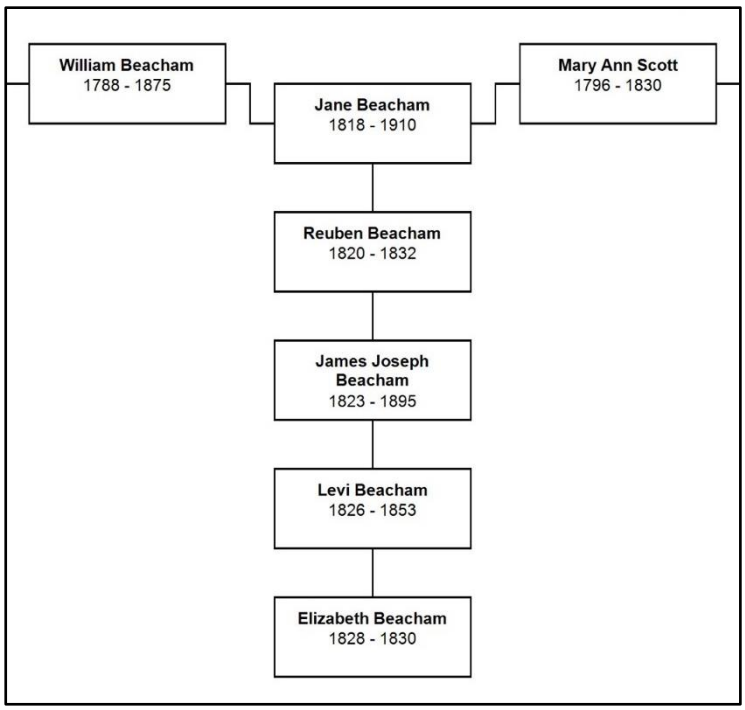
WILLIAM BEACHAM (1788-1875) AND MARY ANN SCOTT (1796-1830)

The story of the Beacham family is described in Goxhill to the Swan. William Beacham and his wife Mary and their five children left Portsmouth, Hampshire, England, 31 May 1829, and arrived per *Lotus* on the 6 Oct 1829.

BEACHAM, WILLIAM (1788-1875) was said to have been born in about 1788 in Tortington, Sussex, England. It is possible that he was born in Tortington, as Tortington has also been recorded for his marriage location. His parents are recorded in some Family Trees as WILLIAM BEACHAM (1757-) and ELIZABETH METCALF (1761-1830). There is still some uncertainty as to when and where William

Beacham junior was born. The Perth Muster book in 1829 has his age as 35 years. If this was accurate, he would have been born in 1794, not 1788 as above. In WA BDMs William Beacham's death was recorded as 1875, aged 87 years, WA [Reg. 8370]. This would make his birth date about 1788. On his headstone it is also recorded that William Beacham died 28 Dec 1875, aged 87 years, 'Jim Jam', Pinjarra, WA. He is buried at St John's Cemetery, Pinjarra.

FAMILY TREE FOR WILLIAM BEACHAM 1788-1875) AND MARY SCOTT (1796-1830)



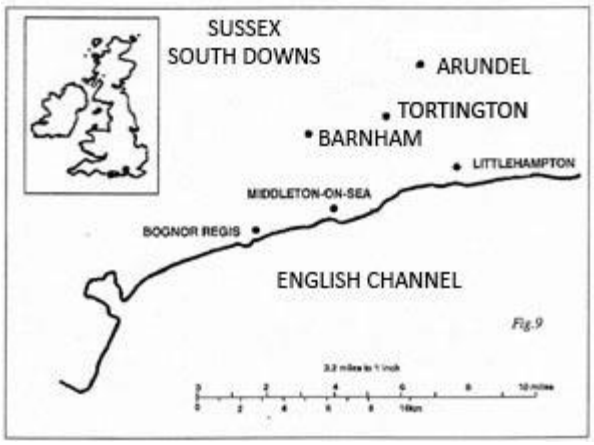
SPELLING OF SURNAME, BEECHAM / BEACHAM

GOXHILL to the SWAN, pg. 21

Raylee Jones wrote: *The best authority on the spelling of the family's surname would be that which is copied from the family bible. Recently a piece of a letter dated August 5th, 1830 was unearthed by Mrs. Margaret Hoare from amongst her family papers and keepsakes. In the hand- writing of Elizabeth Beacham of Tortington, Jane Green's grandmother were the birth dates of Jane, her brothers and sister and her mother Mary. The surname is spelt with an "ea" in this letter.*

WILLIAM BEACHAM (1788-1875) was married 27 Jul 1818 in Tortington, Sussex, England to **MARY ANN SCOTT (1796-1830)**. Recorded as Beecham, FHL Film number 1041569.

Map showing the County Sussex, England



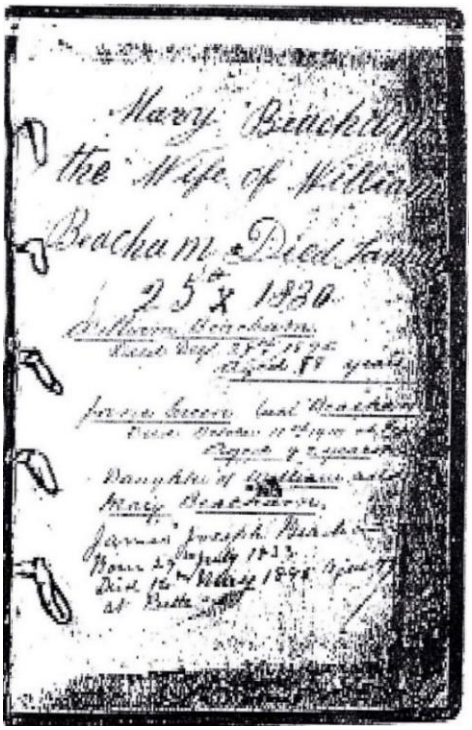
Map showing Tortington and Barnham, FROM GOXHILL to the SWAN, pg. 20

Tortington: *https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tortington*

Tortington is a small village in the Arun District of West Sussex, England. It lies between the Arundel to Ford and the Arundel to Chichester roads, 1.6 miles (2.6 km) southwest of Arundel.

Barnham: *https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barnham,_West_Sussex*

Barnham is a semi-rural village and civil parish in the Arun district of West Sussex, England, centred about five miles (8 km) north of Bognor Regis.



SCOTT, MARY ANN (1796-1830) was born 26 Dec 1796 in Tortington, Sussex, England, daughter of **WILLIAM SCOTT (1769-1834)** and **ELIZABETH HUDSON (1770-1835)**. Mary Ann Beacham (nee Scott) died 25 Jan 1830, site unconfirmed, Perth, WA. Family source (Patricia Isobel Chester [nee Hymus]) suggested that she was buried at Clarence and relocated to Alma Street, (not proven). It is also possible she may have been buried at Cemetery Hill, Perth, WA.

DEATH OF MARY BEACHAM (NEE SCOTT) (1796-1830)

Mary Beacham (nee Scott) died 25 Jan 1830 at Clarence, Swan River Colony. Only evidence of date of death was recorded on the fly leaf of a book that was held by the Late Edna Kelly.

GOXHILL to the SWAN, pg.22, Fig 11,
Courtesy of the late Mrs Edna Kelly (nee Green)

In reply to a query via Mervyn Beacham to Dr Shane Burke: Senior lecturer Archaeology and History . . .

"I am very interested by the comment about Mary and Elizabeth dying at Clarence. As you would know, neither appear on the 1832 census, and Berryman in his book 'Colony Detailed' – one of the most comprehensive secondary sources on the colony's early British population - is at a loss to account for them. The 'official' births and deaths list make no mention of their deaths. I would be interested in your relative's source for the information about the Lotus discharging people at Peel town, for I haven't heard it before. However, one ambiguity to the list of deaths at Peel town is a child off the Britannia – but there is not mention officially of passengers alighting at Peel town from this ship and it is therefore possible that people from other ships might have lived there for a while."

WILLIAM BEACHAM AND MARY ANN SCOTT HAD FIVE CHILDREN:

1. BEACHAM, JANE (1818-1910) was born 20 Sep 1818, and baptised 4 Apr 1819, St Mary the Virgin, Barnham, Sussex, England. Jane Green (nee Beacham) died 11 Oct 1910, Perth, WA [Reg. 489]. More on details on Jane Beacham and her family following.

2. BEACHAM, REUBEN (1820-1832) was born 24 Aug 1820, Barnham, Sussex, England and baptised 24 Sep 1820, St Mary the Virgin, Barnham, Sussex, England. Birth recorded as Beecham, Film number

0918262, 0416748, 416755. Reuben Beacham died 3 Feb 1832, aged 12 years, Greenmount, WA, speared by Aborigines at Chippers Leap.

CHIPPERS LEAP https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chippers_Leap

Chippers Leap is named for John Chipper, who jumped from the rock on 3 February 1832 while trying to escape an attack by a party of Noongars. Chipper and a 14 (sic)-year-old boy named Reuben Beacham had been driving a cart from Guildford to York along the York Road (now Old York Road) when they were attacked by Noongars.

Reuben Beacham was killed and John Chipper was speared but managed to escape, jumping from the rock and eventually reaching Governor James Stirling's house at Woodbridge. The story has been narrated by Raylee Jones in Goxhill to the Swan, pg 24. George Green was in the search party with William Beacham when they found the body of William's son Reuben.

State Record Office Acc 36 Vol 20, No. 93 13 Feb 2018
Perth
5 February 1832
Sir,

I beg to transmit the subjoined particulars of a very recent outrage committed by the natives of which I have this day received intelligence, in order that the case may be laid before His Excellency the Governor. I have the honour to be,
Your most obedient servant
W. H. Mackie
JP Chipper of Perth Labourer States: -

"On Friday last, about noon, I was driving Mr. Leroux's cart from Guildford to York, in company with a boy named Reuben Beacham about fourteen years old – We had just passed Greenmount and were going up a hill on the other side, when we saw two natives squatting behind some grass trees, close to the tail of the cart, but five yards off. When they found that I had seen them, they threw down their spears and wanted to make friends, and as I understood them wanted to exchange a spear for some bread or biscuit – When they offered me the spear I put out my hand to shake hands with them, when one of them instantly stabbed or thrust his spear at me – I held up my right arm to ward it off, when it passed through my arm into my side – All this passed within two minutes. I can swear that I never gave any provocation to either of them, nor the boy Beacham, who was then sitting in the cart. We have not a single gun with us – In the part of the road when this happened, the bush was very thickly grown with grass trees- When I was stabbed in the arm, I turned round and immediately the other of the two natives put his spear into his throwing stick and sent it into my back making a deep wound. I then began to run as hard as possible down a steep hill from the cart, and the boy jumped out of the cart, and followed. The moment I began to run, the two natives shouted and were answered by a number of other natives close to the road. The boy was overtaken about ten yards from the cart. I heard him scream out, and I looked back, but did notice him; but perceiving a number of the natives gaining ground upon me, I turned short round the shoulder of the same hill, and ran off at my utmost speed. All this time they were throwing their spears at me. I ran for about four miles, and when I stopped, I heard the natives in the bush close round me, shouting as if they had lost their breath by hard running. I then set off again and made the Governor's house. I suppose that I ran, in the whole, seven miles. I think I have before seen at Mr. Henty's farm one of the two natives who first attacked us. About twenty minutes before the attack, I thought I saw a native skulking in the bush about a quarter of a mile before the cart. I have this morning received a bundle which I had with me in the cart, in the state in which it was found by the party who discovered Beacham's body; out of this bundle has been taken a blanket, a Fustian Jacket, a Scotch Cap and a large pocket knife and some tea and sugar in a bag.

Thomas Porley of Perth, Labourer States: -

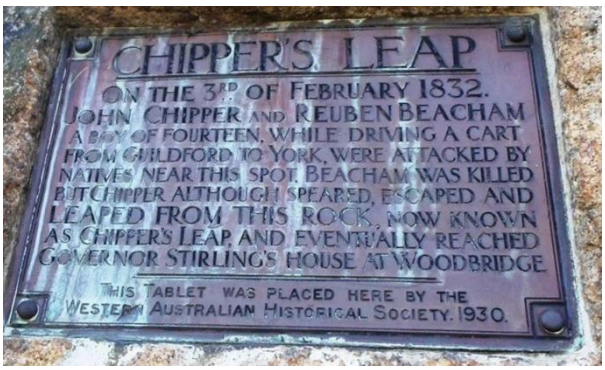
Yesterday afternoon/ Saturday the 4th February/ I proceeded with Beacham, the father of the deceased, Inkpen and several others from Guildford to search for the body of Reuben Beacham – About seven miles from Guildford, on the road to York we came to the place where Chipper had been attacked on Friday last – Our party then spread out, on each side of the road, and we found the body of Beacham about forty yards from the road. It had twelve spear wounds in it, and a piece of a spear was sticking in the back of the shoulder bone – There was a large cut on the back of the head, as if made by a throwing stick. – Near the same place we found a piece of salt pork, and part of the head of a cask. – The body was not stripped of any part of its clothing, but the boy's hat was missing. We did not see any of the natives. – We buried the body at a spot about two miles from the place where it was found.

***Western Mail* (Perth, WA: 1885 - 1954), Thu 11 Feb 1932, pg 23**
11 Feb 1932 - CHIPPER'S LEAP. (nla.gov.au)

CHIPPERS LEAP.

Memorial Tablet Dedicated.

About 300 persons gathered at the base of a huge granite rock at the top of Green-mount, and listened with interest on the night of February 3, while speakers tried to recreate for them the life of a century ago. and particularly the thrilling incidents of February 3. 1832, when John Chipper and Reuben Beecham were attacked by Aboriginals. The occasion was the unveiling of a tablet placed by the WA Historical Society on the rock known as Chipper's Leap.

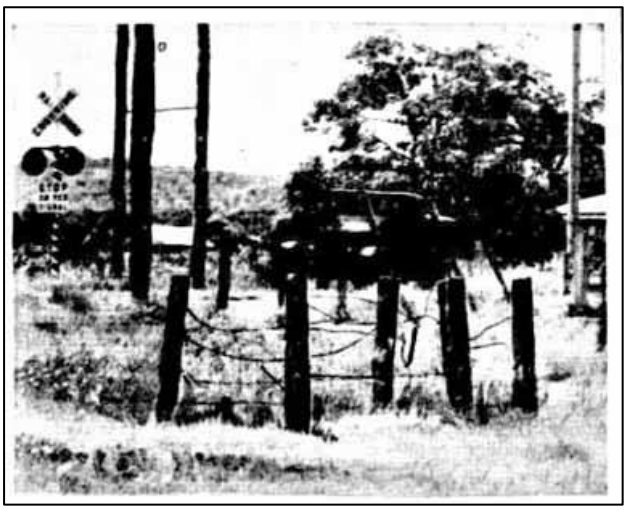


Plaque at Chipper's Leap

Where was Reuben Beacham buried?

Reply via Mervyn Beacham: *"From reports two miles from the spearing towards Woodbridge. Where he was alleged to have been buried, Smith from "Clayton Farm" said that was the 24 mile well, being 24 miles from Fremantle, every possibility he was buried near the well as it was a conspicuous place.*

Also, alleged he was reinterred in the original Church yard in Guildford later and later reinterred at the new cemetery, but I have no proof. Will include a couple of cuttings that help cloud the issue. One is from the surveyors' field book when they surveyed the new road, Great Eastern Highway. The other is near the railway crossing at Bellevue and the 24 mile well. So much for resting in peace.
The surveyor wrongfully marked where Reuben was buried at Greenmount but it was where he was killed. There used to be a cairn of rocks there, but they got removed when people started building in the area.



The grave (enclosed by fenceposts) beside the Belleview railway crossing, which is said to be that of Reuben Beacham, a boy killed by natives at Chipper's Leap, Greenmount, in 1832.

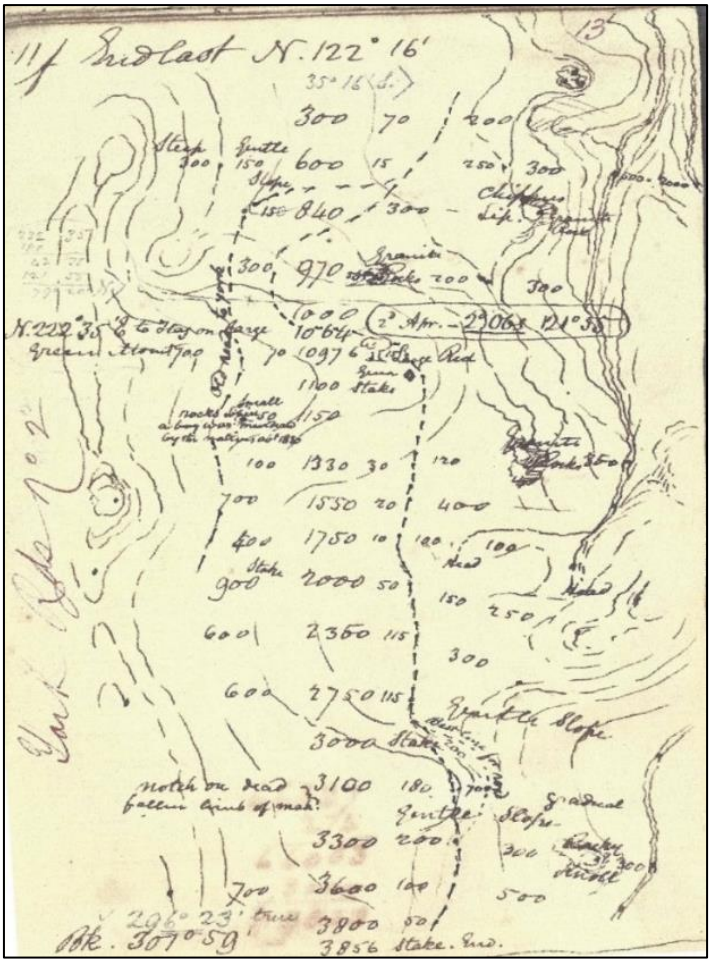
Leaf from the survey logbook

Via Mervyn Beacham:

This leaf from the survey logbook indicates the position of the Old York Road (left), the long-dashed line is the proposed new Great Eastern Highway (right of centre).

*Writing near 1150 indicates "**Small rock cairn, a boy was murdered by natives about 1830**".*
The cairn was displaced when houses were constructed nearby much later. Left of the 1550 numeral was where Chipper made his "leap".

Image courtesy Dr. Shane Burke.



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3. BEACHAM, JAMES JOSEPH (1823-1895) was born 29 Jul 1823, Barnham and baptised 5 Oct 1823, St Mary the Virgin, Barnham, Sussex, England. He died 16 May 1895, Colonial Hospital, Perth, WA [Reg. 729] and was buried St John's Cemetery, Pinjarra, WA.

JAMES JOSEPH BEACHAM (1823-1895) married **ELIZABETH THORPE (1847-1919),** 3 Dec 1861, St John's Church, Pinjarra, WA [Reg. 1719]. Elizabeth was born 5 May 1847, Pinjarra, WA [Reg. 933]; father, Benjamin Thorp and mother, Elizabeth. Recorded under Thorp. Elizabeth Beacham (nee Thorpe) died 1919, Murray, WA [Reg. 7]. See *Dictionary of Western Australians* Vol 3 "Free" 1850-1868. pg. 831, Elizabeth Thorpe's parents are recorded as: **BENJAMIN THORPE (1800-1870)** and **JANE HILL (1804-1867).**
Also, recorded in Thorpe Genealogy: http://www.murrayhistory.org.au/history/prominent-families, Benjamin arrived per the "Eliza" 5 Mar 1831 with his wife Jane Hill and three children, Edwin, Ann and Mary, as a servant to Morrell. He was a carpenter and farmer in Pinjarra, WA. Three more children, John, Ebenezer and Jane were born after their arrival in WA. Note: there is some confusion re Elizabeth's mother's name, some have recorded her as Elizabeth per WA [Reg. 933] above. Elizabeth Beacham (nee Thorpe) died 9 Jun 1919, 'Jim Jam', WA [Reg No7].

4. BEACHAM, LEVI (1826-1853) was born in Barnham, 15 Apr 1826, and baptised 14 May 1826, St Mary the Virgin, Barnham, Sussex, England. Levi Beacham died 1853, at sea, on route via ship to Adelaide, aboard the vessel Gold Digger at King Island, Bass Strait, Tasmania, Australia. (See below for more details).

LEVI BEACHAM (1826-1853) married 11 Jan 1853 **MATILDA AMBROSE (1831-1853)** St George's cathedral, Perth, WA [Reg. 465]. Tragically both dying at sea, early in their marriage, they had no children. Can't find their death in WA records. Matilda was born 22 Jan 1831, Perth.
Parents: **PETER AMBROSE (1856-1858)** and **HARRIET WRIGHT (~1802- 1834-37)**, arrival in via the *Rockingham.* Matilda Beacham (nee Ambrose) died 1853, at sea, on route via ship to Adelaide, aboard the vessel Gold Digger at King Island, Bass Strait, TAS. Also lost, were her husband Levi Beacham and his nephew Reuben Green.

Per The Bicentennial Dictionary of WA pre–1829-1888

BEACHAM, Levi, b.1826, arr. 6.10.1829 per Lotus with parents William & Mary, m. 11.1.1853 (Perth C/E) Matilda AMBROSE b. 22.1.1831 (Perth), dtr of Peter & Harriet, who arr. 1830 per Rockingham. To Victorian gold diggings per Evergreen, returned per Louisa 11.11.1852 with gold. Educ Perth School (List 1834).

MURRAY DISTRICTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY - PROMINENT FAMILIES:
http://www.murrayhistory.org.au/history/prominent-families

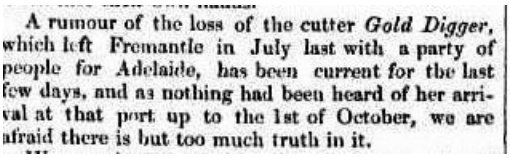
Levi Beacham travelled to the Victorian gold diggings per the "Evergreen" With his nephew, Reuben Green & returned per the "Louisa" on 11 Nov 1852. He married on 11 Jan 1853 in St. George's Church Perth.

In July 1853, Levi, Matilda and nephew Reuben Green sailed in George Green's cutter "Gold Digger" heading to Victoria. Family history had the ship confused with the "Gold Seeker". The latter arrived safely at Melbourne, VIC, having been thought lost at Kings Island. "No news of "Gold Digger" Further research proved that Levi was Master in charge of the "Gold Digger" which was owned by George Green, Levi's brother-in-law, and had been engaged in coastal trade in WA.

Note: It seems George Green had both ships, the *Gold Digger* and the *Gold Seeker*.

The Perth Gazette: Friday 21 Oct 1853

A rumour of the loss of the cutter "Gold Digger", which left Fremantle in July last with a party of people for Adelaide, has been current for the last few days, and as nothing had been heard of her arrival in that port up to the 1st of October, we are afraid there is but too much truth in it.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5. BEACHAM, ELIZABETH (1829-1830) was born 13 Feb 1829, Barnham and baptised 23 Nov 1829, St Mary the Virgin, Barnham, Sussex, England. Elizabeth Beacham died 10 May 1830, WA, as a baby. It is thought she may have been buried at Clarence, a short time after her mother.

LIST OF PASSENGERS, LOTUS, 6 OCT 1829

Settler's Gazette: Newsletter of the Swan River Pioneers 1829 - 1838 from Issue No.14, Mar 1998:
https://membership.wags.org.au/1829-ships/104-lotus

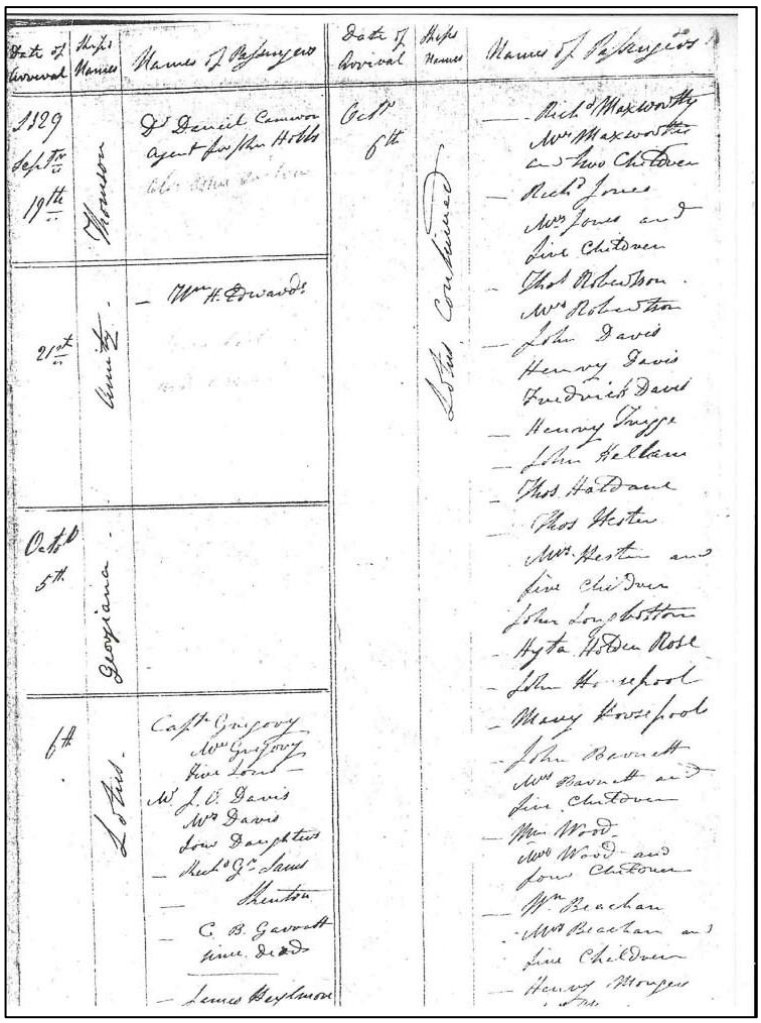
Most of the settlers on board the *Lotus* were indentured to Colonel Peter Latour, who planned an ambitious emigration scheme on 100,000 acres of land in the Leschenault area. Latour was declared bankrupt in 1829, which in turn caused this venture to fail. Within a year, most settlers were freed from their indentures. Latour also had land at Guildford alongside Stirling's.

Via Mervyn Beacham: *"Initially they would have landed in Gage Roads, sheltered behind Garden Island. That's where the Parmelia got stuck on a sand bank. After they sorted that out, they would have hove-to, close to the discharge of the Swan River, so they could ferry passengers and goods up the river to what became Perth. Stirling's aim was to build a capital city that couldn't be bombarded from the sea, as had done in various actions he had been involved in.*

William Beacham was one of Latour's men. They lived in Perth and Guildford for a time before settling on the Murray River at Pinjarra on the 'Jim Jam' property about 1836. More details on this further on.

LIST OF PASSENGERS, LOTUS, 6 OCT 1829

William and Mary Beacham and their five children: Jane, Elizabeth, Reuben, James and Levi, emigrated 31 May 1829, to the Swan River Colony via the *Lotus*, from Barnham, West Sussex, England, Departure Port Plymouth, England, arriving in the Swan River Colony 6 Oct 1829.



List of Passengers, Lotus, 6 Oct 1829, Mr Beacham, Mrs Beacham and five children. Listed near the bottom of this page.

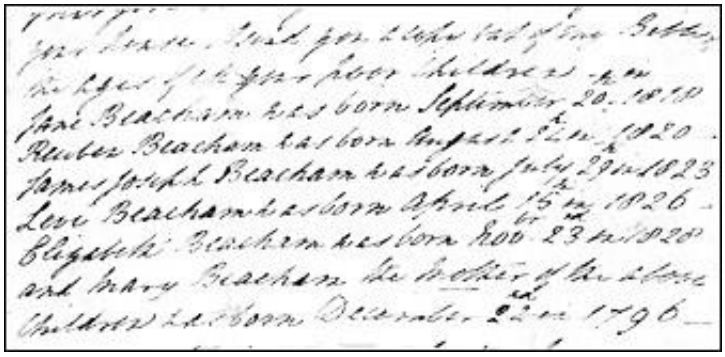
Records state that William Beacham was a farm servant and stock agent for Mr Charles Browne, the same person from whom William Beacham and George Green purchased the farm 'Jim Jam'.

Segments from a letter written by Elizabeth Beacham, mother of William Beacham.

Tortington England
August 5th1830
Elizabeth Beacham mother
of William Beacham
Mary Beacham (nee Scott) wife
of William Beacham, also
Children on other sheet.
Jim Beacham might like to have these papers, at the Murray River near Pinjarra, the writing an old letter was W. Beacham Mothers . . .

. . . your house. I send you a copy
out of my Bible, the ages of your poor Children -

Jane Beacham was born September 20th, 1818 –
Reuben Beacham was born August 24 in 1820 –
James Joseph Beacham was born July 29 in 1823 –
Levi Beacham was born April 15th in 1826 –
Elizabeth Beacham was born Nov 23rd, 1828 and Mary Beacham the mother of the above was born December 22nd in 1796.

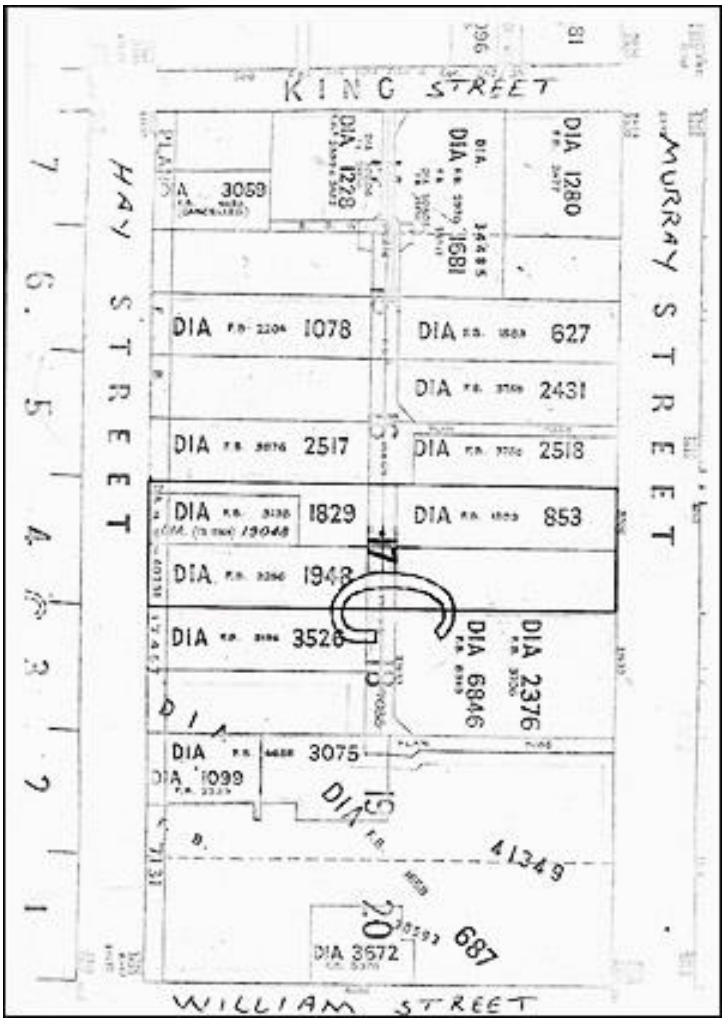


BLOCK 76 AND G17

William Beacham was assigned the block W76 in Wellington Street,6/2/1833, but never earned the title to it, (possibly a tentative purchase with a view of settling down after being freed of indentures by Richard Wells, acting for Latour).

He then purchased G17 the middle block between William St and King St – between Hay Street and Murray Street and sold that for 90 Pounds.

Via Mervyn Beacham: *"These blocks were purchased by William Beacham, probably advised by his son-in-law, George Green.*



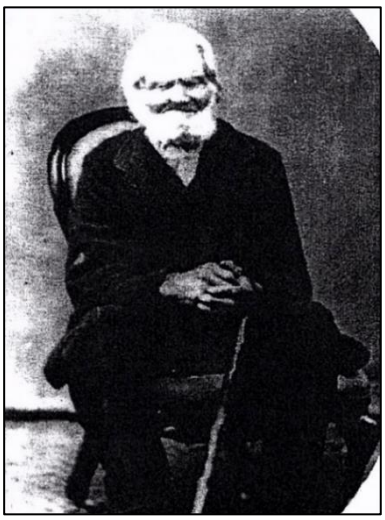
Map showing G17, the middle block between William St and King St. The G17 block was split up into many blocks as time progressed, this map was relatively modern but you can still see how large it was originally.

It is worth noting that blocks 1 and 2 at the bottom left of this map are G1 and G2 where George Green had his mill and house, so you can see the "Green" influence in selecting G17.

Govt Gazette 273, 1 Oct 1841, assigned G17, the middle block between William St and King St in Hay St, to William Beacham 30 Sep 1841. William earned the title and later sold the block to John Smith 20 Feb 1842, for 90 pounds to help pay for 'Jim Jam'.

As mentioned earlier, William, James Joseph and Levi Beacham worked for Charles Browne, who selected 'Jim Jam', (Murray Location 15) 5 Apr 1831. Browne announced his intention of leaving the colony in Nov 1841 and departed per Elizabeth with family 12 Jan 1842. He arrived back in Feb 1843, wife and children not mentioned. The farm was paid for in 1841 and the Greens took occupancy.

Photo of the restored Doug Cummings painting of "Jim Jam" 1939. This image was used in Swan Brewery promotion of "Historic Homesteads". Doug was a Police Sketch Artist. Courtesy of Mervyn Beacham.



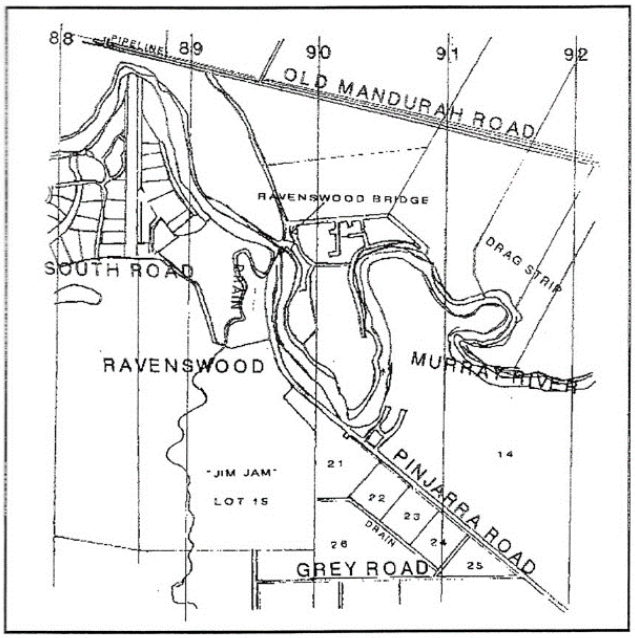
William Beacham

GOXHILL to the SWAN, pg.18.

On 30th September 1841, William Beacham and George Green went into partnership with the purchase of the farm, "Jim Jam". It consisted of eight hundred and sixty-six acres and was purchased for the consideration of six hundred pounds from Mr Charles Brown. In time as George progressed into other fields of business, he resold his portion of "Jim Jam" back to William Beacham. Not only were the Green and Beacham families joined in matrimony but also in business."

GOXHILL TO THE SWAN:
Map of 'Jim Jam' * pg.21

Note: Grey Road is now named Beacham Road was formerly Fawcett Road, Grey Road was further West.



"JIM JAM" RAVENSWOOD Fig.10

GOXHILL to the SWAN, pg. 25.

The farm 'Jim Jam', so called by the Aborigines of the Pinjarra District, was noted for its abundance of feed for cattle, its proximity to the mouth of the Murray River and the length of its river boundary.

GOXHILL to the SWAN, P. 23.

'Jim Jam' came to the fore in both the Perth Gazette and Inquirer Newspapers in July 1846. Both displayed leading articles of

"COAL! COAL! COAL!!!"

… a rumour having reached Singleton that coal had been found on William Beecham's (sic) property he and Mr Samual Moore made an examination and in the walls of a drain that Mr Beecham (sic) had been digging found black particles embedded in the clay." The Perth Gazette wrote "The fever of public excitement was amazing. The only man who was unmoved was Beecham(sic). His indifference is truly surprising. At first, he had absolutely refused to have the ground disturbed, for said he "What do I want with coal? I have enough firewood to last my time. Note: Should be Beacham.

The West Australian **(Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954); Sat 19 Apr 1947 pg: 15**

NUMBER 8
Historic homesteads

Beachams 1862

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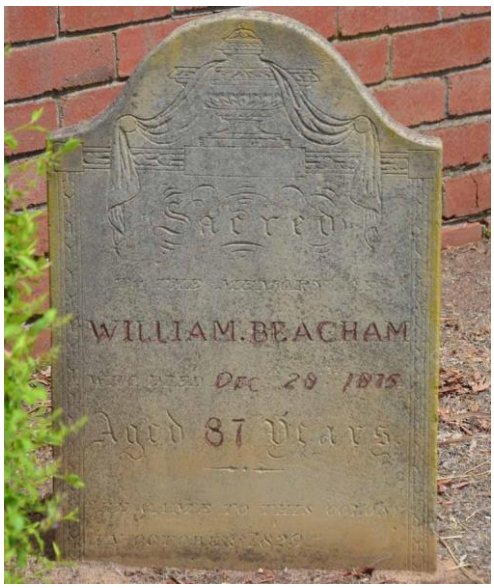
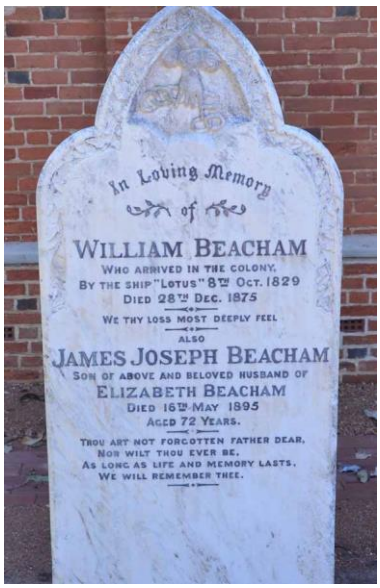
Note: There are a few errors in this article. Rueben died in 3 Feb 1832, aged 12 years, so could not have walked to the Murray district with his father and two brothers.

William Beacham died 28 Dec 1875, aged 86-87 years, Murray Shire, WA [Reg. 8730]. Buried Saint John's Cemetery, Pinjarra.



Original headstone, William Beacham Courtesy Mervyn Beacham

Inscriptions on the headstone of James Joseph Beacham and memorial to his father, William Beacham (1788-1875), recently refurbished.



CONTINUING WITH THE STORY OF JANE BEACHAM:

BEACHAM, JANE (1818-1910) was 11 years of age on arrival at the Swan River Colony. It was to be an exciting, scary and sad time for her.

GOXHILL to the SWAN, pg. 23, Raylee wrote:

Misfortune and tragedy dogged this family: First her mother Mary Beacham died at Clarence on the 25th January 1830 just three months after their arrival in the infant colony. Next, Elizabeth Beacham, William and Mary's youngest daughter passed away on the 10th of May in the same year. Two years later on the 3 February 1832, at the youthful age of eleven, Reuben, William and Mary's second child, and oldest son, was speared to death at Greenmount.

Jane's father William Beacham became a prominent settler in the colony settling in the Murray District. As mentioned earlier, the Beacham family lived in Perth and Guildford for a time before settling on the Murray River at Pinjarra on the 'Jim Jam' property about 1841. Jim Jam was the Noongar spelling for a chain of lakes, e.g., swamps, very low lying constantly being flooded.

GEORGE GREEN (1808-1874) AND JANE BEACHAM (1818-1910)

William Beacham never remarried, so it is assumed his daughter Jane following her mother's death in 1830, helped with the younger children and ran his house for him. The children at their mother's death were aged approximately - Jane 12 years, Reuben 10 years, James seven years, Levi four years and Elizabeth one year. Tragically Elizabeth, the baby, died shortly after. This was followed by Reuben's death in 1832, aged 12 years. This was almost too much for a young girl to bear.

Jane Beacham grew up in the early days of the Swan River Colony. Watching and experiencing the initial development of Perth and Guildford, she blossomed into an attractive and independent young woman. One can imagine with other young women from the colony she attended a number of social occasions. She was courted by an up-and-coming builder named George Green.

JANE BEACHAM (1818-1910) married **GEORGE GREEN (1808-1874)** 21 Feb 1836, Monger's Lake, WA, Banns waived, approval given by His Excellency Sir James Stirling. J B W Wittenoom, Colonial Chaplain. *Jane was seventeen, not yet eighteen years. George Green was aged 28 years.*

His Excellency Sir James Stirling, Governor & Commander in Chief of the Colony of Western Australia - to - George Green of Perth Bachelor & Jane Beecham of Perth, Spinster,

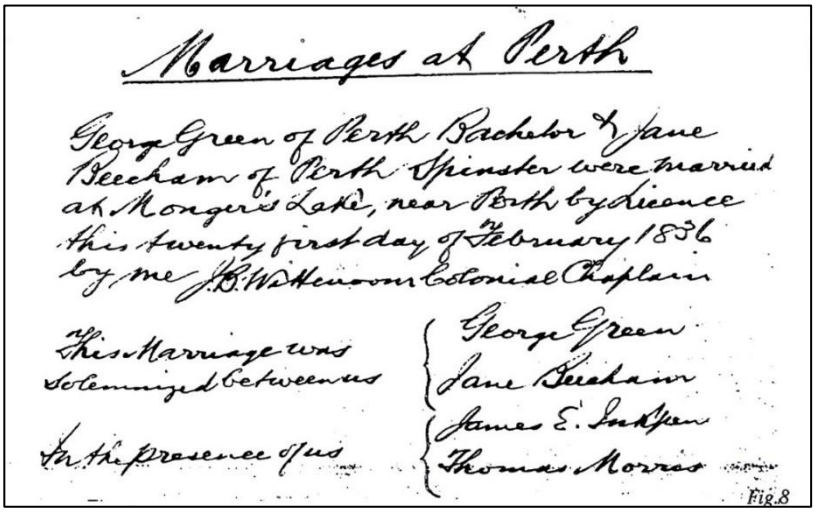
Greeting

Whereas it hath been represented unto us that ye have resolved to proceed to the solemnization of true & lawful Matrimony & that you greatly desire to cause & obtain that the same be solemnized in the face of the Church without the usual Publication or Proclamation of Banns of Matrimony provided there appear no lawful impediment in this case by reason of any Precontract, Consanquinity, Affinity or any other cause whatsoever, We for lawful causes graciously grant this our Licence & Faculty as well to you the parties contracting as to our Colonial Chaplain to solemnize the said Marriage according to the Rites of the Church of England without the usual Publication or Proclamation of Banns of Matrimony with in the space of six months from the date hereof - Provided always that if in this case there shall hereafter appear any fraud suggested to us or truth suppressed at the time of obtaining this Licence, then this Licence to be void & of no effect in Law, as if the same had never been granted. And in that case we inhibit all Ministers if anything of the Premises shall come to their knowledge that they do not proceed to the celebration of the said Marriage without consulting us or our Colonial Chaplain:

Given under our hand & seal at Perth this 19th Day of February 1836.

J.Stirling
Governor.

Approval of marriage via Governor Stirling, pg 16.



Marriages at Perth

George Green of Perth Bachelor & Jane Beecham of Perth Spinster were married at Monger's Lake, near Perth by licence this twenty first day of February 1836 by me J.B. Wittenoom Colonial Chaplain

This Marriage was Solemnized between us — George Green, Jane Beecham

In the presence of us — James E. Sutton, Thomas Morris

Fig. 8

Marriage of George Green to Jane Beacham, p 16.

In the 1840's, George Green purchased Perth Town Lots G1 and G2 in Hay Street and Perth Town Lot V17 in Murray Street. Lot V17 is part of where the 2020 "ONE 40 WILLIAMSTREET" CITY TOWER PROJECT, is located. https://www.e-architect.com/australia/one40william-perth. Offices viz- Commercial Premises type at 140 (lots 1-8, 66-67, 400, 402-404, 123 & V17) William St & 3 (lot 124) Forrest Pl bound by Wellington Street and Murray Street, Perth.

GOXHILL to the SWAN: P. 18

Throughout all George' enterprises, Jane was there to run the home and rearing their family. They were originally housed in a thatch roofed cottage opposite Wesley Church, facing onto Hay Street. As George's circumstances improved, he was able to build a two-storey house facing onto William Street, into which he and Jane moved.

NOTE: THE NEXT FOUR PAGES ARE FAMILY TREE INFORMATION ABOUT GEORGE GREEN (1808-1874) AND JANE BEACHAM AND THEIR FAMILY.

GEORGE GREEN (1808-1874) AND JANE BEACHAM (1818-1910) HAD ELEVEN CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN PERTH, WA.

1. GREEN, REUBEN (1836-1853) was born 19 Jan 1836, Perth. He died 1853, at sea, aboard the vessel Gold Digger at King Island, Bass Strait, TAS. Also lost were his uncle and aunt, Levi Beacham and his wife Matilda (nee Ambrose). For more details refer to the earlier section on * Levi Beacham (1826-1853).

2. GREEN, WILLIAM (1837-1880) was born 8 Jun 1837, Perth. William drowned in a boating accident, 26 Nov 1880, aged 43 years, Perth, WA [Reg. 10727]. He is buried in the Karrakatta Cemetery.

m.1 William's first marriage was to ELIZA WALLACE (~1840-1875) on 22 Aug 1863 at Fremantle, WA [Reg. 2017]. Eliza was born ~1840. Eliza Green died 25 Nov 1875, WA [Reg. 8725], aged 35 years.
m.2 William's second marriage was to SARAH ELIZABETH RUSSELL (1853-) in 1877, Perth, WA [Reg. 4399]. Sarah was born on 26 Oct 1853, York, WA [Reg. 2179]. Her father was HENRY RUSSELL and mother, ELIZABETH BRANSCOMB REECE. After William died, Sarah married a second time to SAMUEL BARNETT, WA.

The West Australian Tue 30 Nov 1880
https://www.geni.com/people/William-Green/6000000026170686866

A distressing and somewhat mysterious case of drowning happened in the river, between Perth and Fremantle, on Friday evening. It appears that on Friday morning, Mr. William Green, the owner of a couple of steamers engaged on the river, and a candidate for the representation of the West ward of the city at the recent municipal election, went down the river, alone, in a sailing boat belonging to his brother Mr. Levi Green, for the purpose of looking at some building stone which he intended obtaining from a quarry at Point Resolution... More details can be read following the link to the web site above. It seems the inquiry into his death concluded that he died from accidental drowning when his boat capsized in a sudden extreme change of weather.

3. GREEN, ELIZABETH JANE (1839-1891) was born 8 Jun 1839, Perth, (Fremantle), registered in 1843, WA [Reg. 194]. Baptised 4 Aug 1839, Perth. Elizabeth Blechynden (nee Green) died 8 Apr 1891, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 256].
ELIZABETH GREEN was married 23 Feb 1860, to **JOHN BLECHYNDEN** St George's Cathedral, Perth, WA [Reg. 1487]. More details on Elizabeth Green and John Blechynden following.

4. GREEN, DINAH (1841-1912) was born 10 Sep 1841, Perth, WA [Reg. 22]. She married 7 Aug 1861 **EDWARD RIDLEY**, Perth, WA [Reg. 1660]. Dinah died 22 Aug 1912, Leederville, WA [Reg. 38].

EDWARD RIDLEY (1832-1912) was born 2 Sep 1832 Slaugham, West Sussex, England. He died 8 Sep 1912, Leederville, WA [Reg. 42].

5. GREEN, JOHN EDWARD (1843-1903) was born 13 Oct 1843 Perth, WA [Reg. 284]. John Edward Green died 18 Sep 1903, Leederville, WA [Reg. 1464], son of George Green and Jane Beecham.

m.1 JOHN EDWARD GREEN (1843-1903) was married 17 Jun 1866 to **MARY ANN CROWDY (1850-)** in Fremantle, WA [Reg. 2438]. They had at least three children.

MARY ANN CROWDY (1850-) was the daughter of Thomas Crowdy, a Sergeant with the Royal Marines Portsmouth Division 66th Company, (via Enrolled Pensioner Force WA Records).
m.2 JOHN EDWARD GREEN (1843-1903) m.2 LOUISA JANE HOLLAND (1857-1934), 4 Sep 1889, Fremantle, WA. They had 5 children. Courtesy Debbie Kemish.

LOUISA JANE HOLLAND (1857-1934) was born 21 May 1857, Mt Eliza, [Reg. 3850], Parents recorded as George Holland and Rebecca Weight sic should be Wright. Baptised 16 May 1858, Perth, WA. Louisa Jane Hockley, Green, Cole (nee Holland) died 11 Jan 1934, Leederville, (Perth), WA [Reg. 102]. Buried, Karrakatta Cemetery.
m.1 LOUISA JANE HOLLAND (1857-1934) married **THOMAS COLE (1841-)** 1875, Perth, WA [Reg. 3855]. They had seven children.
m.2 LOUISA JANE HOLLAND (1857-1934) married **m.2 JOHN EDWARD GREEN (1843-1903)** 4 Sep 1889, Fremantle, WA. They had 5 children. Via Holland Family tree, Ancestry, marriage date as listed on their son John's birth certificate, the informant was John Edward Green.
m.3 LOUISA JANE HOLLAND (1857-1934) married **CHARLES WILLIAM HOCKLEY (1867-)** 1904, Perth, WA [Reg. 1451]. They had no children.

6. GREEN, JAMES JOSEPH (1845-1907) was born 25 Nov 1845, Perth, WA. He married **MARY ELIZABETH MEWS** 6 Mar 1871, Guildford, WA [Reg. 3226]. James Joseph Green died 31 Mar 1907, Perth, WA [Reg. 228].

James Joseph Green and Mary Elizabeth (nee Mews) are the ancestors of Raylee Jones, author of the excellent book GOXHILL to the SWAN which is often referred to in this project.

MARY ELIZABETH MEWS (1848-1918) was born 10 Jan 1848, Perth, WA [Reg. 1065], father, **JOHN MEWS**, mother, **ELIZABETH BISHOP.** Mary Elizabeth Green (nee Mews) died 27 Apr 1918, Perth, WA [Reg. 405].

Left: *GOXHILL to the SWAN, pg. 75, JAMES JOSEPH GREEN*

Right: *GOXHILL to the SWAN, pg. 75, MARY ELIZABETH GREEN (nee Mews).*

Images courtesy of Mr and Mrs E. J. & L. S. Green

7. GREEN, THOMAS HENRY (1848-1904) (Via Harold, Family Tree) was born 12 Mar 1848, Swan River Colony, (Perth), WA [Reg. 1089], father, George Green, mother, Jane Beacham. He married **m.2 EMMA BARRETT (widow) (NEE TRAYHORNE) (1846-1934)**, 10 Apr 1873, Perth, WA [Reg.3563]. GOXHILL to the SWAN, pg.87. He died 6 Jul 1904, Cottesloe, WA [Reg. 447], aged 56 years.

EMMA BARRETT (NEE TRAYHORNE) (1846-1934) was born 23 Oct 1846, England. Parents: **RICHARD TRAYHORNE (1804-1871)** and **ROSE ANN BLANEY (1816-1857)**. Emma Green/Barrett (nee Trayhorne) died 26 Jun 1934, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 166].
m.1 EMMA TRAYHORN first married **JOSEPH S BARRETT (1840-1868)**,1863, Perth, WA [Reg.No.2089]. Note spelling of Trayhorn.

8. GREEN, MARY (1850-1913) was born 26 Sep 1850, Perth, WA. She married **CHARLES PEARSON** 25 Apr 1869, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 2923]. Mary died 2 Oct 1913, Plantagenet, Albany, WA [Reg. 57].

CHARLES PEARSON (1845-1914) was born 8 Jan 1845, England. He died 5 Feb 1914, Albany, WA [Reg. 15]

9. GREEN, SARAH JANE (1854-1925) was born 4 Jun 1854, Perth, WA [Reg. 2439]. She died 10 Sep 1925, Perth, WA [Reg. 1246].

Sarah and Mary Green. Courtesy Jill Feutrill

10. GREEN, LEVI (1857-1914) was born 10 Apr 1857, Perth, WA [Reg. 3683]. He married **SARAH ELIZABETH GRAHAM (1862-1948)** on 9 Dec 1891 in Perth, WA [Reg. 376]. Levi died 22 Oct 1914, Perth, WA [Reg. 612].

Sarah Elizabeth Graham was born 12 May 1862, Perth, WA [Reg. 6430], father, **JOSEPH LEONARD GRAHAM (1837-1897)**, mother, **SARA BUTCHARD (1840-1919)** who were married 27 Jan 1859, Perth, WA [Reg. 1272]. Recorded under Leonard. Sarah Elizabeth Green (nee Graham) died 31 Aug 1948, Crawley, WA [Reg.2792].

BAIRDS
https://heritageperth.com.au/properties/bairds-building/

Bairds was built as a warehouse and shop for ironmonger Levi Green in 1906. The building was later named after the family retail business, Bairds Co, which opened its first store in Coolgardie in 1896.

Levi Green Hardware Merchant Advert. Courtesy James Ball

Levi Green, Iron monger. Via Old Photos Perth and Facebook group.

11. GREEN, GEORGE REUBEN (1859-1860) was born 26 Dec 1859, Perth, WA [Reg. 5032]. He died on 28 Aug 1860, Perth, WA [Reg. 1526].

The Colony of was very much in its infancy:
History of Perth, *Wikipedia*.
Following is a summary from the "*Early years (1830-1850)*" from
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Perth,_Western_Australia

Early years (1830-1850)

The oldest surviving building in Perth, the Round House was completed in 1831, providing the colony with its first prison. The Court House was completed in 1836 and it doubled as a place of worship until St George's Church was built in 1842. The colony's first brewery, the Swan Brewery, was established in 1837.The first causeway, a primitive timber bridge was completed across the river connecting Perth to Victoria Park by 1843. In 1850 when Elizabeth Green was eleven years of age the population of had increased to 5,886. The population around Perth was about 1400. became a penal colony in 1850 and over 9,000 convicts were transported to the colony between then and 1868. The first cultural centre, the Swan River Mechanics Institute was established in 1851.It included an extensive library and botanical, zoological and mineral specimens. In 1856 Perth was officially declared a City by Queen Victoria. The official residence for the Governor of was commenced in 1859.

As mentioned previously, in Sep 1841 William Beacham, George's father-law and George Green, himself went into partnership with the purchase of the farm 'Jim Jam'. It comprised eight hundred and sixty-six acres. Not only were the Green and Beacham families united in matrimony but also in business.

Speculating via Di Black: One can imagine that George and Jane, already blessed with two sons, Reuben, aged three and William, aged two years, were delighted with the birth of their first daughter, my great-great-grandmother, who they named Elizabeth. Elizabeth and her brother William shared birthdays, both born on the 8 Jun. The home became an extremely busy and active one as eight more children were added to the family. When her mother gave birth to their last child, George, born in 1859. Sadly, he died before his first birthday.

Jane Green (nee Beacham), GOXHILL to the SWAN, P. 35

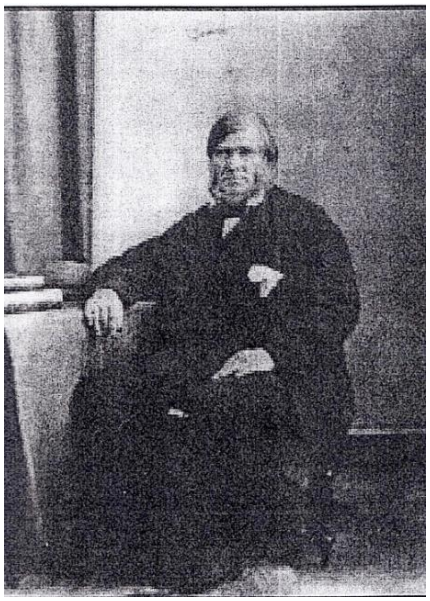
George Green and son Levi, GOXHILL to the SWAN, P. 105

Images courtesy of Mr & Mrs K. J.& A Blechynden

George Green became involved in shipping, owning a number of schooners travelling interstate and steamers running between Perth and Fremantle.

GOXHILL to the SWAN, pg.26

Referring to George Green: *He was not in the colony more than twenty to twenty-three years before he had two or three schooners running on the coast and there was not much traffic to keep them running in those early days. Two of these schooners were named the* Shepherd *and the* Gold Seeker. *One of these went right away to Melbourne very soon after the rush to the Bendigo goldfields. He went on one of these schooners and while the vessel was at Port Melbourne, went up to Melbourne and had a dig. (Jane Green had two signet rings ("J" and "G") which were made of gold he brought back to Perth- from Melbourne. (Not sure whether he found the gold or bought it.) . . .*



GOXHILL to the SWAN, pg.15
George Green. Courtesy of Mr. & Mrs. R & J Green

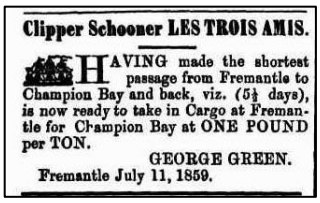
Quotes via Raylee, p 27.

"Young Shepherd": As well as plying the coastline to support the new colony the "Young Shepherd" took its part in the whaling industry as reported in an article, "Bay Whaling in Western Australia". P. 35 of the Royal Historical Society – EARLY DAYS. Vol 6.
On 19 May 1847, *The Inquirer* newspaper had the following to say:
It is with regret we have to announce the total loss of the schooner Young Shepherd trading between Perth and Vasse, on Saturday morning last, the 15th Instant. . . Thankfully the crew and passengers survived . . .

"Evergreen": The Inquirer dated 26 Sep 1849 informs its readers that:

"Mr Green, late owner of the Young Shepherd, undeterred by his former mishap with that vessel, has set himself most indefatigably to work and has nearly completed another." She was launched in October 1849.

Perth Gazette and Independent Journal of Politics and News (WA: 1848-1864), Fri 29 Jul 1859, pg.1
Clipper Schooner LES TROIS AMIS.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HAVING made the shortest passage from Fremantle to Champion Bay and back, viz. (5½ days), is now ready to take in Cargo at Fremantle for Champion Bay at ONE POUND per TON.

GEORGE GREEN.

Fremantle July 11, 1859.

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George Green brought the Les Trois Amis*, in 1856 or 1857 from Mr George Shenton, Sen . . .*

https://www.maritimeheritage.org.au/documents/Shipping%20Register.pdf

No.2, 1857. LES TROIS AMIS, O/No.40477, 28.71 tons.
Single Screw Steamship. Dimensions: - 65.7 x 12.9 x 10.1 feet.
Built at Northfleet, Kent, England by Messrs Pitcher during 1854.
Owner: - George Shenton, of Perth, Merchant.
Other owners, ***George Green****, of Perth, Trader.*
Francis Cadell, of Perth, Pearler.

The engine was removed in 1858 and she reverted to a two masted schooner being rerated to 42 tons. She was used on the coast as a passenger and cargo vessel, trading between Bunbury and Port Gregory and ports in between. When sold to Francis Cadell she went into the pearling industry and was subsequently lost near the Timor Coast on or about 1882.

When this vessel first arrived from Adelaide her masts and rigging were removed, and she was brought over the bar at the mouth of the Swan to begin a ferry service from Perth to Fremantle. However, she drew too much water and the passengers had to be carried out in dinghies to her. After her original owner fell overboard and was drowned, she was sold to Shenton who then took her out of the river and put her on the coast. She was the states, first steam coaster until her engines were removed. Registry cancelled February 1884.

(Green's Roller Flour Mill was in Hay Street, just west of William Street, on Lot G. 2., opposite the Wesley Church. It was here that the boiler and engine of *Les Trois Amis* first did their duty on dry land after conversion.)

GEORGE GREEN (1808-1874) died 3 Dec 1874, Perth, WA [Reg. 8232], aged 67 years. Burial 13 Dec 1874, East Perth Cemetery. In 1910, his wife Jane's funeral was held at the East Perth Cemetery and she was buried next to her husband – see her Obituary. Later, their headstone was erected in the Anglican section of the Karrakatta Cemetery, see following the article on her Obituary.

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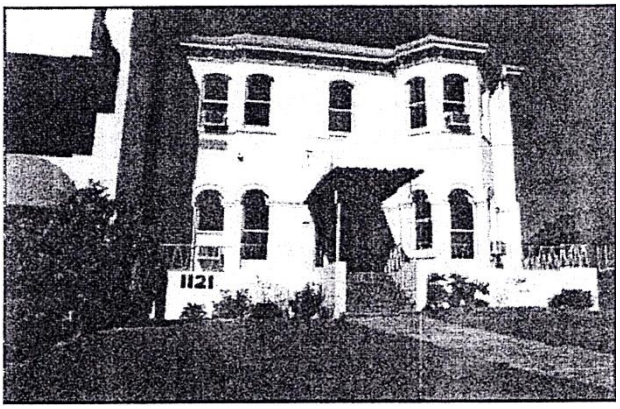


GOXHILL to the SWAN, *pg.35*

'Westciffe' Home of Jane Green (widow of George Green) at 1121 Hay Street, West Perth. Built c. 1898. (Photograph taken May 1994 (Courtesy of Mr. A. C. Pearson)

The family remembers this home best when talking about these two ladies as many relations stayed under this roof when visiting Perth or during changes of address. This housewife, mother, grandmother and property owner always had her door open to family and friends.

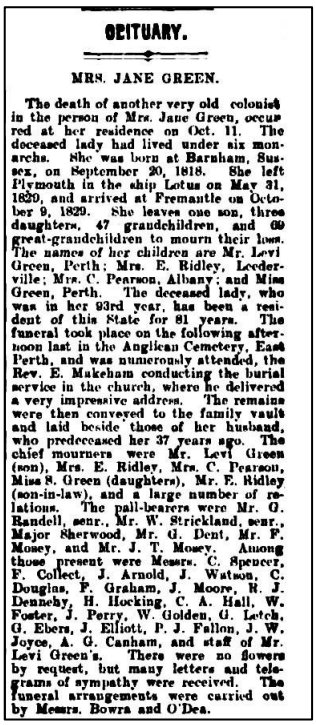
Henry Green in one of his letters summarized: *"Jane Green was my grandmother and a very kind grandmother she was."*

JANE GREEN (NEE BEACHAM) (1818-1910) died on the 11 Oct 1910, Perth, WA [Reg. 489], at the age of 92 years. Her funeral was held at the East Perth Cemetery and she was buried next to her husband – see her Obituary. Later their headstone was erected in the Anglican section of the Karrakatta Cemetery, see following the article on her Obituary.

Western Mail (Perth, WA: 1885 - 1954), Sat 22 Oct 1910, pg 33
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article38367763.txt

OBITUARY
MRS JANE GREEN

The death of another very old colonist in the person of Mrs. Jane Green, occurred at her residence on Oct. 11. The deceased lady had lived under six monarchs. She was born at Barnham, Sussex, on September 20, 1818. She left Plymouth on the ship Lotus on May 31, 1829 and arrived at Fremantle on October 9, 1829. She leaves one son, three daughters, 47 grandchildren and 69 (89) great-grandchildren to mourn their loss. The names of her children are Mr. Levi Green, Perth; Mrs. E. Ridley, Leederville; Mrs C. Pearson, Albany; and Miss Green, Perth. The deceased lady who was in her 93rd year, has been a resident of this state for 81 years. The funeral took place on the following afternoon last in the Anglican Cemetery, East Perth and was numerously attended, the Rev. E. Makeham conducting the burial service in the church, where he delivered a very impressive address. The remains were then conveyed to the family vault and laid beside those of her husband, who predeceased her 37 years ago. The chief mourners were Mr. Levi Green (son), Mrs. E. Ridley, Mrs. C. Pearson, Miss S. Green (daughters), Mr. E. Ridley, (son-in-law), and a large number of relations. The pallbearers were Mr. G. Randell, senr., Mr. W. Strickland, senr., Major Sherwood, Mr. G. Dent, Mr. F. Mosey, and Mr. J. T. Mosey. Among those present were Messrs. C. Spencer, F. Collect, J. Arnold, J. Watson, C. Douglas, F. Graham, J. Moore, R. J. Dennehy, H. Hocking, C. A. Hall, W. Foster, J. Perry, W. Golden, G. Letch, G. Ebers, J. Elliott, P. J. Fallon, J. W. Joyce, A. G. Canham, and staff of Mr. Levi Green's. There were no flowers by request, but many letters and telegrams of sympathy were received. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Bowra and O'Dea.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Headstone of George Green and Jane Green (nee Beacham), Anglican section, Karrakatta, WA.

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Her details on Find a Grave indicate she was buried at Karrakatta Cemetery and have a photo of their grave and headstone. The question from those researching was why? The next article may explain it.

EAST PERTH CEMETERIES: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Perth_Cemeteries

In 1899, Karrakatta Cemetery became the main burial ground in close proximity to Perth, and from July that year burials officially ceased at East Perth, except where special applications were made to use family graves. The cemetery was used intermittently from then until the last burial in 1919.

It appears that some time, later the family erected their current headstone in the new Karrakatta Cemetery.

Headstone of George Green and Jane Green (nee Beacham).
Photo via *aussiegenealogy family tree.*

LOVING MEMORY Of GEORGE GREEN WHO ARRIVED IN SHIP "TRANBY"2ND FEB 1830 DIED 3RD DEC: 1874. AGED 67 YEARS.	*Also JANE. WIFE OF THE ABOVE WHO ARRIVED IN SHIP "LOTUS" 3RD OCT 1829. DIED 11TH OCT: 1910. AGED 92 YEARS. THY WILL BE DONE.*	*ALSO GEORGE GREEN WAS BAPTISED AT GLOXHILL (SIC) LINCOLNSHIRE ENGLAND* *Note: Should be Goxhill*

JOHN BLECHYNDEN (1833-1900) & ELIZABETH GREEN (1839-1891)

Elizabeth Green grew up in an affluent household. Her parents and grandparents were active members of the Swan River Colony and one can imagine that Elizabeth and her younger sister Dinah would have enjoyed much attention at the many social gatherings. During this time Elizabeth caught the eye of a handsome young bachelor named John Blechynden.

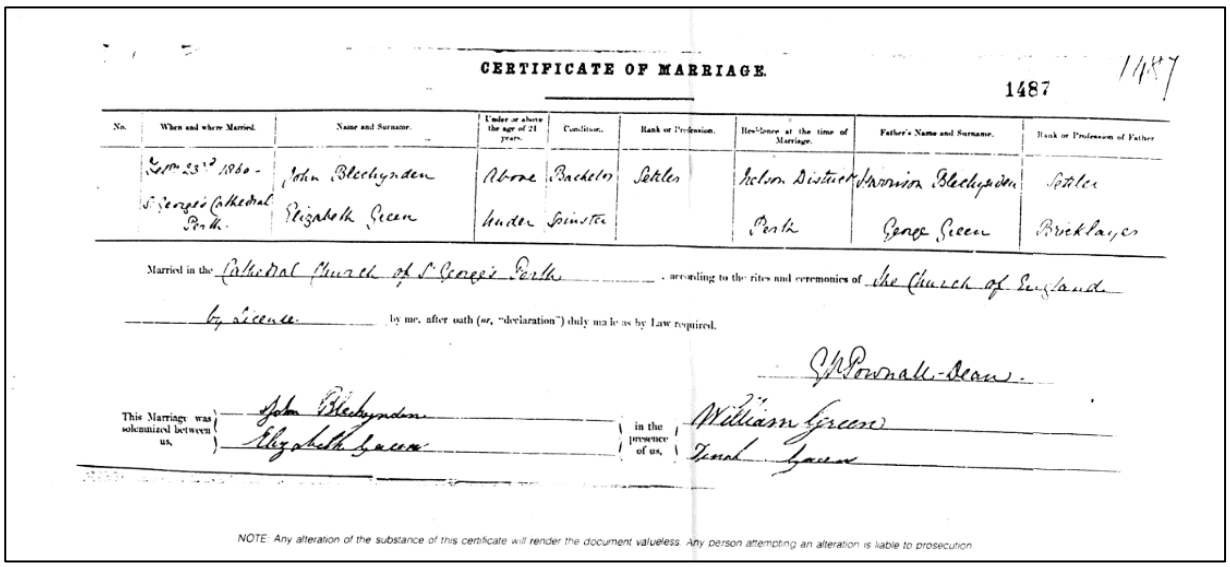
John Blechynden and Elizabeth Green were married on 23 Feb 1860, at St George's Cathedral, Perth, in one of the earliest (white) marriages in WA, in which both bride and groom had been born in the colony.

St George's Cathedral, 1865

One can imagine Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden, George and Jane Green, their children and friends and relatives gathering in all their finery to celebrate the marriage of John Blechynden and Elizabeth Green. Over many years John and his mother and father had mixed with a large number of people both in Perth and Beverley, including the Brockmans, Barrett-Lennard's and Edwards families. Perhaps some of them were there to wish them well.

Quoted in the Blackwood Times: 16 Jan 1931.

"John William Blechynden Obituary, that; "John and Elizabeth Blechynden were, (it is believed) the first Western Australian born couple, to be married in the "State."



CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

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No.	When and where Married.	Name and Surname.	Under or above the age of 21 years.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
	Feby 23rd 1860 - St George's Cathedral Perth.	John Blechynden	Above	Bachelor	Settler	Helena District	Harrison Blechynden	Settler
		Elizabeth Green	Under	Spinster		Perth	George Green	Bricklayer

Married in the Cathedral Church of St George's Perth according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England by license by me, after oath (*or*, "declaration") duly made as by Law required.

G. Pownall-Dean.

This Marriage was solemnized between us, John Blechynden, Elizabeth Green. in the presence of us, William Green, Fred Green.

NOTE: Any alteration of the substance of this certificate will render the document valueless. Any person attempting an alteration is liable to prosecution.

Copy of marriage certificate of John Blechynden and Elizabeth Green, 23 Feb 1860

John and Elizabeth Blechynden spent their honeymoon travelling by bullock wagon from Perth to a rough dwelling house in the Blackwood area on John's ten-acre homestead block on which he had earlier built a stockman's cottage.

One can only wonder at the experiences this young woman underwent when she joined her man on the adventure of her life. One can imagine she was at first filled with excitement and enthusiasm with the dream of establishing their home and property in relatively unexplored land. She would have had mixed feelings at leaving the life with her family behind. She could not have known what an immense change it would be from her comfortable life in the city to coming initially to a life of bare necessities with no available amenities.

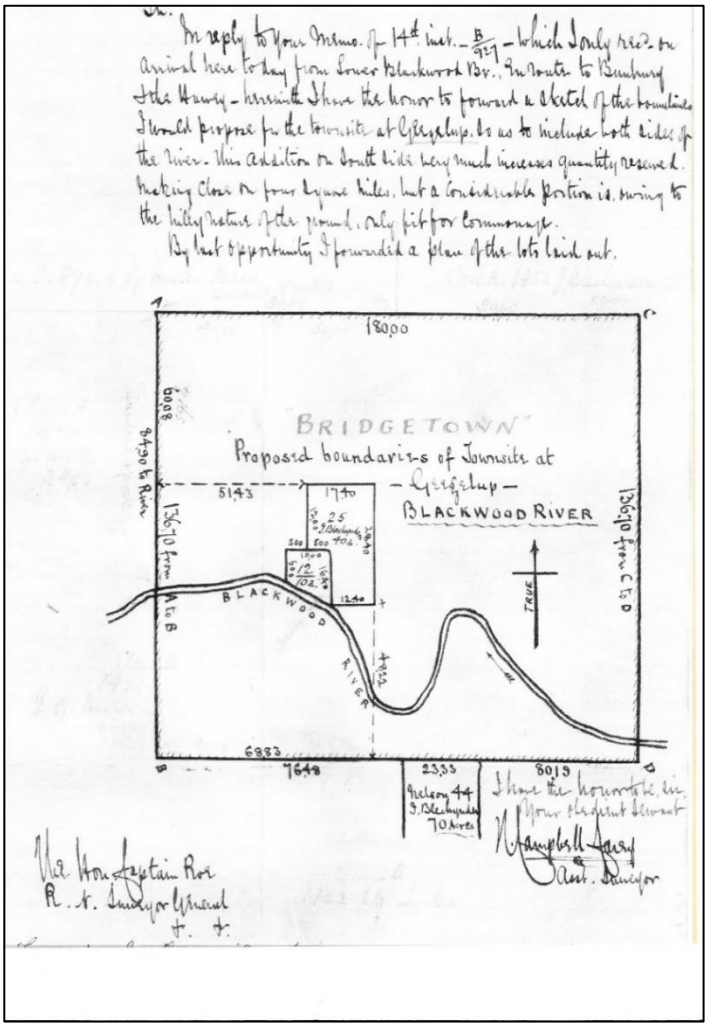
The town of Bridgetown as such did not exist. John and Elizabeth's property consisted of thick virgin bush including large jarrah and gum trees on the banks of the Blackwood River. Transport was by horse-back, horse and cart and bullocks pulling wagons through uncleared bush and the occasional dirt track. There were no roads, coaches or railway. There were no shops, post office, churches, doctors, hospital or schools. Their nearest neighbour was Edward Hester and it is purported that it was eight years before they became aware of one another. The Hester's established properties about six kilometres north of Bridgetown known as Blackwood Park and later Dalgarup Park. That family also has a significant family history and connection to the establishment of Bridgetown.

On their block of land John and Elizabeth planted an orchard and a vegetable garden and kept poultry which supplied them with eggs. Initially supplies came via bullock wagons from Bunbury or Perth. it must have been a lonely time for this young woman so far away from her childhood home. John spent many hours and days away at a time working his extensive property and travelling to and fro from Bunbury or Perth.

Elizabeth had given birth to two children, John William who was born on 12 May 1861, Bridgetown, registered in Perth, WA [Reg. 5816] and George Harrison on 2 Nov 1862, Bridgetown, registered in WA [Reg. 6744]. They were both born in Bridgetown, before construction of the Blechynden homestead was properly underway. As the fledgling town was still very young, both births were registered in Perth.

Transport of supplies and travel from one area to another had been difficult with few roads, mostly rough tracks. Life was made a lot easier when the road from Donnybrook to the Blackwood district

was built by convicts in 1861. John and Elizabeth commenced to build their homestead 'Bridgedale' in 1862.



A map of the proposed boundaries of the townsite of Geegelup Blackwood River.

Courtesy Mary Coulthard.

'Bridgedale'

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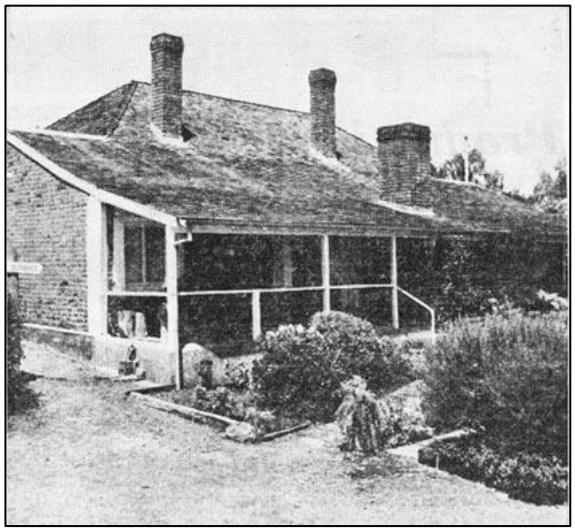

'Bridgedale'

History: *John and Elizabeth Blechynden were the first settlers in Bridgetown, around the same time that the Hester family settled not far away in Hester Brook. The Blechyndens' first home on this site was built c.1860 and the second (current) home-built c.1868. The Single Men's Hut was built between 1868 and 1888. 'Bridgedale' is the earliest remaining residence in the Bridgetown district, where John and Elizabeth raised their thirteen children, two of whom died very young.*

Physical Description: *'Bridgedale' is a single storey house constructed of red brick with a corrugated galvanised iron roof and three red brick chimneys. The verandah surrounds the house all sides. The roofs of Bridgedale house and the Single Men's Hut were originally shingles, replaced with corrugated iron ~1900. In 1975 these were again replaced with Canadian Redwood shingles. The deteriorating*

shingle roof of the house was replaced by corrugated iron again in 2008 and the Single Men's Hut in 2014.

John Blechynden - Builder, Architect, Owner, Occupier, original settler.

SOURCES: Richards, O. and Pidgeon, J. 'Conservation Plan for Bridgedale, Bridgetown, ' (for the National Trust of Australia (W.A.), Jan 1993). Register of Heritage Places (Amended Entry 2011) Heritage Council of WA.

The following was written in **HISTORY OF FORD HOUSE**
http://fordhouse.com.au/about-us/history-of-ford-house/

*The land on which Ford House resides was purchased from The Crown for £10 as a 10-acre freehold property by John Blechynden, in 1857. He built a "gentleman's" one room hut in 1860 using bricks made from clay on the river. John married Elizabeth Green in the same year, and they moved into the hut. Many years later, on August 26, 1896, Lucille Jane Walter (nee Thompson of Brookhampton) and William Ardagh Gardner (WAG) Walter bought half the land, 5 acres for £200, from John William Blechynden. . . **The Walter's built Ford House in 1896**, named after his father's house, "Ford House" in Wellington, Somerset, England, near Taunton. . .*

***The builder was the first white child born in the district, John William Blechynden**, aged 25 years. His name is inscribed in the brickwork on the NE corner of Ford House. . .*

Booklet: BRIDGEDALE THE BLECHYNDEN HOMESTEAD
BUILT C. 1862. Written by A C Staples and Illustrated by R H Shardlow
Image from A. C. Staples booklet, "Bridgedale, The Blechynden House", 1974

Pioneer Pastoralist:
Photo of 'Bridgedale', with inscription written below:
"Blechynden's House": on 23 February 1859, surveyor Robert Austin drew the plan of Blechynden's first pastoral lease and inscribed these words above the site of this building, later used as the 'man's room' and schoolroom.
BRIDGEDALE
A room at Bridgedale was initially placed at the disposal of Miss Sarah Gardiner, who was employed by the settlers as the first schoolteacher in the district for Blechynden's own children and others in the area. Miss Gardiner later married Mr George Giblett. Sometime later, the schoolroom moved into a small cottage on the property known as "a man's room". The cottage still stands today. It is understood that this cottage was lived in while the main house was built.

Building (of Bridgedale) was in progress in 1862 when William Forrest of Picton had obtained a contract to erect a bridge across the Blackwood River alongside the ford used by the first settlers. The Blechynden's new house was sited close by just east of the bridge. Two tradesmen were engaged, Joseph Green and Billy May, but it is not clear how they apportioned their time between the bridge and the house. In the winter of 1862 torrential rains were experienced throughout the southern parts of the colony and these caused destructive flooding along the river which washed

away much of Forrest's work. This must have been frightening for the Blechynden family, especially as Elizabeth was pregnant at the time. She must have felt a long way from help and comfort as there were few other settlers in the area. However, her pioneer spirit and determination survived, and she later used her experience to become the local midwife and helped and encouraged other women undergoing similar experiences.

The floods drew attention to the vulnerability of a bridge at this site, and it was reconstructed at a new site just east of the house.

Bridgetown - Greenbushes Simply Beautiful
https://www.bridgetown.com.au/images/PDFs/BridgetownGreenbushesGuide2014WEB.pdf

Pg. 5. *The Bridges of Bridgetown - In 1861 settlers of the district petitioned the authorities for a bridge across the Blackwood River at Austin's Ford and a bridge was built in 1862. This bridge was swept away just before completion.*

The railway bridges - On 5 December 1896, the rail line from Donnybrook to Bridgetown was competed. Two years later on 1 November 1898 the timber-trestle railway bridge was opened. (This enabled the rail line to continue further south from Bridgetown.)

The timber-trestle bridge was decommissioned on the 10th of July 1965 and two days later the first train crossed on the newly constructed concrete and steel railway bridge. This new bridge continued in service until the rail service to Bridgetown ceased in 2005.

One of the earlier bridges. Note the bullock drawn cart travelling across the bridge, (via May Blechynden's Album)

The Bridgetown Bridge in flood, (via May Blechynden's Album)

SEVEN BRIDGES: by Mary Elgar, Bridgetown Historical Society:
Via Mary Elgar: *"I am interested in correcting the history of the bridges in Bridgetown!! There has been lots of misinformation spread around, so I wrote the article on Bridgetown's Bridges to try and clarify where they all were and what are still showing remnants."* See the section following BRIDGEDALE for her article.

The farmhouse seems to have been constructed in two stages. The rear of the building was the earlier part and was probably built in 1862. It consisted of a row of five small rooms, the middle one presumably being the living room-kitchen, all of which were under a skillion roof sloping towards the river. The bricks were made on the site from clay dug from the riverbank. The timber used was clearly pit-sawn as the marks of the saw are in straight parallel lines, not the arcs left by a circular saw.

This image of Bridgedale, is from a postcard which was put out by the National Trust many years ago. Note the shingled roof was replaced with one of tin in 1913. Courtesy Ken Blechynden.

Photo of the other side of the Bridgedale home also showing the shingles

John became the local postmaster in 1864 and Edwin was born on 1st August 1864 and when Elizabeth was pregnant with James who was born on 29th May 1866, the family decided to build more rooms, so the front three large rooms were added. The house became rather dark with these additions, so a fanlight of semi-circular design was inserted above the main "passage-cum-hall" separating the parlour on the right from the dining room on the left. The room further to the left opening from the dining room was the main bedroom where John and Elizabeth slept. The house was originally roofed with shingles and it was completed in 1867. The whole complex of buildings which comprised the Blechynden Homestead extended along the riverbank. Next to the house was a barn-like structure containing the machinery shed and stalls for cattle and horses. This was built to connect with a Man's room which is still standing on an adjacent lot referred to in the surveyor's 1859 description. Only the residential part of the complex has survived the passage of years.

The homestead was said to have been given the name 'Bridgedale' by the Blechyndens because it was in the dale by the bridge. Family stories and tradition say that it was Elizabeth Blechynden who suggested they call the town 'Bridgetown' after the ship 'Bridgetown' which had called in at Bunbury with a shipment of timber. The Blechyndens had purchased a piglet from the litter of a pig that had been bought from the master of the ship by the shepherd Mark Padbury and she must have liked the piglet as she honoured the name of the ship that the piglet's parent came on."

Whatever the case, Elizabeth Blechynden did indeed suggest the name Bridgetown for the new town and this name was put forward, approved and adopted.

Shortly afterwards Surveyor Carey arrived in the Blackwood district to make a survey of the areas required for John Blechynden and Edward G. Hester, the first settlers in the Bridgetown district. Surveyor Carey agreed to the suggested name of Bridgetown and sent the recommendations to Governor Hampton, who had the two sites gazetted in 1868. The area surveyed was 2,4OO acres. Bridgetown's main street was named Hampton St after the Governor. Part of John Blechynden's land was allocated for part of the town site.

Elizabeth and John Blechynden were both members of the Church of England and as the St Paul's Anglican Church was not built in Bridgetown until 1911, they would have held family church services in Bridgedale or travelled to Picton or Perth for special events such as christenings, marriages and deaths.

CHURCH: A number of articles and letters can be found in *Trove*, written by Reverend Joseph Withers, Clerk in Holy Orders, Colonial Chaplain about founding and spreading the Church of England in the South West.

Inquirer and Commercial News (Perth, WA: 1855 - 1901), Wed 17 Nov 1869, pg 3
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article66031219.txt

The first section, Provincial Rules. *"This Society is founded with the view of drawing the members of the Church of England in this diocese more closely together in the bonds of Christian sympathy and brotherly love, and ensuring, under the Divine blessing, through united action and mutual support, the general welfare and progress of the Church of England in this colony. . . "*

The following quotes are from the second section, which consists of a letter in which Joseph Withers is proposing the funding of a position for a clergyman in the Wellington, Nelson, and Sussex districts, to be first in the field. Bridgetown, Blackwood River, would constitute the centre from which the clergyman would itinerate. He also mentions holding service at the Blechynden home in Bridgetown.

We publish the following letter at the request of the writer: -

"SIR, -I send by this mail a cheque for £7 6s. 6d. to the Secretary of the Diocesan Church Society. Excepting eight shillings in aid of the Bushman's Library, I wish that this amount (£6 18s. 6d.) be placed to the credit of a local object, to be designated the " Blackwood Itinerant Mission Fund," and that this object be registered under the auspices of the Society. In writing to you some little time since, I expressed an opinion that as the Society could only move in proportion to means, a beginning must be made somewhere. I propose at least, to Churchmen of the Wellington, Nel son, and Sussex districts, to be first in the field

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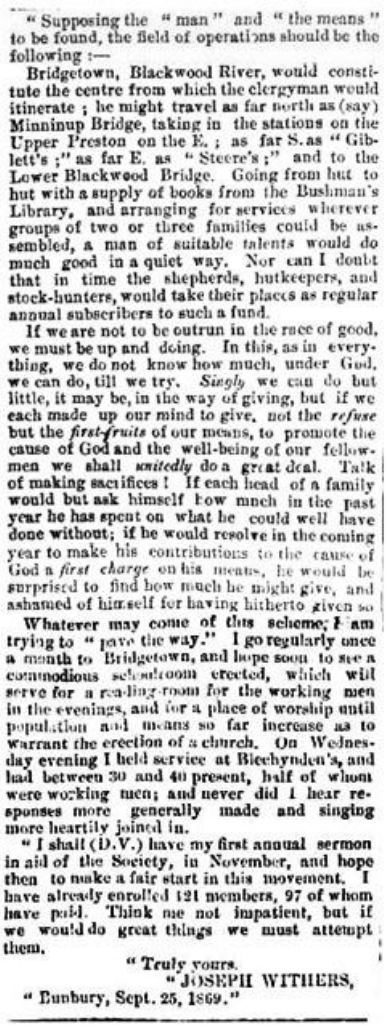
If we are not to be outrun in the race of good, we must be up and doing. In this, as in everything, we do not know how much, under God, we can do, till we try. Singly we can do but little, it may be, in the way of giving, but if we each made up our mind to give, not the refuse but the first fruits of our means, to promote the cause of God and the well-being of our fellow men we shall unitedly do a great deal. Talk of making sacrifices! If each head of a family would but ask himself how much in the past year, he has spent on what he could well have done without; if he would resolve in the coming year to make his contributions to the cause of God a first charge on his means, he would be surprised to find how much he might give, and ashamed of himself for having hitherto given so little,

Whatever may come of this scheme; I am trying to." pave the way." I go regularly once a month to Bridgetown, and hope soon to see a commodious schoolroom erected, which will serve for a reading room for the working men in the evenings; and for a place of worship until population and means so far increase as to warrant the erection of a church. ***On Wednesday evening I held service at Blechynden's, and I had between 30***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John Blechynden, 'Bridgedale', non-denominational Church Service:
The Shire of Greenbushes Local Heritage Survey 29 Mar 2018. pg.21, pp4.

Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes - Local Heritage Survey

In 1862 the first school in the area was established in a room in John Blechynden's house, Bridgedale. He also ran a non-denominational church service from his home for some time. In 1870 Bridgetown (town) school was built in Steere Street.

The next articles show that John and Walter Blechynden both took part in a meeting re the early development of the Anglican Church in the South West. It is amazing that we can visualise and read about both John Blechynden and his brother Walter Blechynden being present and very much part of it. They were both pioneers as many other children of the original settlers in their own right in the formation of the Bridgetown and Manjimup districts. I, Di Black, am so proud to be descended from John Blechynden, the son of Harrison Blechynden.

Inquirer and Commercial News (Perth, WA: 1855 - 1901), Wed 29 Dec 1869, pg 3
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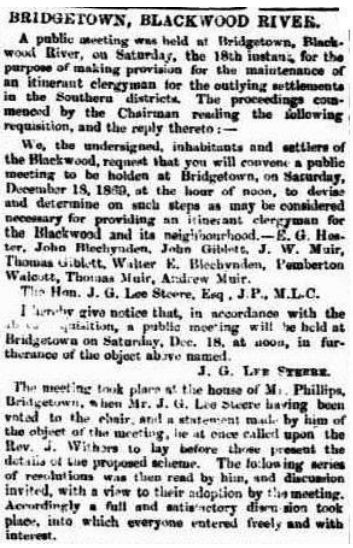
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The meeting took place at the house of Mr. Phillips, Bridgetown, when Mr. J. G. Lee Steere having been voted to the chair, and a statement made by him of the object of the meeting, he at once called upon the Rev. J. Withers to lay before those present the details of the proposed scheme. The following series of resolutions was then read by him, and discussion invited, with a view to their adoption by the meeting. Accordingly a full and satisfactory discussion took place, into which everyone entered freely and with interest.

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Resolutions submitted by Rec. J. Withers.

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2. — That this meeting considers a practicable field of operations for such an Itinerant, working from Bridgetown as a centre, would be the following: — As far north as the Williams River district; as far south as the Warren River; as far east as Kojonup; and as far west as Mininup Bridge.

3. — That as the proposed sphere of labour comprises parts of the Wellington, Sussex, and Nelson districts, strenuous and systematic efforts should be made to raise within those districts at least a moiety of the clergyman's stipend.

4. — That this may best be done by (a) obtaining a further enrolment of members of the Diocesan Church Society; (b) annual subscriptions of larger amount; (c) annual sermons and collections in the several places of worship in these districts; (d) the revival of the weekly offertory; and (e) by tea meetings, etc, held periodically.

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6.—That the names of persons enrolling themselves as members of the Diocesan Church Society within the Wellington and Nelson districts, or as subscribers or donors to this object in any of the three districts, shall be forwarded to the Local Secretary, together with all subscriptions received, and it shall be his duty to forward these names and subscriptions to the Treasurer of the Diocesan Church Society.

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These resolutions were then formally adopted in the following words:—

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It was then agreed that the Secretary should furnish each person willing to receive subscriptions and donations with cards and corresponding lists, and that efforts should as soon as possible be made to find out what can be done within the limits of these several districts, keeping steadily in view that *regular annual subscribers* must be regarded as the *mainstay* of the project. To do this it was considered that three months' time would be necessary; and that then, the Local Committee, having met and compared notes, would be in a position to go before the Diocesan Church Society and claim its aid.

The thanks of those present having been duly accorded to Mr. Steere, the meeting broke up, feeling that though few had come together, the discussion had been satisfactory, and that there only needed patient effort and God's blessing to make the scheme a success.

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It was then agreed that the Secretary should furnish each person willing to receive subscriptions and donations with cards and corresponding lists, and that efforts as soon as possible be made to find out what can be done within the limits of these several districts, keeping steadily in view that regular annual subscribers must be regarded as the mainstay of the project. To do this it was considered that three months' time would be necessary; and that then, the Local Committee, having met and compared notes, would be in a position to go before the Diocesan Church Society and claim its aid. The thanks of those present having been duly accorded to Mr. Steere, the meeting broke up, feeling that though few had come together, the discussion had been satisfactory, and that there only needed patient effort and God's blessing to make the scheme a success.

John had increased his freehold area to 170 acres by 1868, when their first daughter Charlotte Jane was born on 2 Mar 1888. Charlotte died of an early childhood illness 15 months later on 17 Jun 1869 and it was a very sad time for the Blechynden family.

STATE RECORDS OFFICE OF WA, Government of WA, Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, ORIGINAL PLANS - TOWNSITES
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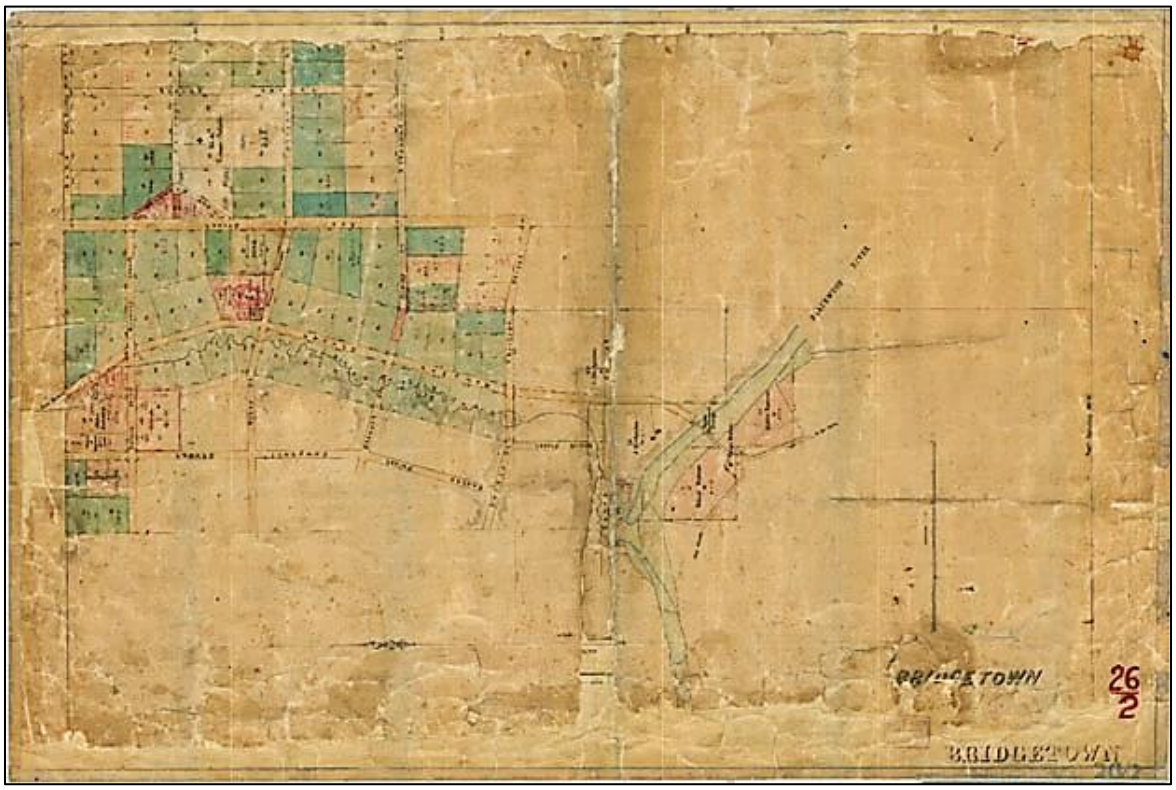

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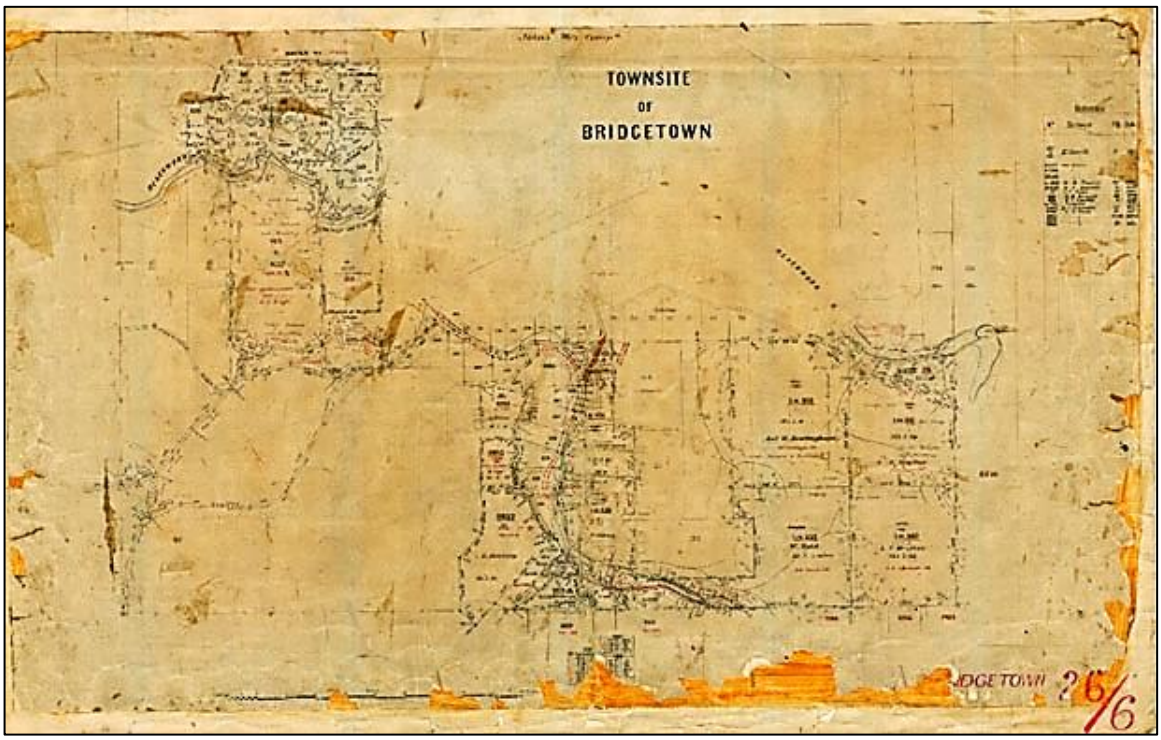

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South Western Times (Bunbury, WA: 1932 - 1954), Wed 19 Dec 1934, pg 9
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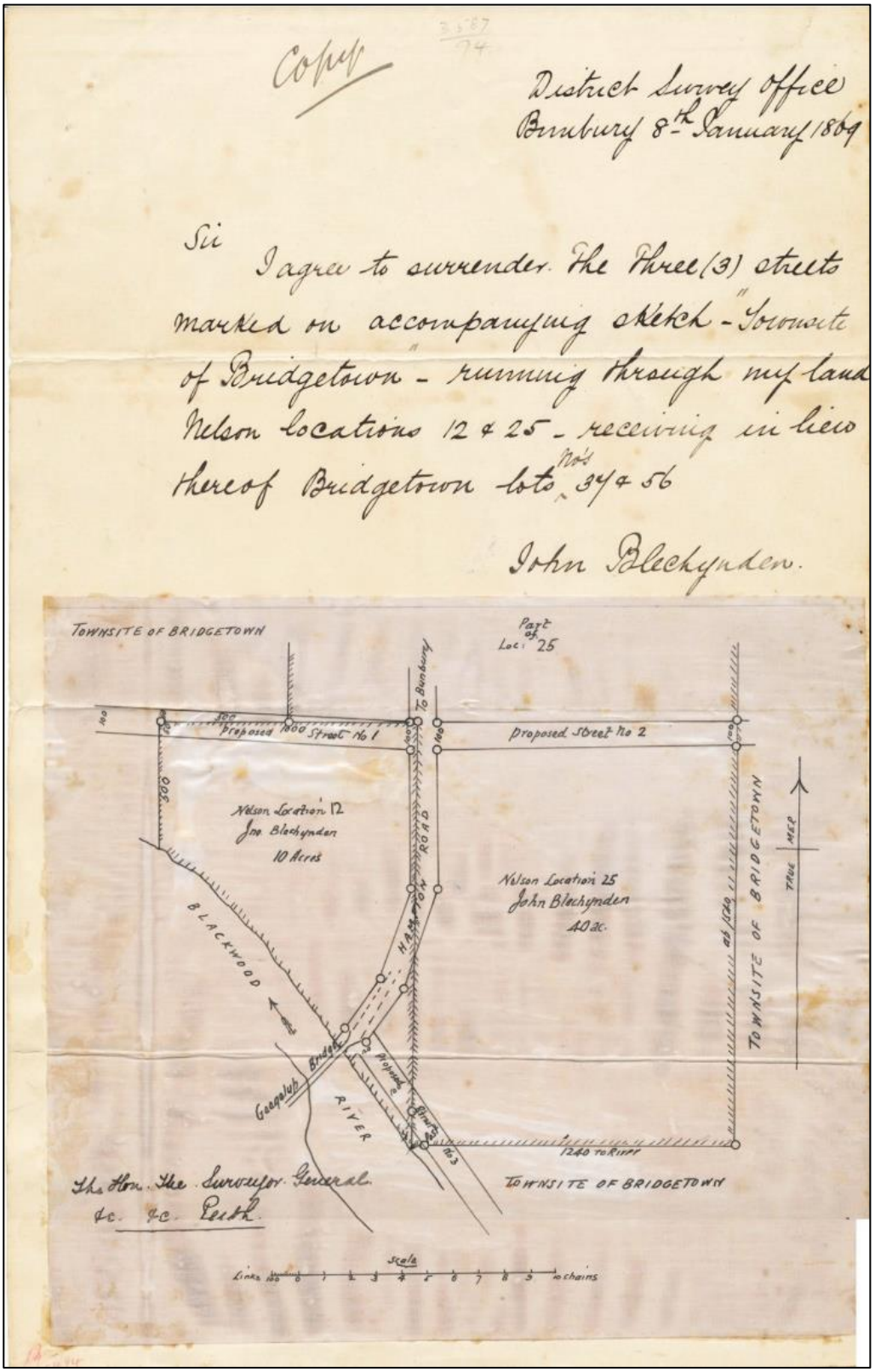
DISTRICT SURVEY OFFICE, BUNBURY, 8 JAN 1869 - JOHN BLECHYNDEN - RE SURRENDER THREE STREETS

Document showing the surrender of three (3) streets running through the land owned by John Blechynden .



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District Survey Office
Bunbury 8th January 1869

Sir
I agree to surrender the Three (3) streets marked on accompanying sketch - "Townsite of Bridgetown" - running through my land Nelson Locations 12 & 25 - receiving in lieu thereof Bridgetown lots Nos 34 & 56

John Blechynden.

The Shire of Greenbushes Local Heritage Survey 29 Mar 2018. pg.21, pp4.

Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes - Local Heritage Survey
4.3.3 Transport and Communications, pg.20

The early settlers arrived by bullock dray along bush tracks. In 1861 a road was constructed with convict labour from (Minninup) Donnybrook to the Blackwood River at a point which later became the site of Bridgetown. In 1862 a bridge across the Blackwood at Austin Ford was constructed but was swept away before it was completed.

During this period there were few roads in the area and those that existed were rough and poorly made, however these formed the basis for the road network in the area today. Rivers in the area were generally not suitable for use as major transport routes.

The first post office in the district was established by 1864 and known as 'Geejelup' Post Office at the Police Station at the south end of the Blackwood Bridge.

4.3.4 Establishment of Bridgetown, pg.20.

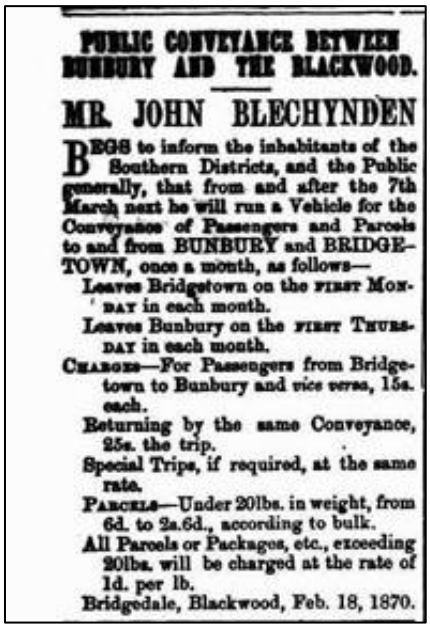
During 1868 a further survey of the Blackwood area was conducted by T. Campbell Carey with John Forrest as assistant surveyor. On 11 February 1868, Carey wrote to the Surveyor General to seek authority to lay out town lots in the settlement then known as Geegelup:

Many of the settlers on the Blackwood are anxious that a few small lots should be laid out on Geegelup townsite, to induce some four tradesmen — carpenter, blacksmith, wheelwright and shoemaker — who have been there for some time, to finally settle on the place and induce others to follow. Should you think it advisable to have this work done will you please be good enough to let me know.

John Blechynden's land on the northern side of the Blackwood River was acquired by the government and the town of Bridgetown (previously known as Geegelup) was gazetted in mid-1868.

The town grew steadily throughout the 1870s and by 1879 the town could boast several stores and public houses, with the Mechanics Institute being built in 1877.

John Blechynden set up a business relating to public conveyance between Bunbury and the Blackwood. As his sons became old enough and learnt the skills of riding and handing horses, they joined him in delivering mail and goods in the district.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Returning by the same Conveyance, 25s. the trip.

Special Trips, if required, at the same rate.

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All Parcels or Packages, etc., exceeding 20lbs. will be charged at the rate of 1d. per lb.

Bridgedale, Blackwood, Feb. 18, 1870.

Perth Gazette and West Australian Times (WA: 1864 - 1874), Fri 25 Feb 1870, pg 2
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Western Australian Legislation – Government Gazettes for 1883.
https://www.legislation.wa.gov.au/legislation/statutes.nsf/gazettes1883.html
John Blechynden had three thousand acres approved for lease by John Forrest, the Commissioner for Crown lands on the 31 Dec 1883. *Applications for the renewal of licenses had to be deposited with the Land Office before the last day of Jan in each year, accompanied by a fee of two shillings and sixpence.*

The next article shows that at Bridgedale, John and Elizabeth Blechynden retailed colonial wine.

Perth Gazette and West Australian Times (WA: 1864 - 1874), Fri 4 Jul 1873, pg 1
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(Before His Honor the Chief Justice and a " Common Jury).
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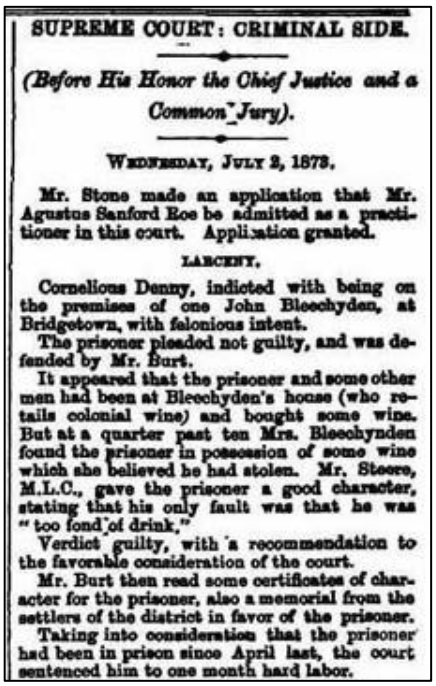
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On July 19th 1864 George Blechynden (Junior), son of the 1st cousin of John's father Harrison, who had emigrated to Australia on the ship Minstrel with Harrison, married Jane Nilgie, an aboriginal servant, at the Church of Saint Mary, Busselton, which George Senior had helped to build, being a carpenter. Not much is known about the marriage and it is believed that they had no children. ***Jane's father's name was Dickie of the Nyungar people and it is possible that they were related to the aboriginals who were so helpful to John.*** *The marriage mustn't have lasted long or been kept secret because when George died in 1894, he was known to the family as a bachelor."*

Note: See Daisy Bates story of Ngilgie pg. 105 "Shortly after her departure from the Bussell farm, Ngilgie after some preliminary adventure, married a half cast named Whitey-Brown George, with whom however, she lived but a short time." See the section on Harrison's cousin George Blechynden for more details.

By the time John and Elizabeth's fifth son Arthur was born on 2nd April 1870 the town of Bridgetown had been proclaimed two years prior in June 1868 having previously been known as "Geegelup" after a small creek on John's property. John and Elizabeth's two homestead blocks were incorporated in the town survey and his house was therefore, the first in the town, which soon acquired all the essential offices required to serve the district. Before a school was built, the Blechyndens' parlour was used as a schoolroom by the schoolmistress Miss Gardiner and her pupils.

John William, George, Edwin, James and later baby Arthur would have been amongst her first pupils. Other settlers had moved into the area by this stage and the children would have been excited to have had regular schooling and contact with other children. Elizabeth, no doubt feeling lonely for the company of other women, would undoubtedly have been pleased to see other parents as they brought their children to school. The other settlers included the Hesters who had settled at the same time as John Blechynden, the Allnutts of "Nelson Grange" whose orchards John William worked on in his early twenties, the Lee-Steeres of "Jayes" where John William had his first job on their sheep station at age 19, the Padburys of Balingup and the Jones brothers from west of Hesters' place. South of the Blackwood River, Charles Rose, John Giblett, Thomas Muir and Edward Brockman had all established their pastoral properties by 1870.

W.A. Record (Perth, WA: 1888 - 1922), Thu 23 May 1889, pg 8, last paragraph
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DARDANUP. Passenger Car
From our own Correspondent.

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Life was not all work and no play for the Blechyndens however because concerts took place at Bridgedale in the early years. One memorable one was held in the woolshed at Bridgedale in April 1877 to raise funds for the Mechanics Hall. The local newspapers recorded that *"The concert was opened by Mrs Lefroy playing the Overture to William Tell, in such a manner as to send a thrill through the breast of every liberty-loving British subject present…"* Apparently after the concert the dancing continued until dawn followed by a cricket match and another dance in the evening.

Inquirer and Commercial News (Perth, WA: 1855 - 1901), Wed 16 May 1877, pg 2
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CONCERT.—On the 26th of April the good people of Bridgetown were enlivened with a concert and ball such as country people only can appreciate and enjoy. Throughout the day fresh arrivals from the country were seen coming into this picturesque little settlement, and where twenty years ago there was neither habitation nor human being, to-day there could not have been much less than 200 souls of all ages. A stranger would have been surprised to see people flocking together from such long distances as some had come, (for some persons met here who lived 90 or 100 miles apart), but those who are acquainted with the settlers of the Blackwood know that when they attempt to do anything they do it thoroughly, and not by halves, and when they promised an entertainment they knew it would be worth going to. The amateurs who catered so successfully for our entertainment must have taken great pains in getting up such a varied programme that gratified all taste and made it such a complete success. The object of the concert was to raise funds towards building a Mechanics' Hall. The tickets realised £10. The audience are under very great obligations to Mr. Hester for the use of his piano, to Mr. Blechynden for the use of his building, and to all the performers for the musical treat they enjoyed. The performers were Mr., Mrs., and the Misses Lefroy, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rose, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Allnutt, Mr. G. and the Misses Gussie, Flora and Eva Hester. The concert was opened by Mrs. Lefroy playing the overture to William Tell, in such a manner as to send a thrill through the breast of every liberty-loving British subject present, and a glow of admiration of the brave old Swiss of 550 years ago. Mr. Rose sang "West End Boys." The Agnes Sorrel quadrille was played by Mrs. Rose and Miss Allnutt. The "Arab Steed" was sweetly sung by Miss Allnutt. "Come where my love lies dreaming" was beautifully rendered by Mrs. Rose and Mr. and Mrs. Allnutt. After reading, the introduction to "Jesse's Dream" was very feelingly sung by Mrs. Allnutt, bringing vividly to our minds one of the most touching incidents of the late Indian Rebellion, and placing before us the daring deeds of the brave Havelock, one of the noblest of modern heroes. "Fifty years ago," sung by an old lady, brought down roars of laughter and cheers. The "Singing Birds," duet, played very nicely by Miss Lefroy and Miss Brockman. The "Cousins," duet, was admirably sung by Mrs. Rose and Miss Allnutt. The "Gipsy Countess by a Polish Count" with a pale face and an unpronouncible name, and the "Blackwood Gipsy," kept the house in a continual titter. The following are some of the songs sung and pieces played during the evening:—"The Irsh Jaunting Car" and "Long parted have we been," Mr. Lefroy; "Put it down to me," by Mr. Rose" "Maggie by my side" and "Paddle your own Canoe," Mr. Allnutt;." The Gipsy's Warning," by Mr. G. Hester; "Willie on the dark blue sea" and "Only one," by Miss Gussie Hester. "Beautiful Isle of the sea" and "Kitty Colroin," by Miss Flora Hester; "Bother the men," by Mrs. Rose. Well I cannot say that it did literally bring down the house, but the cheering certainly did shake the woolshed. "Bonnie Dundee" was played by Miss Lefroy; "Coming through the Rye," by Miss Maggie Lefroy; "Her bright smile" was played by Mrs. Lefroy in her usual spirited style. The concert was brought to a close to the satisfaction of every one concerned, and the gentleman who returned thanks said he came here expecting a musical treat of no ordinary character, and his anticipations had been more than realised; in fact the music and scenery of Bridgetown is not surpassed in the colony. Dancing now commenced with a zest known only to true Terpsichoreans, and continued till daylight, and I only heard one regret, viz., that these gatherings did not occur oftener. We hope soon to have the building erected, which will be an ornament to the little town. Mr. Thomas, Civil Engineer, has very kindly drawn us out a neat design or plan for the building, and our old friend and fellow-colonist Mr. Steere has made an urgent appeal to the Government for aid. They have generously seceded to that appeal by promising £50 on completion of the building, for which we are very grateful. A meeting was held next day, when trustees, committee, &c., were appointed. After the concert dancing was kept up until early morn. The next day the young people had a fine game at cricket, and wound up with another dance in the evening.....We have had splendid rains—all we could wish for; and ploughs will soon be turning over the sod. We hope to have a good season for feed for the sheep and stock. Although we have had the driest season for years past, there have not been such losses in stock and sheep as we usually have.

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The photo was used on a blank card created by Hillandale Designs Bridgetown. Looking at the phone number listed it must have been before the area coding for phone numbers was introduced. Inside the card the following is recorded: "Bridgedale " the first house in Bridgetown, WA, built in 1862 by John Blechynden. The card was sent to me by my dear mother Lesley Doust (nee Pearce) in 1986.

Bridgedale, Courtesy Pam Sounness

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN NELSON LICENCE TO OCCUPY PASTORAL LANDS. – CLASS 1. NO 6/9 2--

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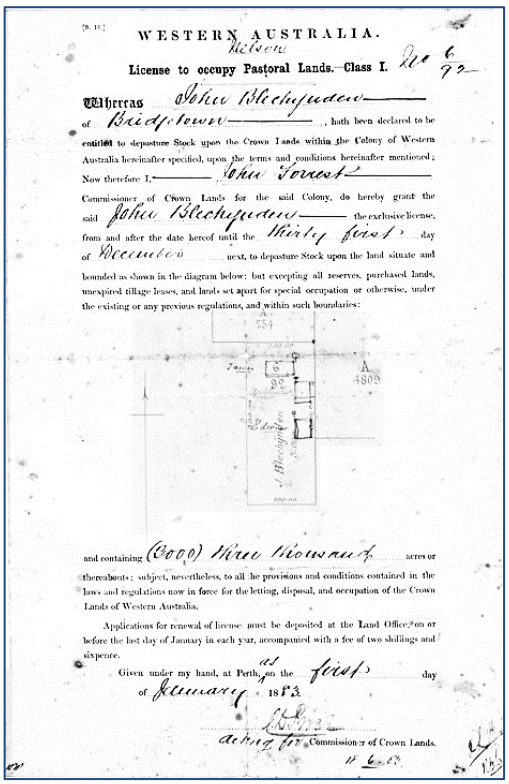
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License to occupy Pastoral Lands.—Class I. No 6/92

Whereas John Blechynden of Bridgetown, hath been declared to be entitled to depasture Stock upon the Crown Lands within the Colony of Western Australia hereinafter specified, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned; Now therefore I, John Forrest Commissioner of Crown Lands for the said Colony, do hereby grant the said John Blechynden the exclusive license, from and after the date hereof until the thirty first day of December next, to depasture Stock upon the land situate and bounded as shown in the diagram below; but excepting all reserves, purchased lands, unexpired tillage leases, and lands set apart for special occupation or otherwise, under the existing or any previous regulations, and within such boundaries:

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Applications for renewal of license must be deposited at the Land Office on or before the last day of January in each year, accompanied with a fee of two shillings and sixpence.

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Applications for renewal of license must be deposited at the Land Office on or before the last day of January in each year accompanied with the fee of two shillings and sixpence.

Given under my hand, at Perth, at as on the ***first*** day
of ***January*** 18***83***.

Signature . . . . . .
Acting for Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Elizabeth gave birth to their eighth child Ernest on the 13 Jul 1873 just four days prior to hearing the news Harrison Blechynden had passed away, on the 17 Jul 1873 at Beverley. The funeral took place at St Paul's Church, and he was laid to rest in the cemetery at Edwards Crossing.

At this stage John and Elizabeth now had seven children, sadly having lost their only daughter Charlotte Jane in 1869. With the children ranging from John William aged 12 years to baby Ernest, one can imagine that Elizabeth may have stayed home with the younger children and John and the four eldest boys may have travelled to Beverley to join the family at Harrison's funeral.

John and Elizabeth were delighted when Elizabeth gave birth to a girl, they named Amy on 17 Mar 1877. Soon three more children were added to the family, bringing the total living children to twelve: Clarence Henry was born 21 Apr 1879, May Blechynden was born 14 Mar 1881, followed by another daughter, Ada Jane who was born on 23 May 1883.
Bringing up twelve children was no mean feat for Elizabeth with her husband and older sons frequently away from home. Elizabeth and John's children thrived and grew. Elizabeth delighted in

her young daughters and taught them many skills which Amy and May retained for the rest of their lives.
Tragically John and Elizabeth lost another of their daughters when Ada died on 2 Jan 1888 at the age of four years and seven months. One can imagine the whole family was devastated.
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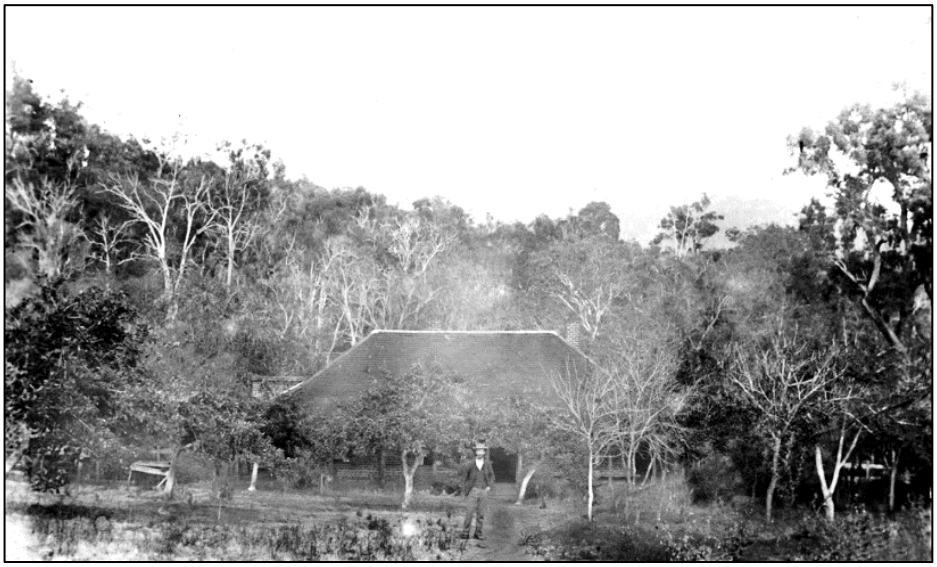
The following year Charlotte Blechynden (nee Robus) died on 13 Sep 1889 at 'Roesland'. Once again, the whole family came together to attend her funeral at Edwards Crossing.

Life continued on and Elizabeth and John Blechynden together with the rest of the Bridgetown community would have been excited when in 1890 gained the right of self-government. One can imagine Elizabeth looking back at that time with a well-deserved feeling of pride in her children and the life that she and John had created. After bearing thirteen children and successfully bringing up eleven she must have felt weary but thankful for what she had been blessed with.

A GLIMPSE OF BRIDGEDALE – the home where John and Elizabeth Blechynden brought up their family.



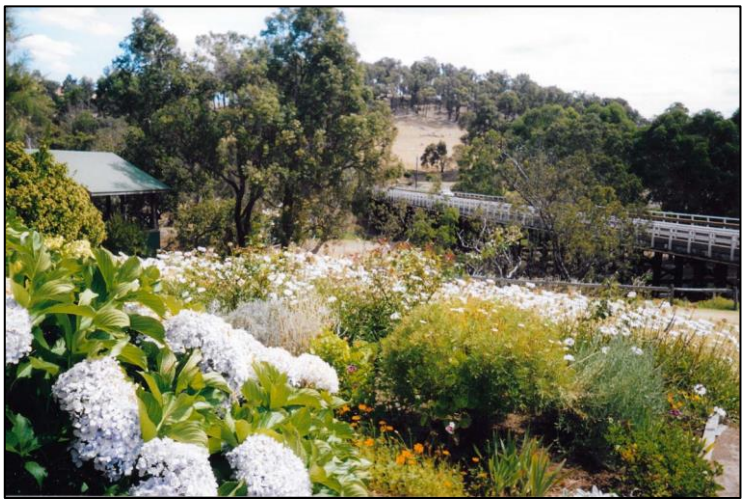
BRIDGDALE

Bridgedale, photo from May Blechynden's album, person in front most likely John William Blechynden

FAMILY AND FRIENDS AT BRIDGEDALE

May Blechynden, Miss Ladden, Herbert Blechynden, child: Jim Dickinson, Isabell Maslin, Mena Doust Courtesy Ken Blechynden

A PEAK AT THE EXTENSIVE GARDENS AND INSIDE THE HOME OF BRIDGEDALE:



Above: *Exquisite gardens overlooking the river and bridge. Courtesy Mary Coulthard*

Dining room, Bridgedale

Lounge room at Bridgedale, These photos taken during a home open when Heritage listed.

Kitchen at Bridgedale

Via Jill Feutrill (nee Blechynden)

Attached is a photo taken of a patchwork quilt made by Elizabeth (nee Green) Blechynden.

Quilt made by Elizabeth (nee Green) Blechynden.

My grandmother Clara (nee Chapman) Blechynden had it in her possession in 1957 and handed it on to me when I married in the same year. The patchwork is just as it was when Elizabeth stitched together each piece. If she was making it for her 'glory box' (and as she married John Blechynden in Perth in 1860) the patchwork would now in 2020 be over 164 years old. The floral fabric backing that can be seen showing at the edges of the patchwork was attached by Clara many years before I received the quilt.

FAMILY PORTRAITS DISPLAYED IN BRIDGEDALE

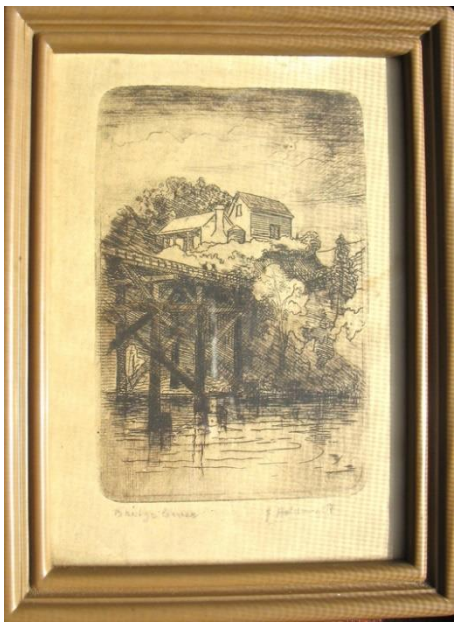
Left: *John William Blechynden*

Right: **Henry and Elizabeth Doust (nee Chapman)*

*Note: Thomas Chapman (1825-1897) married Selina Gardiner (1829-1874). They had 10 children. *Elizabeth Chapman (1850-1939), the eldest, married *Henry Doust (1846-1912) and settled at Geegelup in Bridgetown. Her younger sister Clara Chapman (1869-1961), number 10 child, married Arthur Blechynden (1870-1941), 6th child of John Blechynden and Elizabeth Green. They too lived in Bridgetown.

1917, Alfred Blechynden and family:
Back Row: Noel, Minna, Alfred, John and (Gertrude Agnes 'Gertie' inserted into photo). Middle Row: Maurice, sitting on his father (Alfred Blechynden's) knee, Alice, Mary Ellen (mother), nursing Colin, and Freda
Front row – sitting: Nicholas and William.
Portrait photos. Courtesy Dianne Black

Via Jill Feutrill:
Right: *Attached, just for interest, is an etching made years ago and supposedly of the bridge near and on the south side of Bridgedale. The etching is by acclaimed Bridgetown artist Gordon Holdsworth. I bought the etching from the artist himself when I was a teenager; he told me the house was Bridgedale; maybe he just wanted to make a sale, because I'm not sure if the sketch re the house and other building is accurate - a lot has changed since the artist made this sketch and he may have used 'artistic licence' a bit - plus it's just called Bridge Scene on the opposite side to his signature. But if it is Bridgedale, then of course, it's showing the back of the house towards the river.*



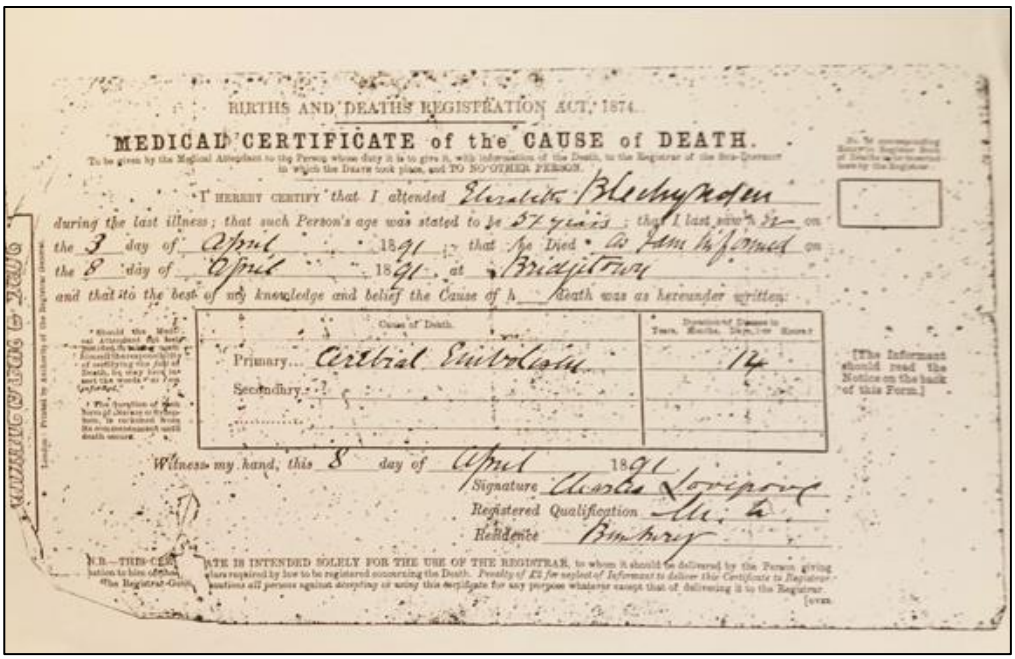
Etching of the bridge near Bridgedale

An art deco and a silver frame donated by Doris Riley. Via Bridgedale collection Inscription reads:

Elizabeth Blechynden
Born 8th June 1839.
Married 23rd Feb 1860
Died 8th Apr 1891,
aged 52 years.
Eldest daughter of
George and Jane Green
Bridgetown.

Fri 20 Nov 1970, 'Bridgedale' was handed over to the National Trust and became Heritage listed. More on the history of what followed at the end of the chapter.

In the tradition of many of the pioneering women who never knew if their children would survive childhood, Elizabeth bore a further seven children. These were – Alfred born 13 Nov 1870, Ernest Charles born 13 Jul 1873, Herbert born 5 Jan 1875, Amy born 17 Mar 1877, Clarence Henry (Bob) born 21 Apr 1879, May born 14 Mar 1881 and Ada born 23 May 1883. Out of these children, all survived childhood except Ada who died on 2 Jan 1888 at the age of 4 years and seven months; three years before Elizabeth herself died on 8 Apr 1891 aged 51, of a cerebral embolism or stroke. Elizabeth never lived long enough to see the first marriage of one of her children, Arthur who married on 20 May 1891 to Clara Agnes Chapman. Elizabeth Blechynden (nee Green), the first housekeeper in Bridgetown, who bravely went with her new husband in 1860 to establish the townsite of Bridgetown, bore 13 children and helped to bring many more into the world.



BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION ACT, 1874.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE of the CAUSE of DEATH.

To be given by the Medical Attendant to the Person whose duty it is to give it, with information of the Death, to the Registrar of the Sub-District in which the Death took place, and TO NO OTHER PERSON.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended Elizabeth Blechynden during the last illness; that such Person's age was stated to be 51 years; that I last saw her on the 3 day of April 1891; that she Died as I am informed on the 8 day of April 1891, at Bridgetown and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the Cause of her death was as hereunder written:

Cause of Death.	Duration of Disease in Years, Months, Days, or Hours?
Primary... Cerebral Embolism	14
Secondary...	

[The Informant should read the Notice on the back of this Form.]

Witness my hand, this 8 day of April 1891

Signature Charles Lovipone

Registered Qualification M.B.

Residence Bunbury

N.B.—THIS CERTIFICATE IS INTENDED SOLELY FOR THE USE OF THE REGISTRAR, to whom it should be delivered by the Person giving information to him of the facts required by law to be registered concerning the Death. Penalty of £5 for neglect of Informant to deliver this Certificate to Registrar. The Registrar-General cautions all persons against accepting or using this certificate for any purpose whatever except that of delivering it to the Registrar.

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Copy of death certificate of Elizabeth Blechynden (nee Green)

John was devastated by the death of his wife and was left with May aged 10, Clarence aged 12, Amy aged 14, Herbert aged 16 and Ernest aged 17, Alfred aged 19 at home. With Arthur marrying a month after his mother, Elizabeth's death and the others, John William, George Harrison, Edwin and James, away working, John, lonely without Elizabeth must have thought often of their earlier pioneering days together: Of when the jarrah trees were all around their home and took so much effort to clear to make pasture, of her in the vegetable patch growing produce for their home, of him going out to catch kangaroo for their supper when stock were scarce, of her shivering when she heard the dingoes howl at night, of them lying in bed at night planning a bigger home for their increasing family, of their first post and rail fences which they climbed in summer to go to the Blackwood River for a swim, family picnics, concerts, Church outings and Christmas and birthday celebrations as they kept up the English traditions in their little green valley.

Elizabeth Blechynden was buried in the pioneer Cemetery, Bridgetown. Sadly, she never lived long enough to see the marriage of any of her children. How does one begin to recognize the contribution of this woman who was a true pioneer of the South West. Her numerous descendants and their individual contributions to our country are all the result of her courage and determination to make her dream come true throughout all hardship and adversity.

IN MEMORIAM TO THE EDITOR BY A NEIGHBOUR.
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MRS JOHN BLECHYNDEN
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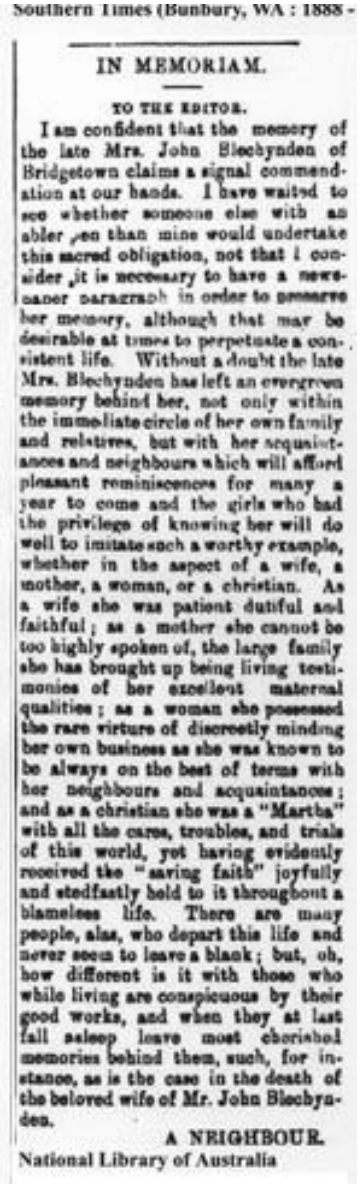
TO THE EDITOR.

I am confident that the memory of the late Mrs. John Blechynden of Bridgetown claims a signal commendation at our hands. I have waited to see whether someone else with an abler pen than mine would undertake this sacred obligation, not that I consider it is necessary to have a newspaper paragraph in order to preserve her memory, although that may be desirable at times to perpetuate a consistent life. Without a doubt the late Mrs. Blechynden has left an evergreen memory behind her, not only within the immediate circle of her own family and relatives, but with her acquaintances and neighbours which will afford pleasant reminiscences for many a year to come and the girls who had the privilege of knowing her will do well to imitate such a worthy example, whether in the aspect of a wife, a mother, a woman, or a Christian. As a wife she was patient dutiful and faithful; as a mother she cannot be too highly spoken of, the large family she has brought up being living testimonies of her excellent maternal qualities ; as a woman she possessed the rare virtue of discreetly minding her own business as she was known to be always on the best of terms with her neighbours and acquaintances; and as a Christian she was a "Martha" with all the cares, troubles, and trials of this world, yet having evidently received the " saving faith" joyfully and steadfastly held to it throughout a blameless life. There are many people, alas, who depart this life and never seem to leave a blank; but, oh, how different is it with those who while living are conspicuous by their good works, and when they at last fall asleep leave most cherished memories behind them, such, for instance, as is the case in the death of the beloved wife of Mr. John Blechynden.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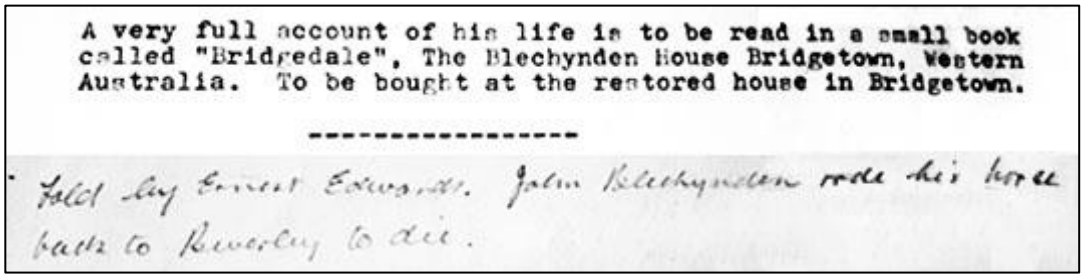
John Blechynden lived to see the official opening of the Bridgetown railway Station in 1898. This was a huge moment for the town and district. The colony was beginning to thrive. Sadly, John died at Beverley while staying with his brother Charles Edwin Blechynden at 'Roesland,' Charles Blechynden's Beverley property. A document at the Dead Finish Museum in Beverley, Sep 2020, showed the following: *"Told by Ernest Edwards. John Blechynden rode his horse back to Beverley to die."*


A very full account of his life is to be read in a small book called "Bridgedale", The Blechynden House Bridgetown, Western Australia. To be bought at the restored house in Bridgetown.

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Inquirer and Commercial News (Perth, WA: 1855 - 1901), Fri 29 Jun 1900, pg 4
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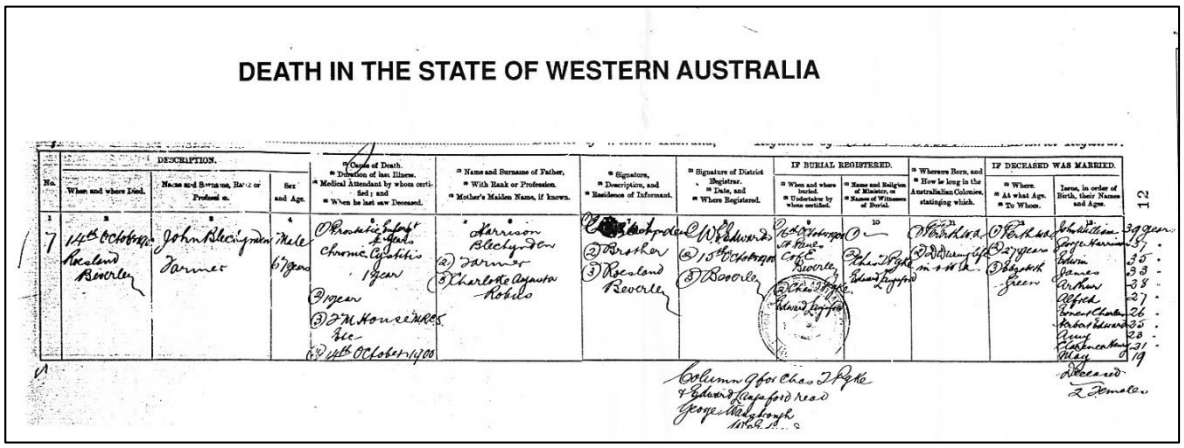
Note: A member of the Blechynden family, Jeff Osborne commented, "A *good read indeed, the money numbers are very small sounding compared to todays, but still quite significant in 1900, although 150 pounds is worth* $36,228.31 *today, do you think we could get a new bridge built at that price today?"*

John Blechynden died on 14 Oct 1900, at *'Roesland'*, (his brother's residence), Beverley. He was buried on 16 Oct 1900 in the cemetery, C/E section, Edwards Crossing, Beverley, WA.



DEATH IN THE STATE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Death Certificate of John Blechynden

This personal newspaper cutting was pasted (one can imagine, with much sadness), into May's Journal. How amazing that many years later now it is now available to view and share in *Trove*.

Beverley Times **(WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 4 Dec 1970, pg 6**
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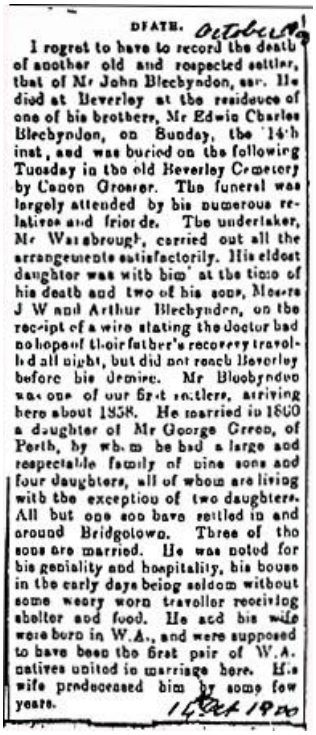

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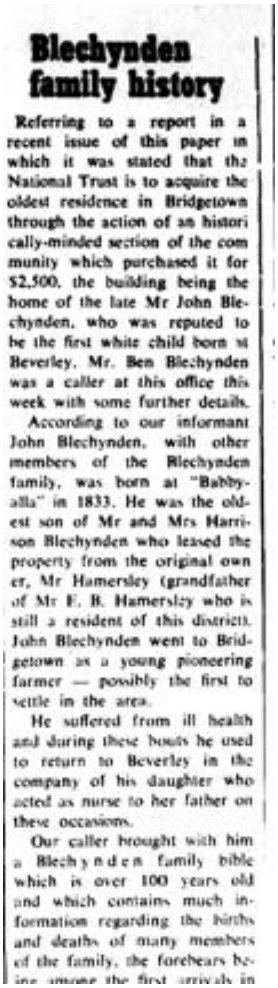

Blechynden family history

Referring to a report in a recent issue of this paper in which it was stated that the National Trust is to acquire the oldest residence in Bridgetown through the action of an historically-minded section of the community which purchased it for $2,500, the building being the home of the late Mr John Blechynden, who was reputed to be the first white child born at Beverley, Mr. Ben Blechynden was a caller at this office this week with some further details.

According to our informant John Blechynden, with other members of the Blechynden family, was born at "Babbyalla" in 1833. He was the oldest son of Mr and Mrs Harrison Blechynden who leased the property from the original owner, Mr Hamersley (grandfather of Mr E. B. Hamersley who is still a resident of this district). John Blechynden went to Bridgetown as a young pioneering farmer — possibly the first to settle in the area.

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Beverley Times **(WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 4 Dec 1970, pg 6**
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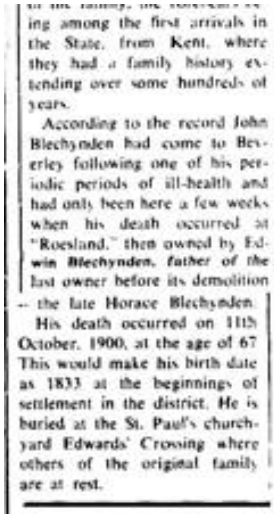
Blechynden family history

Referring to a report in a recent issue of this paper in which it was stated that the National Trust is to acquire the oldest residence in Bridgetown through the action of an historically-minded section of the community which purchased it for $2,500, the building being the home of the late Mr John Blechynden, who was reputed to be the first white child born at Beverley, (Ed. John Blechynden was born in Perth, not Beverley.) *Mr. Ben Blechynden was a caller at this office this week with some further details. According to our informant John Blechynden, with other members of the Blechynden family, was born at "'Babbyalla'" in 1833. He was the oldest son of Mr and Mrs Harrison Blechynden who leased the property from the original own er, Mr Hamersley (grandfather of Mr E. B. Hamersley who is still a resident of this district).* ***John Blechynden went to Bridgetown as a young pioneering farmer — possibly the first to settle in the area. He suffered from ill health and***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John Blechynden was buried at St Paul's Church Cemetery at Edwards Crossing.

Note: In this era of time, it wasn't practical to transport John from Edwards Crossing to Bridgetown for burial.

St Paul's Church, Edwards Crossing, person, Ken Blechynden, (photo, taken by Angela Blechynden, 2019)

The two headstones in the front of the photo are of John Blechynden on the left and Harrison Blechynden, surrounded by the wrought iron fence.

Inscribed on John Blechynden's headstone at Edwards Crossing:

BLECHYNDEN, John

Who departed this life 11 October 1900,
aged 67 years.

Earth to earth and dust to dust

Calmly now the words we say

Leaving him to sleep in trust

Til the resurrection day

On that happy Easter morning

All the graves their dead restore

Father, Sister, Child and Mother

Meet once more

Headstone of John Blechynden (1833-1900, buried at the Cemetery at St Paul's Church, Edwards Crossing, Beverley, WA.

There is a hymn "On the resurrection morning" written by Sabine Baring Gould and David Sankey which has a verse...*On that Happy Easter morning All the* graves *their dead restore Father, mother, sister, brother, Meet once more.* Ref. Encyclopedia 2005

HERE WE FAREWELL JOHN BLECHYNDEN AND ELIZABETH GREEN.

John and Elizabeth's daughters Amy and May, who became valuable members of the Bridgetown community, were never married. The boys found jobs in the areas of farming, transport, mail and passenger services and became successful in their chosen fields. Their stories can be read in their own individual sections.

HEADSTONE AND MEMORIAL RESTORATION PROJECT FOR ELIZABETH BLECHYNDEN AND SOME OF HER FAMILY GRAVES AND HEADSTONES ON PLOTS 134 AND 135 AT THE BRIDGETOWN CEMETERY: Elizabeth Blechynden (nee Green), Charlotte, Ada Blechynden and John William Blechynden are listed as being buried at the Old Pioneer Bridgetown Cemetery. John Blechynden is buried at Edwards Crossing Beverley with a plaque at the Bridgetown Cemetery. Amy and May Blechynden are buried in their graves here, May in grave site 134 and Amy in grave site 135.

The Bridgetown Pioneer Cemetery
https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2606840/bridgetown-pioneer-cemetery

The Pioneer Cemetery in Bridgetown was opened in January 1878 with the last burial taking place on 23 Mar 1926. The Cemetery is the resting home to many of the early pioneers and was made into a scenic parkland during 1988 as part of the Bicentennial celebrations. There are many, many unmarked graves; however, (most of the names) are in the cemetery register.

Note, Charlotte died in 1869, nine years before the Pioneer cemetery was formally established. Charlotte is recorded as being buried in Bridgetown. So, it can only be assumed there were burials at that location before it was formally declared a cemetery. There are several references to John William Blechynden being buried at the Pioneer Cemetery yet his name doesn't appear on the formal cemetery register, which is obviously incomplete. Also, there is much evidence the last burial at the Pioneer Cemetery was well after the above quoted last burial date of 23 Mar 1926.

As a consequence, at this time, the headstones of Elizabeth, Charlotte, Ada and John William Blechynden were moved from the Pioneer Cemetery to the new Cemetery and added to Blechynden owned grave number 135. On 20 May 2019, Angela and Ken Blechynden paid a visit to the Bridgetown Cemetery and took photos of the existing graves and headstones which showed that the grave, headstones and plaques were in need of restoration.

Photo taken by Angela Blechynden,
of the grave and headstone,
greatly in need of restoration.

A letter was sent to the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes as to the correct way to go about it. Part of the reply from Tania Lockley, Executive Assistant, Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes.

I have been to the Bridgetown Cemetery to view the gravesite of John William Blechynden, John Blechynden, Elizabeth Green and Clarence Blechynden. It is grave number 135, Section 3 – Anglican. There is no current 'Grant of Right of Burial' taken on that particular gravesite – if the family is willing to purchase a Grant of Right of Burial, the cost of a Grant is $286.10 and is valid for a period of 25 years from date of issue. Once a Grant has been purchased, the Grantee has the legal right in the future:

- *To authorise the interment of ashes of deceased family members in the grave.*
- *To authorise an approved monument or headstone to be placed on the grave.*
- *To authorise refurbishment of any monument or headstone placed on the grave.*

Please note upkeep of gravesites, monuments, etc at both Bridgetown and Greenbushes Cemetery is the sole responsibility of the family, the Shire does not contribute in any way to these.

Following a meeting at the Bridgetown Cemetery with a member of the local Council, a group of family members: Angela and Ken Blechynden, Jill and Doug Feutrill, Di Black and Norma Sulaiman worked together on a plan for the restoration of the Blechynden graves and headstones:

The cost of the *'Grant of Right of Burial'* was paid in the name of Ken Blechynden, to be reviewed in 25 years. A very big thank you, to Ken who took on the role, of managing and organising the refurbishment. Thank you to the many family members who kindly contributed to the cost.

Members of the committee gathered around the Blechynden graves and headstones 134 and 135, Bridgetown Cemetery prior to refurbishment

Bridgetown Cemetery; Jill Feutrill (nee Blechynden), Angela and Ken Blechynden,
Di Black (nee Pearce), Norma Sulaiman (nee Hyder) and Doug Feutrill, 2019

Courtesy Ken Blechynden, 2020

BLECHYNDEN GRAVES 134 AND 135 BRIDGETOWN CEMETERY RECONSTRUCTION.

Bridgetown Cemetery, following refurbishment.

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CHARLOTTE IS BURIED IN THE OLD BRIDGETOWN CEMETERY.
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Transcription of Elizabeth's headstone and the plaque of John Blechynden at the Bridgetown Cemetery.

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A FAITHFUL FRIEND LIES BURIED HERE
OUR LOSS WAS GREAT WHICH WE SUSTAIN
BUT HOPE IN HEAVEN TO MEET AGAIN
JOHN BLECHYNDEN
Born 14th March 1833
Died 14th Oct 1900
Buried at Beverley

CHARLOTTE
Born 2nd March 1868
Died 12th June 1869
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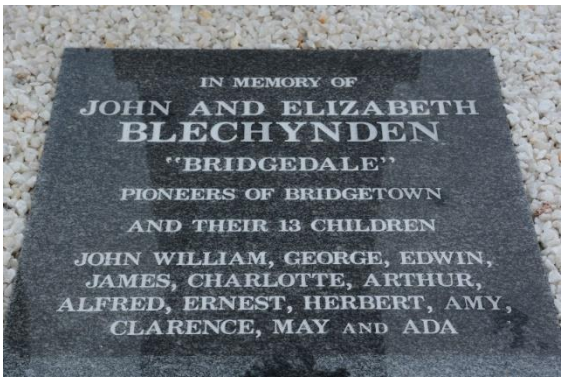
Born 23rd Jan 1883
Died 2nd Jan 1888



New plaque added to commemorate John and Elizabeth Blechynden

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Map showing location of these restored Blechynden graves, Bridgetown Cemetery:

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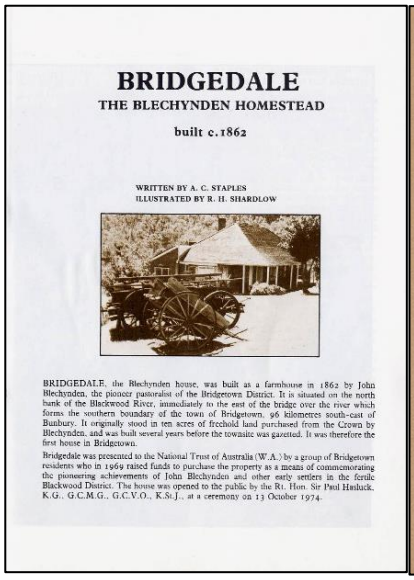
Courtesy, Ken Blechynden

ARTICLES AND BOOKETS OF 'BRIDGEDALE', ALSO KNOWN AS 'BLECHYNDEN HOUSE' – PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE

BLECHYNDEN BOOKLETS:

Several excellent small booklets have been written and produced on 'Bridgedale', the historical home of John Blechynden in Bridgetown and are available at the Bridgetown Visitors Centre. They provide excellent details and images of 'Bridgedale', the Blechynden family and the early days of Bridgetown.

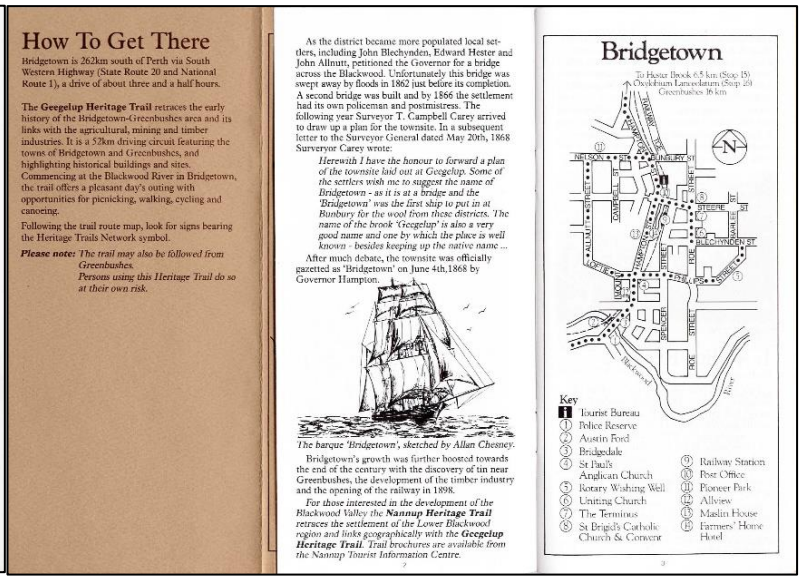


BRIDGEDALE
THE BLECHYNDEN HOMESTEAD
built c.1862

WRITTEN BY A. C. STAPLES
ILLUSTRATED BY R. H. SHARDLOW

BRIDGEDALE, the Blechynden house, was built as a farmhouse in 1862 by John Blechynden, the pioneer pastoralist of the Bridgetown District. It is situated on the north bank of the Blackwood River, immediately to the east of the bridge over the river which forms the southern boundary of the town of Bridgetown, 96 kilometres south-east of Bunbury. It originally stood in ten acres of freehold land purchased from the Crown by Blechynden, and was built several years before the townsite was gazetted. It was therefore the first house in Bridgetown.

Bridgedale was presented to the National Trust of Australia (W.A.) by a group of Bridgetown residents who in 1969 raised funds to purchase the property as a means of commemorating the pioneering achievements of John Blechynden and other early settlers in the fertile Blackwood District. The house was opened to the public by the Rt. Hon. Sir Paul Hasluck, K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.St.J., at a ceremony on 13 October 1974.



How To Get There

Bridgetown is 262km south of Perth via South Western Highway (State Route 20 and National Route 1), a drive of about three and a half hours.

The **Geegelup Heritage Trail** retraces the early history of the Bridgetown-Greenbushes area and its links with the agricultural, mining and timber industries. It is a 52km driving circuit featuring the towns of Bridgetown and Greenbushes, and highlighting historical buildings and sites. Commencing at the Blackwood River in Bridgetown, the trail offers a pleasant day's outing with opportunities for picnicking, walking, cycling and canoeing.

Following the trail route map, look for signs bearing the Heritage Trails Network symbol.

Please note: *The trail may also be followed from Greenbushes.*
Persons using this Heritage Trail do so at their own risk.

As the district became more populated local settlers, including John Blechynden, Edward Hester and John Allnutt, petitioned the Governor for a bridge across the Blackwood. Unfortunately this bridge was swept away by floods in 1862 just before its completion. A second bridge was built and by 1866 the settlement had its own policeman and postmistress. The following year Surveyor T. Campbell Carey arrived to draw up a plan for the townsite. In a subsequent letter to the Surveyor General dated May 20th, 1868 Surveyor Carey wrote:

Herewith I have the honour to forward a plan of the townsite laid out at Geegelup. Some of the settlers wish me to suggest the name of Bridgetown - as it is at a bridge and the 'Bridgetown' was the first ship to put in at Bunbury for the wood from these districts. The name of the brook 'Geegelup' is also a very good name and one by which the place is well known - besides keeping up the native name ...

After much debate, the townsite was officially gazetted as 'Bridgetown' on June 4th, 1868 by Governor Hampton.

The barque 'Bridgetown', sketched by Allan Chesney.

Bridgetown's growth was further boosted towards the end of the century with the discovery of tin near Greenbushes, the development of the timber industry and the opening of the railway in 1898.

For those interested in the development of the Blackwood Valley the ***Nannup Heritage Trail*** *retraces the settlement of the Lower Blackwood region and links geographically with the* ***Geegelup Heritage Trail****. Trail brochures are available from the Nannup Tourist Information Centre.*

Bridgetown

To Hester Brook 6.5 km (Stop 15)
Oxylobium Lanceolatum (Stop 29)
Greenbushes 16 km

Key
1 Tourist Bureau
2 Police Reserve
3 Austin Ford
4 Bridgedale
5 St Paul's Anglican Church
6 Rotary Wishing Well
7 Uniting Church
8 The Terminus
9 St Brigid's Catholic Church & Convent
10 Railway Station
11 Post Office
12 Pioneer Park
13 Allview
14 Maslin House
15 Farmers' Home Hotel

Booklet: BRIDGEDALE THE BLECHYNDEN HOMESTEAD

Booklet on 'Bridgedale', the Blechynden Family and Bridgetown

Following the death of John and Elizabeth Blechynden, their children John William, Amy and May Blechynden continued living at 'Bridgedale'. John William died in 1931. After Amy's death in 1938, May continued living in Bridgedale. She sold the property for £2,000 in 1950.

Beverley de Rusett commented: *It was sold to Norman de Rusett about 1953/54, he had it for a few years then it was given to the Historical Society.* At that time the house had been converted into two flats.

NATIONAL TRUST: 'Bridgedale' presented to the National Trust of Australia (W. A.), was opened at a ceremony in 1974. The work done in restoring and presenting this home to the public was a credit to some very dedicated members of the community in Bridgetown.

BRIDGEDALE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC: After many years of being on show, sadly, due to lack of funding and volunteers, the decision was made for 'Bridgedale' to be no longer open to the public. The furniture and contents were put in store in Perth. Much discussion was made with the public concerned about its future. A big change came about in 2020.

NEW HOME FOR TENDER CARE: 15 APR 2020, Media Release

Bridgedale, a historically significant property in Bridgetown that is managed by the National Trust of WA, will be the new home of Tender Care, a West Australian charity focused on community mental health. With the upgrade works now completed, the National Trust and Tender Care are looking forward to beginning this new chapter in the property's history.

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES GIVE A SUMMARY THE HISTORY OF 'BRIDGEDALE', ALSO KNOWN AS 'BLECHYNDEN HOUSE', FROM IT'S EARLY DAYS UNTIL NOW.

***Western Mail* (Perth, WA: 1885 - 1954), Thu 17 Aug 1939, pg 8**
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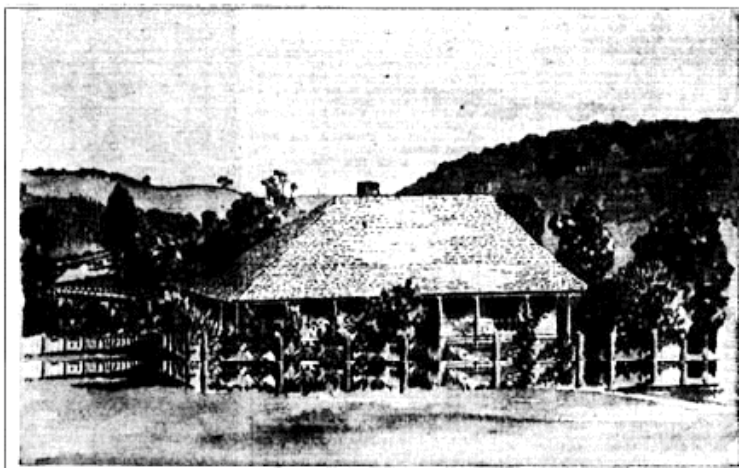

PURCHASE OF BLECHYNDEN HOUSE – HANDOVER TO NATIONAL TRUST:

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 20 Nov 1970, pg 9**
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'Bridgedale'

Copy of newspaper article Bridgetown's gracious gift. Translation following for easier reading

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In 1860, Blechynden married Elizabeth Green at St George's Cathedral.

It was one of the first weddings in WA where both bride and groom had been born in the colony: Blechynden in 1833 and his wife six years later.

The newly-weds spent their honeymoon travelling by bullock wagon to Blechynden's primitive mud brick cottage on the north bank of the Blackwood.

In 1862 — six years before Bridgetown was declared a townsite — he began the house which has become a tourist attraction.

Built of pit-sawn timber and bricks made from clay on the property, the house was originally a row of five small rooms under a skillion roof that sloped towards the river.

The couple called their home Bridgedale because it was in the dale by the bridge — then a little to the west of the house.

As the family grew — the Blechyndens had 13 children — so did the number of rooms added to the front of the building.

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According to an obituary after Blechynden's death in 1900, he "was noted for his geniality and hospitality, his house in the early days being seldom without some weary worn traveller receiving shelter and food".

The Blechyndens' eldest son, John William, was the first white child born in the district; he also became a prominent citizen and served on the local council for a record 35 years.

When John William, who had remained a bachelor, died in 1931, his cortege "was quite half a mile long", reports said.

Within months of his death, local people had contributed to the cost of memorial gates erected in his honour at the entrance to the Bridgetown showground.

Blechynden's two unmarried sisters continued to live at Bridgedale, Amy, until she died in 1938, and May, who sold the property (for 2000 pounds) in 1950.

At that time, the house had been converted into two flats.

By the mid-1960s, the building had deteriorated so badly it was due for demolition.

Then a Bridgetown schoolboy — Jeffrey Hollands — suggested it be rescued and renovated.

The community began fund-raising, helped by contributions from Blechynden descendants.

In February 1971, Nicholas Blechynden, a grandson of the original owner, officially presented the title deeds of Bridgedale to the National Trust.

Three years later, and furnished with pieces donated from a variety of sources including members of the Blechynden family, the partly-restored house was opened to the public.

Today it stands as a gracious reminder of the vision, determination and hard work of John Blechynden and the other pioneering settlers of the Blackwood district.

Bridgedale is open Thursday to Monday from 10am to 4pm.

Tomorrow's Blackwood Rhapsody concert, which starts at 5pm, will be headlined by The Sensitive New Age Cowpersons and the Kalamunda Youth Swing Band.

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According to an obituary after Blechynden's death in 1900 "he was noted for his geniality and hospitality, his house in the early days being seldom without some weary worn traveller receiving shelter and food."

The Blechynden's eldest son John William was also the first white child born in the district; he also became a prominent citizen and served on the local council for a record - 35 years.

When John William who had remained a bachelor, died in 1931, his cortege "was quite half a mile long", reports said.

Within months of his death, local people had contributed to the cost of memorial gates erected in his honour at the entrance the Bridgetown's show ground.

Blechynden's, two unmarried sisters, continued to live at Bridgedale. Amy, until she died in 1938 and May, who sold the property for (2000 pounds) in 1950.

At that time the house had been converted into two flats.

By the mid-1960s the building had deteriorated so badly it was due for demolition.

*Then a Bridgetown schoolboy – **Jeffrey Hollands** – suggested it be rescued and renovated.*

The community began fund raising, helped by contributions from Blechynden descendants.

In February 1971, Nicholas Blechynden, a grandson of the original owner, officially presented the title deeds of Bridgedale to the National trust.

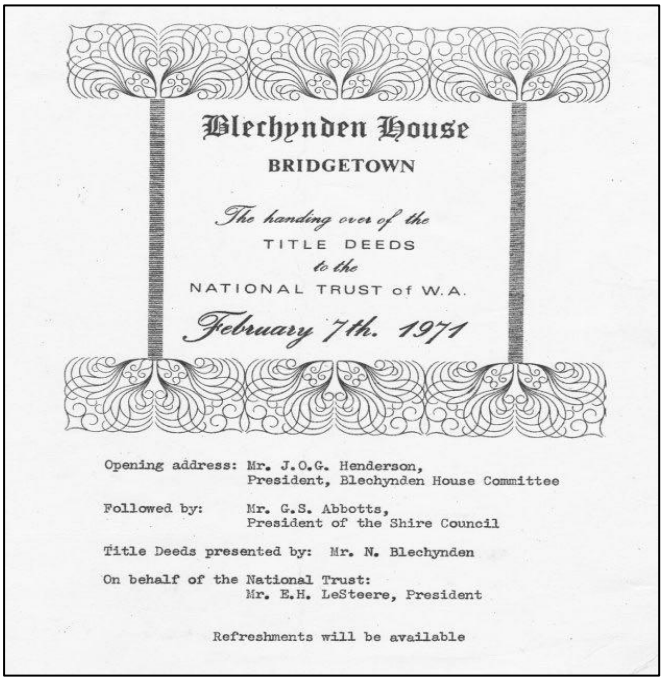
Three years later and furnished with pieces donated from a variety of sources including members of the Blechynden family, the partly restored house was opened to the public.

Today it stands, as a gracious reminder of the vision, determination and hard work of John Blechynden and the other pioneering settlers of the Blackwood District . . .

Note: Shortly after this was written, 'Bridgedale' was no longer open to the public. More details to follow.

Nicholas Blechynden was the sixth son of Alfred and May Ellen Blechynden (Bovell), grandson of John Blechynden and Elizabeth Green.

HANDING OVER OF THE DEEDS OF THE HOUSE TO THE NATIONAL TRUST OF WA, 7 FEB 1971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Blechyndens at Blechynden House, Bridgetown: 7 Feb 1971:
Handing over of the Deeds of the house to the National Trust of W.A.

The black and white photo is of only a few of those gathered there that day. Impossible to name them all.

Bruce Blechynden far left 2nd row; Reuben Blechynden 4th from left in 2nd row (in sunglasses); Reuben's daughter Jill Feutrill (nee Blechynden) next to Reuben (& holding her daughter; two of Jill's sons are at front) Gladys Chapman (nee Blechynden (possibly Lila Pearce (nee Blechynden), wearing hat) is extreme right, second row between tall man and seated woman in a white hat (maybe Audrey)? (Dorothy Blechynden (nee Munyard), Reub's wife), is in a hat just behind Bruce's right shoulder and Lou Doust is at far right in the back row. The woman standing on Jill's left in second row is possibly Ellen (Blechynden) Lee Steere). The man behind Jill and her father, Allen Chapman, Lou Doust holding a child behind the seated woman wearing a hat.

HANDING OVER OF THE DEEDS OF THE HOUSE TO THE NATIONAL TRUST OF W.A. 7 FEB 1971

TRUST GIVEN HOUSE DEEDS

BRIDGETOWN: Nearly 200 people, including about 50 members of the Blechynden family watched the National Trust presented with the title deeds of the historic Blechynden House at Bridgetown on Sunday.

The deeds were handed over to trust president E. H. Lee-Steere by Mr Nick Blechynden, of Bridgetown, on behalf of the Blechynden House Committee.

It had been intended that Mrs Gertrude Brierley (76), the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Alfred Blechynden, should hand over the deeds.

Mrs Brierley was born and lived her early years in Blechynden House. She was unable to attend the ceremony because of ill health and her brother Nick Blechynden was asked to take her place.

Blechynden House Committee president Graham Henderson said that Miss V. M. Knowles of the

lities and had suggested that it should be bought and renovated as a monument to the district's early settlers.

A committee, under the chairmanship of Mr Henderson was formed in November 1969, and the purchase money $2500 had been raised in eight months. The house had cost $2000 and an extra block of land $500.

The money had been raised by the committee with the help of local organisations. Donations had come from members

Three secretaries had worked with him on the project.

Shire clerk Eric Molyneux, his first secretary, had had to resign because of the work caused by the amalgamation of the shire with Greenbushes.

Mrs B. Horrell, his next secretary, had resigned to go "walkabout in Australia". Mrs M. Waddington was the current secretary.

He thanked them all for the work they had done.

The National Trust had promised to supervise the restoration of the house. The original committee would become the Blechynden House Restoration Committee to raise funds to restore the house to its original state.

He said that the National Trust needed members and that any contributions to the trust of $2 or more for the renovations would be eligible for tax deduction.

Shire president Cr Guy Abbotts said that the town had been lucky to get such a dedicated committee to organise the appeal. The response to the appeal had been tremendous and the necessary money had been collected in just over 12 months.

Blechynden House was

the project was comple ed it would be a defini tourist attraction for th town.

He said the council wa planning major improv ments to the carava park to help in the dev lopment of the distri as a tourist centre.

Mr Reuben Blechynde of Busselton, said th house had been built bricks made on the sp after Mr John Blechy den had selected the lar in 1854.

Mr Nick Blechynd then handed over th deeds to Mr Lee Steer He said that it was ve satisfying to see the i terest of local people their history and histo cal buildings.

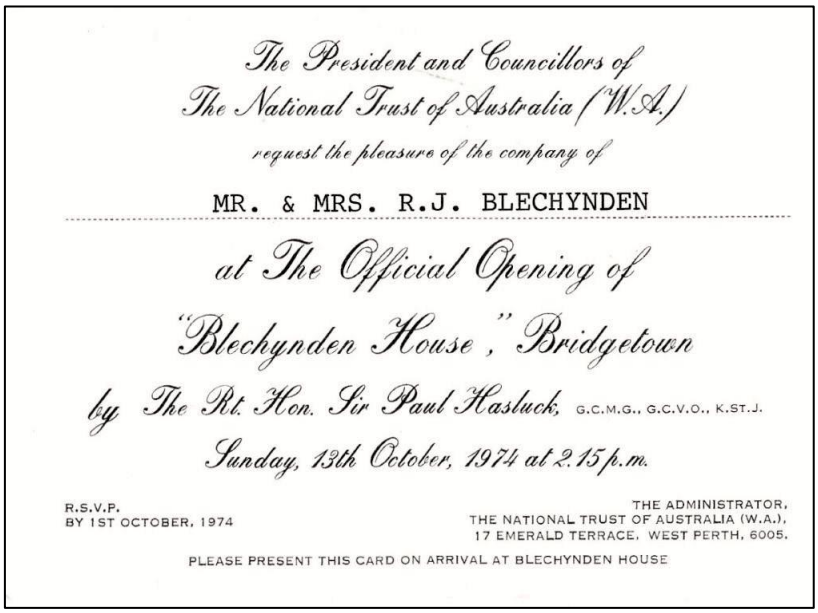
The committee ha done remarkable work raising the necessa money to buy the pr perty and enable th building to be preserve

The trust was donatir $1000 towards the rest ration. Miss V. M. Kno les, a member of th trust said Bridgetow was the first district donate a historical buil ing to the trust. It wa a commendable effort.

The rehabilitation the house will be do under the guidance a advice of the trust architects. When co pleted the house will furnished with peri furniture, as it was wh

The Official Opening of Blechynden House, Bridgetown, 13 Oct 1974.

R.J. Blechynden (Reuben) extreme right front, his wife D.H. Blechynden next to him in red jacket, Bruce Blechynden between them at back; Alice Horne (née Blechynden) is second from left in front row(blue coat);Mollie Blechynden (nee Tulip) next in pink dress, white hat, her husband Nick behind slightly to the left; Rita Blechynden (of Beverley) centre row behind Molly Blechynden; Joan Blechynden (nee Marshall) is next to and slightly behind Molly, Joan's husband R.A. Blechynden (Ray) is second extreme left back row behind woman in long blue coat.



The President and Councillors of
The National Trust of Australia (W.A.)
request the pleasure of the company of
MR. & MRS. R.J. BLECHYNDEN
at The Official Opening of
"Blechynden House", Bridgetown
by The Rt. Hon. Sir Paul Hasluck, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.ST.J.
Sunday, 13th October, 1974 at 2.15 p.m.

R.S.V.P.
BY 1ST OCTOBER, 1974

THE ADMINISTRATOR,
THE NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (W.A.),
17 EMERALD TERRACE, WEST PERTH, 6005.

PLEASE PRESENT THIS CARD ON ARRIVAL AT BLECHYNDEN HOUSE

Personal invitation to Mr. & Mrs. R. J. Blechynden

BLECHYNDEN HOUSE - BRIDGEDALE - NATIONAL TRUST- 1974

Ceremony of the Opening of Blechynden House, Bridgetown, 13 Oct 1974 by Sir Paul Hasluck.
R.J. Blechynden extreme right front, his wife Dorothy (nee Munyard) Blechynden beside him but obscured, Lesley (nee Pearce) Doust centre in blue costume her husband Lou Doust beside her.

'Bridgedale' opened at Bridgetown

BRIDGETOWN: "It's unfortunate that there has to be a need for the National Trust in order to preserve Australia's heritage," said Governor General, Sir Paul Hasluck, at the official opening of "Bridgedale", the Blechynden House on Sunday.

Sir Paul said that pioneer buildings should automatically be kept in good order for remembrance of past days. "This was not being done," he said.

Sir Paul said that Bridgetown was part of the unspoilt beauty of the countryside. However, he pointed out that the word "unspoilt" should not have to be placed before "beauty" as though spoiling was the customary thing Australians do.

"I am not against progress, but as intelligent people we should make progress instead of creating a mess," he said.

"This is the fifth home to be opened by National Trust and the trust is constantly adding to its credit."

"Bridgedale" would provide a constant lesson to future generations, he said.

Sir Paul said that the local community should be praised for bringing the home to the stage it is today.

"Bridgedale" is the oldest house in Bridgetown and is on the east bank of the Blackwood River.

The Bridgetown community raised $2500 to buy the home for the National Trust and in doing so Bridgetown became the only place where a home was purchased and given to the trust as a gift.

"Bridgedale" was the home of the first settler in Bridgetown, John Blechynden.

It was built for him by an itinerant worker in 1862.

2 WARREN-BLACKWOOD TIMES, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1974.

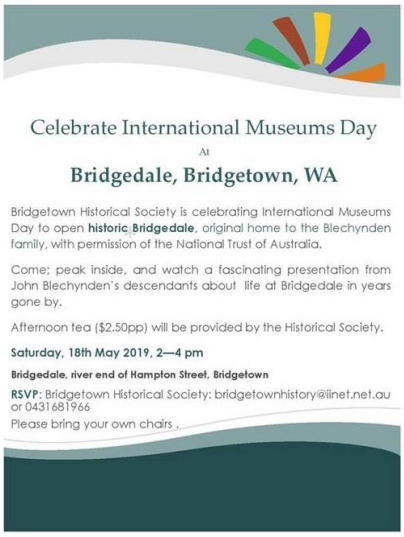
This was the scene at the opening of "Bridgedale" at Bridgetown on Sunday. Picture by Bill Kent, Yornup.

1994: Western Australian and New Zealand Blechynden descendants, Bridgedale: Ken Blechynden, Jill Blechynden from New Zealand and Ken's mother Joan Blechynden (wife of Ray Blechynden). Photo courtesy Ken Blechynden. Shingles in between the two periods when there was a tin roof.

Following 'Bridgedale' being handed over to the National Trust, a group of interested persons were organised to man a roster to open the property on weekends and on requested pre-arranged occasions from the Visitors Centre. Bridgedale was opened regularly for about three years but gradually the number of volunteers fell away. Upon opening and for several years the property had a series of resident caretakers / guides living in the adjacent cottage. With the departure of the last of these, the property remained closed for a considerable time. All items on display were removed to be filed and stored in Perth.

BRIDGEDALE OPEN DAY, 18 MAY 2019

An open afternoon at 'Bridgedale' was held on 18 May 2019 to celebrate "International Museums Day". It was organised and hosted by Mary Elgar and the members of the Bridgetown Historical Society. Dianne Black (nee Pearce), Ken Blechynden and Jill Feutrill (nee Blechynden) presented a slide show and display on the history of 'Bridgedale'. Over 60 family members attended and enjoyed the afternoon tea put on by the Bridgetown Historical Society members.


Celebrate International Museums Day

At

Bridgedale, Bridgetown, WA

Bridgetown Historical Society is celebrating International Museums Day to open **historic Bridgedale**, original home to the Blechynden family, with permission of the National Trust of Australia.

Come; peak inside, and watch a fascinating presentation from John Blechynden's descendants about life at Bridgedale in years gone by.

Afternoon tea ($2.50pp) will be provided by the Historical Society.

Saturday, 18th May 2019, 2—4 pm

Bridgedale, river end of Hampton Street, Bridgetown

RSVP: Bridgetown Historical Society: bridgetownhistory@iinet.net.au or 0431681966

Please bring your own chairs .

Via Mary Elgar, Bridgetown Historical Society:
The Afternoon Tea with the Blechyndens at Bridgedale this afternoon was a huge success. We had over 60 people attend, Bridgetown Historical Society raised over $400 (towards the upgrade of display posters in the Police Station Museum) and the huge Blechynden family got a chance to learn about their descendants and have a good old-fashioned gossip out on the verandah of Bridgedale.
So, a HUGE thank you to everyone who came, and who enjoyed the delicious cakes and slices made by BHS members and who recognised the importance of maintaining historical houses for the general public.

Open Day 'Bridgedale' to the public, 18 May 2019: Mary Elgar, Bridgetown Historical Society, Dianne Black (nee Pearce), Ken Blechynden and Jill Feutrill (nee Blechynden), 'Bridgedale' in the background.

Photographic display by Jill Feutrill (nee Blechynden)

Via Mary Elgar, Bridgetown Historical Society, Sep 2020:

Bridgedale is now leased to Tender Care, a mental health group who run days activities for those in need of support. They've done a wonderful job of tidying up the garden and it looks really cared for at last. We went up to Perth on Tuesday to collect all the items from Bridgedale that couldn't be provenanced to the Blechynden or Rose families and now have some wonderful items to display in the Museum.

NATIONAL TRUST WA - NEW HOME FOR TENDER CARE
https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/news/new-home-for-tender-care/
News WA - 15 APR 2020 - Media Release

NEW HOME FOR TENDER CARE

Bridgedale, a historically significant property in Bridgetown that is managed by the National Trust of Western Australia, will be the new home of Tender Care, a West Australian charity focused on community mental health. With the upgrade works now completed, the National Trust and Tender Care are looking forward to beginning this new chapter in the property's history.

Established in 1859, Bridgedale is an early settlement house surrounded by gardens on the banks of the Blackwood River in Bridgetown. This culturally significant property is held in high regard by the community and general public for its close association with the Blechynden family, farming pioneers who were influential in the settlement and development of the Bridgetown district.

After advertising expressions of interest to lease the property in 2018, the National Trust received a proposal from mental health support organisation, Tender Care, West Australian charity and public benevolent institution that has been providing non-clinical community mental health (psychosocial) services for a quarter of a century.

Recognising the important services provided by Tender Care to the community, the National Trust began working with the local shire to change the use of the site from residential to commercial. A change of use meant that conservation works and upgrades had to be made to the site, including universal access throughout and the installation of a new bathroom and kitchenette.

Chief Executive Officer of the National Trust of WA, Julian Donaldson said "Tender Care provide important services to the community and we were thrilled to work with them to protect the heritage values of Bridgedale while facilitating a new commercial use for the property."

With the new use approved by the Shire, upgrade works completed and the lease signed, Tender Care intends to move into the property and begin operations in May.

Executive Director of Tender Care, Lloyd Achard said "We are excited to work with the National Trust and have negotiated a tenancy that is economically viable for both organisations."

"Basing our South West operations out of a property with a long history and strong connections speaks to our philosophy of providing sustainable non-clinical community mental health support. We are looking forward to working with the Mental Health Commission of WA, the NDIS and with the local community in providing some much-needed services to the region."

The National Trust of WA took over management of Bridgedale in 1971. It was classified by the National Trust in 1997 and included on the State Register of Heritage Places in March 1997 (00241).

Bridgedale 2023

Via Liz Blechynden, 2 Aug 2020: *We called into Bridgedale and were welcomed by Vince who was doing the gardening. He couldn't have been more helpful and showed us around to see what they're doing now. It was all very tidy and lovely to see that it's being well used and cared for.*

SEVEN BRIDGES: MARY ELGAR, BRIDGETOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

"I am interested in correcting the history of the bridges in Bridgetown!!! There has been lots of misinformation spread around, so I wrote the article on Bridgetown's Bridges to try and clarify where they all were and what are still showing remnants."

BRIDGETOWN'S BRIDGES 1862 – 2019

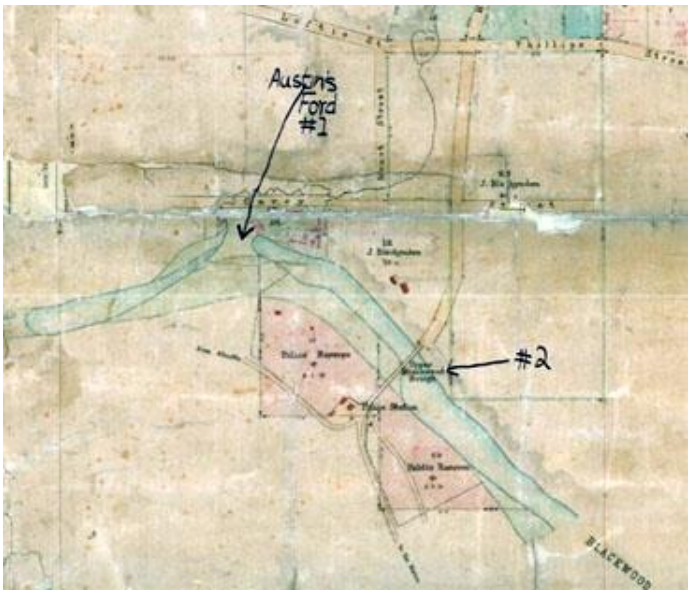
Bridgetown has had a total of seven bridges across the Blackwood River (Goorbilyup): five road bridges and two rail bridges. There is confusion surrounding the dates and locations of these bridges and this research will clarify the details.

Bridge #1: A wooden construction, under the management of W. Forrest (father of Lord Forrest), was built early in 1862 adjacent to the mouth of Geegelup Brook where it enters Blackwood River at Austin's Ford (a low water). The tender cost was £380.

Mr Keith Walter (oral history OH8): The first bridge in Bridgetown was never completed, it was down by Ford House, I think there are one or two of the old piles still there. But the first winter flood came up before it was finished, all the piles were out of sight under the flood, they didn't realise the river came up so high.

In July that year, before the bridge was completed, there was torrential rain over the Blackwood catchment area and the majority of the bridge was washed away before it could be used. The Perth Gazette (8 Aug 1862) reports that the bridge was submerged 12 feet, allowing floating trees and other debris to pass over without obstruction. Mr Forrest was to be compensated for the loss. Mr Joseph Smith was the foreman for the bridge construction, having come to Bridgetown as a ticket-of-leave man for that job.

It was reported in the Southern Times, 25 Oct 1900, that Inspector Withers had been to Bridgetown collecting specimens for the government of the timber from Bridge #1. So, the timbers were still evident nearly 40 years after Bridge #1 collapsed.

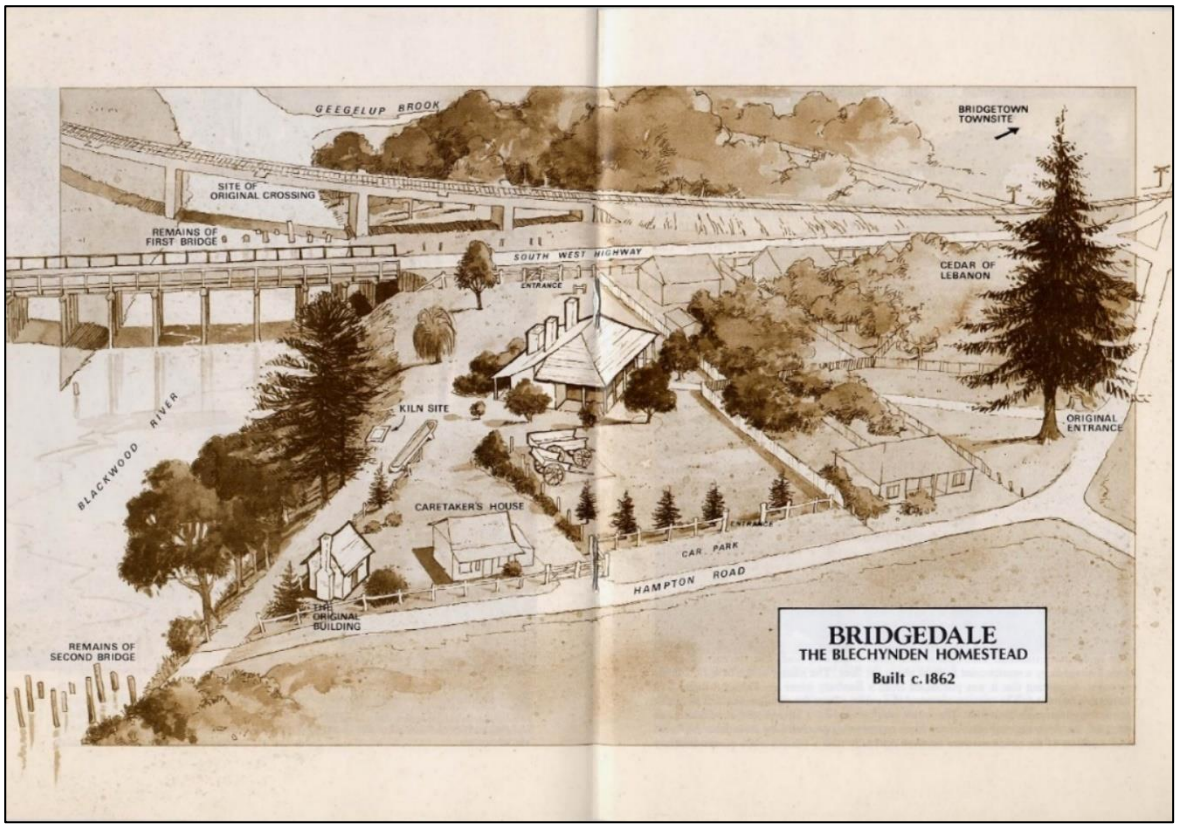


Location of Bridge #1 in 1862 where Geegelup Brook enters Blackwood River at Austin's Ford. Bridge #2 upstream of Blechynden's house. SRO Cons3868 Item 040 (image lightened in Photoshop)

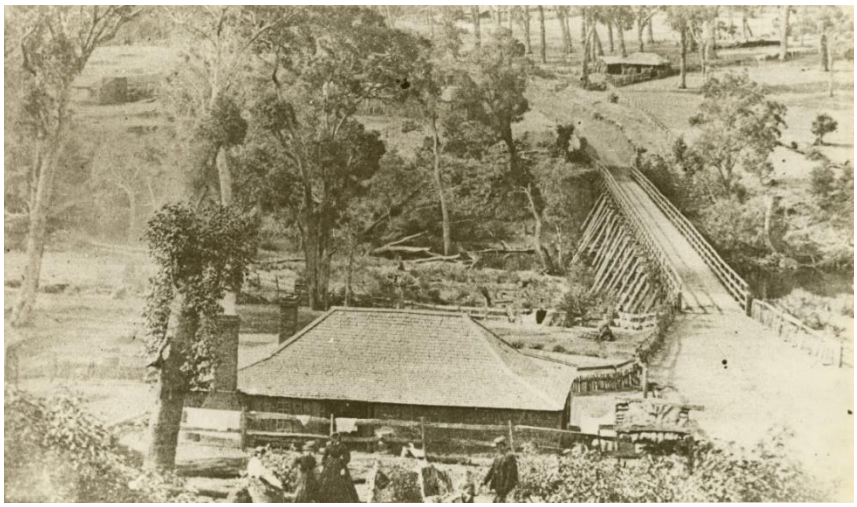
When Bridgedale, the oldest building in Bridgetown, was handed to the National Trust, c.1974, a booklet was produced telling the history of the building. It included a beautiful sketch of Bridgedale as it sat in relation to the river, drawn by the artist R.H. Shardlow. Further research has shown several inaccuracies in the sketch relating to the bridges:

1. *Remains of first bridge* – these are the remains of the first railway bridge built 1898.
2. *Site of original crossing* – the crossing was approximately 100 m further downstream, adjacent to the mouth of Geegelup Brook, which enters the Blackwood River (Goorbilyup) at Austin's Ford.

3. *Remains of second bridge* – these are the remains of the third bridge built 1888. (The timber remains of bridge #2 c.1862 were burnt, date unknown. There is a photo showing Bridge #2 and #3 together c.1936.)



Bridge #2: Following the disastrous collapse of Bridge # 1, work immediately commenced on Bridge # 2 further upstream mid-1862. According to a letter from Mr G. W. Hester1, it took over 18 months to complete. However, this is incorrect because the wooden bridge was completed by 1862, connecting the end of Hampton Street with the original Geegelup Police Station on the south-western side of the bridge. This view, BHS 10-490, looking north towards Bridgetown c. 1868. M C Moulton and his family can be seen in the garden of the police station.



Bridge #2 – BHS10-490

In 1864 Mr George Blechynden was awarded a tender contract to construct an additional hand railing for Bridge #2 for £10 10s

Mr Keith Walter - Oral History (OH8)

So, they abandoned that [Bridge #1] and they put one [Bridge #2] just from the end of Hampton Street at an angle across to [the first police station] the Doctor's house. But they found that it was no good because the contractor didn't drive the piles in, he couldn't, it was solid rock and when anybody walked on it, it swayed. So, then they had to build the one [Bridge #3] that was there when they built this bridge [Bridge #4] and they burnt that [Bridge #2] out of the river.

Interviewer (Sue and Greg Robinson)
Did you see it being burnt?
Mr Keith Walter
No, I didn't see it. I think the Main Roads Board just burnt it out. It might have been the local people. But it wasn't safe for anybody to go over, that's why they burnt it. To stop people going over it and using it.

Note: from Appendix A OH82

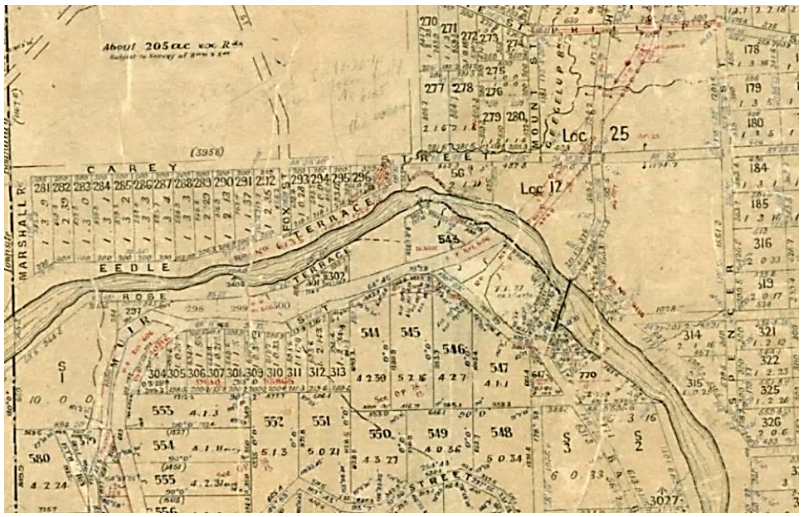
Mrs Jean Rushton's g-grandfather, Joseph [Henry] Smith was the foreman for the bridge built over the Blackwood in 1862 … The third bridge in 1888 also has close Smith family links as its commencement was marked by a ceremony whereby Eliza Smith (Joseph's wife) and Mrs John Blechynden each in turn pulled a rope which released the 'monkey' used to hammer in the piles. They continued to assist by supplying the workers with morning and afternoon teas.

News and Notes. The West Australian, 24 Dec 1937

Oral History OH8, Mrs Bessie Moyes and Mr Keith Walter, 1975

Bridge #3: Built by G.W. Floyd of Bunbury in 1888, employing Joseph Smith as foreman, and adjacent to Bridge #2 (known as the footbridge), but skewed slightly to the south-east. Cost was £997. The timber was pit sawn or hewed. All the iron bolts were made on site. The bridge was re-planked in 1914. The West Australian reported in March 1916 that '… the bridge should, with reasonable care and upkeep, be safe for all traffic for several years to come.'

Looking south to Manjimup. Bridge #2 veering right (but blocked to vehicles), Bridge #3 veering left. Presumably, Riverwood House in background, built on site of old police station c.1896/7. BHS 95-948



Location of Bridges #2 & #3 at the end of Hampton Street. Black line refers to Bridge #3. SRO Cons3868 item 045

Bridge #3 was widened in the centre early in the 20th century, to allow vehicles to pass. Bridge #2 had been demolished, although a stack of wooden planks lies on the bank in this photo below, BHS 95-133. In 1919, the Bridgetown Road Board agreed to call for tenders for the purchase of the timber from Bridge #2.

Riverwood house is behind the trees, built 1896/7 for Dr Dickinson, the first resident doctor for Bridgetown.

Bridge #3. BHS 95-133.
View looking south.

Bridge #4: Built in 1936 under management from the Main Roads Department, at which time the South West Highway was realigned to its current position, being a continuation of Hampton Street at the junction of Carey Street, crossing the river downstream of Bridgedale. This was the first of the bridges to use milled timber as opposed to broad axed timber.

From *The Blackwood Times*, 24 Sep 1948:
In 1948, Mr and Mrs Percy Wright had a narrow escape from serious injury when their car ran through the railing of the bridge over the Blackwood River. The car remained suspended over the bridge deck until pulled clear by Mr Davidson's truck. Both occupants were badly shaken but otherwise unhurt.

Bridge #4 was widened in 1966 to 6.9m to cope with increasing traffic

Bridges #4 (blocked off to vehicles) & #5 c.1981.
BHS collection not accessioned

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Bridge #5: Built in 1980/81 by the Main Roads Department's Bunbury division at a cost of $320,000. The bridge is 127.5m long with 17 spans and is the longest road bridge in the South West. Overall, 128 piles and 170 stringers were required. The piles vary in length between 6.5m and 17.5m. The stringers are all 7.5m long. The timber is all Jarrah, sourced from Pemberton. The bridge was officially opened on 16 Apr 1981 by the Hon. E.C. Rushton, MLA, Minister for Transport

Town of the bridge gets a new one

LONGEST S-W BRIDGE COSTS $320,000

The Blackwood Times, 24 Apr 1981

References: *Trove*, *Crossing the Blackwood leaflet* by Main Roads WA, *Blackwood Times*

Courtesy Mary Elgar, Chairperson, Bridgetown Historical Society
28 May 2019

JOSEPH SMITH – SEVEN BRIDGES – by Mary Elgar.

This article gives an idea of Joseph Smith and his work on buildings in Bridgetown over many years.

inHerit:
http://inherit.stateheritage.wa.gov.au/Public/Inventory/Details/fd20a89d-83b4-4afa-8d19-c02e0c3e31bb
The Terminus Hotel (former) was built in 1894 by Joseph Smith as a home, general store and boarding house. It was of a typical Victorian Georgian style, constructed of hand-made bricks from local clay. Joseph Smith was an ex-convict and pioneer of Bridgetown, and became an active community member. As a builder and carpenter, prior to becoming a shopkeeper, he also constructed numerous other local buildings. In January 1898 Joseph Smith moved to a new home and leased the building out. It was converted into a hotel (1898) to maximise its position close to the new railway station and terminus of the Donnybrook-Bridgetown line, which opened later that year. Joseph Smith's son Jack Smith owned and operated the hotel from 1912-1922 before entering a political career. . .

The Bridgetown Smiths at this time do not appear to be related to the Blechynden family. The wedding articles following paint a picture of the support and friendship that has developed between families growing up, going to school and working together in Bridgetown.

In the Seven Bridges article by Mary Elgar, there are several excerpts on Joseph Smith. There is a colourful mention of a ceremony in which his wife Eliza Smith and Mrs John Blechynden, participated.

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Main Roads. Courtesy Marilyn St Clair
https://www.facebook.com/MainRoadsWesternAustralia/

Bridge construction over Blackwood River in Bridgetown back in 1887

Cropped version of the people in the bridge construction photo. Joseph Henry Smith quite likely the person in the foreground.

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES SHOW HOW JOSEPH SMITH AND HIS FAMILY FORMED A FRIENDSHIP WITH THE BLECHYNDEN FAMILY

The weddings between Kate Smith and William McLean and Ethel Smith and George Payne, together with photos, show that members of the Blechynden family warmly took part. The brides were both daughters of Joseph Smith and Eliza Smith (nee Cain).

Blackwood Times (Greenbushes, WA: 1905 - 1955), Fri 18 Jun 1920, pg 3
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Obituary.

JOSEPH SMITH

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The function at the house was a most pleasant one, everyone being in happy mood. A number of toasts were proposed and honoured with enthusiasm.

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Mr. J. McLean, cheque, handsome silverware and afternoon tea set.
Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, water jug and glasses.
Mr. and Mrs. Moulton, fruit plates and candlestick.
Mr. and Mrs, Maslin, glass dishes.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Doust, painted picture.
***Miss Blechynden** (two) flower ornaments.*
Mr. and Mrs. S. Moulton, china tea set.
Mrs. Bovell, lamp and vases. Mrs. Kingsborough, picture.
Mrs. Ausden, glass butter dish.
Mr. and Mrs. C. McAlinden, afternoon tea spoons and butter knife.
Mr. and Mrs. Dakin silver tea pot and table centre.
Dr. and Mrs. Dean, cheque.
*Mr. and Mrs. **Alf. Blechynden**, clothes basket,*
Mr. and Mrs. Allnutt, deck chairs. Miss Layman, occasional table.
***Master A. Blechynden**, salt barrel.*
Mr. J. Muir, cheque.
Miss Maslin, glassware.
Mr. and Mrs, Fogarty, cheque.
Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, silver jam dish.
Master Jack Smith, jewel box.
Miss Murnane, pickle jar.
Mr. Gunn, silver breakfast cruet.
Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Smith, silver jam dish.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Rutherford, manicure set.
Mr. and Mrs. W. Crowd, water jug and glasses.
Rev. Mr. Devlin, Bible.
Miss Elsie Henry, table cover.
Mr. and Mrs. Reid, serviette rings and d'oyleys.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Mance, silver plated bread platter.
Mr. and Mrs. F. McAlinden, glass salad bowl.
Mr. and Mrs. W. Sullivan, point ace tea cosy.
Mr. and Mrs. Bolton, silver jam I spoon and butter knife.
Mr; and Mrs. Hart, hearth rug.
Mr. W. Meares, lamp and glass ware.
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith, silver egg cruet.
Mr. and Mr a. T. Wheatley, silver butter dish.
Mr. H. Baker, bedroom clock.
Sirs. Ellis, pair photo frames.
Mr. D. Bovell, bread platter and knife.
Mr. and Mrs. Stazicker, table centres.
Mr. and Mrs. Scott, jardinieres.
Mr. and Mrs. Moriarty, silver jam dish.
Mr. and Mrs. Moulton, book.
Mr. H. Hurst, silver butter dish, butter knife and jam spoon.
Miss Henry, sauce bottles.
***Misses H. and C. Blechynden,** silver dinner cruet.*
Mr. and Miss Ellis, glass vases and cake dish.
Mr. and Mrs. Portwood, pair cake dishes.
Master Frank Ellis, salt barrel.
Master Collins Smith, salt barrel.
Miss Rossiter, silver bread fork.
Mr. and Mrs. Ward; silver butter dish.
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Mr. and Mrs. Wheatley, afternoon tea set;
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Stanley, cups and saucers.
Mr. and Miss Awcock, silver fruit knives and forks.
Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Williams, table centres.
***Mr. and Mrs. H. Doust,** sweet dishes.*
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Doust, silver jam dish.
Mr. and Mrs. B. Garcia, silver salt dishes.
Mr. and Mrs. Haines, tray cloth.
Mr. J. McAlinden, jam dish.
***Miss Doust**, pair vases.*
Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, cheque.
Mr. C. R. Doust, silver mounted jam dish.
Mr. and Mrs. T- E. Smith, toilet set.
***Miss Ethel Smith**, fancy work.*
***Miss Ada Smith**, fancy work.*
Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wood, cheque.
Mr. and Mrs." Barnes, ornamenting cake.
Mr. and Mrs. T. O'Neil, glass dishes.
Mr. and Mrs. F.. Cain, cheque.

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Wedding Photo
Ethel Smith and George Payne, 1910

L-R: Back row: *Mabel Maslin,* ***C. Blechynden****, Harry Hurst, Rev. Devlin*

L-R: Front row: *Joseph Smith, George Payne, Ethel Smith, Ada Smith and Eliza Smith.*

Courtesy Marilyn St Claire

Ethel Smith and George Payne, wedding group 1910
taken at side of 'Belvedere', Bridgetown

Members of the Blechynden family pictured in this group photo:

Back row (standing) from left:- **Amy Blechynden** (bridesmaid to Tom and Rachel, never married), Katherine McLean, Bertha Tidy holding Gwen, Jessie Smith, Rachel Smith holding Dorrie, Jack Smith holding Jean, Mary Smith, **Joseph Smith** (seated), **Eliza Smith** (seated), Mabel Maslin and Eileen Murname behind Eliza, Cyril Hurst, **George Payne** (groom, seated), **John Blechynden** and Bert Stewart behind George Payne, Claude Moir (behind bride), **Ethel Smith** (bride), **Bob Blechynden**, **Ada Smith** (bridesmaid), **May Blechynden (bridesmaid,** never married), **Mary Ellen Blechynden** (seated,) Rev Devlin and Tom Smith behind Mary Ellen, **Alf Blechynden**
Front row (seated) from left: - Bob Tidy (Tom's nephew), William McLean, Anthony Kilkar Smith, Richard Kilkar Smith, Gladys Eliza Ann Smith, Hilda Alice Smith, Linda Ethel Smith, Pearl Sylvia Smith, Colin Smith (died from Diphtheria age approx 2), Jack Stewart, Robert Leigh Smith, Henry Joseph Smith Photo. Courtesy Marilyn St Claire.

The following article gives some idea as to how the new town of Bridgetown had progressed by 1888. It was now a bustling thriving country town.

***Southern Advertiser* (Bunbury, WA: 1888), Tue 19 Jun 1888, pg 7**
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BRIDGETOWN AGRICULTURAL SHOW:

Note: There are many photos in articles recorded in *Trove* on the Bridgetown Show over many years featuring members of the Blechynden family. Too many to include here. This article among others featured six of the nine Blechynden brothers.

Western Mail (Perth, WA: 1885 - 1954), Thu 5 Dec 1929, pg 5
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The Bridgetown Agricultural Society held its 45th annual show on Nov 22. The Minister for Lands (Mr. M. F Troy) performed the opening ceremony. There were good entries of cattle, sheep, fruit and produce. . .

(4) Blechynden Brothers: Six of nine brothers who are all farmers in the district. From left to right: Messrs. J. W., J., A., E. C., H. E., and C. H. Blechynden.

Bridgetown Agricultural Society 45th Annual Show 22 Nov 1929 Six of the nine Blechynden Bothers: L-R: John William, James, Arthur, Ernest, Herbert, Clarence

Photo digitally coloured.

JOHN BLECHYNDEN and **ELIZABETH GREEN** had thirteen children as follows. More details on each can be found in their individual pages further on.

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2. GEORGE HARRISON BLECHYNDEN (1862-1937),
3. EDWIN BLECHYNDEN (1864-1936),
4. JAMES BLECHYNDEN (1866-1939),
5. CHARLOTTE JANE BLECHYNDEN (1868-1869),
6. ARTHUR BLECHYNDEN (1870-1941),
7. ALFRED BLECHYNDEN (1871-1941),
8. ERNEST CHARLES BLECHYNDEN (1873-1949),
9. HERBERT EDWARD (DUB) BLECHYNDEN (1875-1935),
10. AMY BLECHYNDEN (1877-1938),
11. CLARENCE HENRY (BOB) BLECHYNDEN (1879-1952),
12. MAY BLECHYNDEN (1881-1955), and
13. ADA JANE BLECHYNDEN (1883-1888).

FAMILY TREE OF JOHN BLECHYNDEN (1833-1900) AND ELIZABETH GREEN (1839-1891)

JOHN BLECHYNDEN (BRIDGETOWN)

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BLECHYNDEN

14/3/1833 - 4/10/1900

Born Perth, Buried Old Cemetry Beverley

MARRIED 23/2/1860
St Georges Cathedral
PERTH
to
ELIZABETH GREEN

8/6/1839 - 8/4/1891

Daughter of GEORGE GREEN & JANE BEACHAM

- JOHN WILLIAM
  12/5/1861 - 12/1/1931
  (UNMARRIED)
- GEORGE HARRISON 2/11/1862 - 30/8/1937
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  1/8/1864 - 31/1/1934
  (UNMARRIED)
- JAMES 29/5/1866 - 20/11/1939
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- CHARLOTTE JANE
  2/3/1868 - 17/6/1869 LIVED 15 MONTHS
- ARTHUR 2/4/1870 3/10/1941
  MARRIED 20/5/1891 TO CLARA AGNES CHAPMAN 30/11/1869 - 19/5/1961
- ALFRED 13/11/1871 19/1/1941
  MARRIED 21/8/1893 TO MARY-ELLEN BOVELL 1/3/1872 - 9/4/1946
- ERNEST CHARLES 13/7/1873 - 1/8/1949
  MARRIED 23/2/1909 TO AGNES MOORE 3/10/1880 - 1/4/1959
- HERBERT 5/1/1875 - 21/11/1935
  MARRIED ON 8/1/1913 TO ELLEN FRANCIS BATHURST
- AMY 17/3/1877 - 19/5/1938
  (UNMARRIED)
- CLARENCE HENRY 21/4/1879 - 23/2/1952
  (Bob) M. TO ELIZABETH FARRIS
- MAY 14/3/1881 - 17/10/1955
  (UNMARRIED)
- ADA 23/5/1883 - 2/1/1888
  LIVED 4 YEARS 7 MONTHS

FIRST CHILD OF JOHN BLECHYNDEN & ELIZABETH GREEN

1. BLECHYNDEN, JOHN WILLIAM (1861-1931)

John William Blechynden was born on 12 May 1861, registered in Perth, WA [Reg. 5816]. In his own words in a letter from him to John Blechynden from Shanghai, dated 24 Jan 1902, he wrote: "I am still living in the same house; 'Bridgedale', in which we were all born." He was the first child of thirteen to be born to John Blechynden (1833-1900) and Elizabeth Green (1839-1891). His grandfather Harrison Blechynden and grandmother, Charlotte Robus had emigrated from Kent in England to the new Swan River Colony, arriving on 20 Jan 1830. His father John Blechynden who was born in Perth in 1833 had lived in the district of Beverley on the farming property 'Babbyalla' from the age of about nine years.

John Blechynden and his son John William Blechynden

In 1854, John William's father, John Blechynden, walked to the Blackwood district at the age of 21, guided by friendly Aboriginals and was so impressed with what he saw that he acquired two pastoral leases along the Blackwood River, with an option to buy ten acres to build a residence. He was one of the first people to appreciate the possibilities of stock raising in the country. In 1857 John Blechynden purchased from The Crown for £10 a 10-acre freehold property. He built a one room hut in 1860 using bricks made from clay on the river and this was the dwelling until a permanent home was built at a later date after his marriage to Elizabeth Green.

John William Blechynden's parents John Blechynden and Elizabeth Green were married in Perth, WA, on 23rd Feb 1860. Following the wedding, John and Elizabeth spent their honeymoon travelling by bullock wagon from Perth to John's holding. Elizabeth found on arrival that conditions were harsh, primitive and that there were few facilities. A year later, while their home 'Bridgedale' was being built their first child, John William Blechynden was born. The home, named 'Bridgedale', was the first brick multi-roomed building in the region. John William Blechynden born in 1861 at 'Bridgedale' was claimed to be the first European born in Bridgetown.

By 1868, three more children had been added to the family: Edwin born 1864, James born 1866 and Charlotte in 1868. John William was intrigued with his cute little sister who won everyone's heart, toddling from one person to another. It was devastating for the family when she died in 1869 at the age of 15 months. John William at the age of seven years would have been very aware of his parents' distress at the funeral and his tiny sister's burial in the Bridgetown Cemetery.

By the time John was fifteen years of age, four more sons had been added to the family: Arthur was born in 1870, Alfred in 1871, Ernest in 1873 and Herbert in 1876. The family now totalled eight boys. It was a very busy household particularly on the frequent occasions when the house was full of visitors.

John William Blechynden, (written on back of photo).
Courtesy Jill Feutrill.

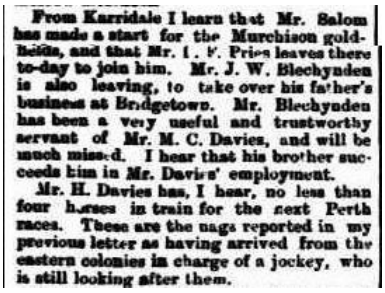
John, George, Edwin and perhaps James together with many of the local children were initially schooled at 'Bridgedale'. Bridgetown School was established on 1 Feb 1870, in Steere Street and rebuilt on the same site in 1898. As soon as they were old enough the boys were taught to ride. John William at a very early age, accompanied his father, learning farming skills as they worked on John's properties in the area.

Before long another four children were added to the family: Amy born 1877, Clarence Henry born 1879, May born 1881 and Ada born 1883. John William was aged 22 years when baby Ada was born. Sadly, Ada died in 1888 at the age of almost five years.

John William Blechynden would have been in shock when he received the news his mother Elizabeth had died on 8th Apr 1891 of a stroke. She was aged 51 years. His father John aged 58 years took it very hard. The family, with John William, the eldest, a month off his 30th birthday, and the youngest being May just 10 years were in mourning. It was a sad day for family and friends who attended the funeral. Elizabeth Blechynden was buried in the Bridgetown Cemetery.

The following article indicates that for some time John William had been working for Mr C M Davies at Karridale. It shows that in 1892 John William was leaving to take over his father's business. His brother also mentioned was most likely Ernest Charles, who later managed "Greenfields" for a time, (see further on).

Inquirer and Commercial News (Perth, WA: 1855 - 1901), Wed 2 Mar 1892, pg 6
02 Mar 1892 - OUR VASSE LETTER. (nla.gov.au)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Below are segments taken from an article about M C Davies, who John William Blechynden and one of his brothers had been working for at Karridale in 1892.

MAURICE COLEMAN DAVIES (1835 –1913) Australian timber merchant and pastoralist.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/M._C._Davies

Born in London, he emigrated to TAS with his family as a child, and later moved to Blackwood in the Victorian goldfields, then to Melbourne and Adelaide. He then relocated to WA, where he created the M. C. Davies Company, later the M. C. Davies Karri and Jarrah Timber Company,

Davies was involved in the difficult task of contracting for timber, and during this time he became interested in the large forests of jarrah and karri in Western Australia. In 1875, he applied for a lease of 1,920 acres (780 ha) of forest in Bunbury, and the following year was granted a licence to cut timber. He then erected two saw mills on the Collie River, which operated for eight years. . .

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numerous additional land purchases and licences. His business prospered, and he built numerous saw mills and over 100 kilometres (62 mi) of railway line, including the Flinders Bay Branch Railway, to cart the timber. Jetties were built to enable loading of ships in Hamelin and Flinders Bays, and the town of Karridale was established to house the hundreds of workers employed by Davies. Davies' business became so successful that by 1890 he was responsible for 32% of all timber exported from WA.

For a number of years, John William's father John Blechynden suffered from periods of ill-health and following one of these episodes, accompanied by his daughter Amy who acted as his nurse, went to stay at Beverley on 'Roesland', the property of his brother Charles Edwin Blechynden. Their mother Charlotte Blechynden, John William's grandmother, had previously passed away at 'Roesland', on 13 Sep 1889. A few weeks later the family received the news that their father John Blechynden had died at 'Roesland', on 11 Oct 1900 at the age of 67 years. This was a very sad time for everyone. The funeral was held at St Paul's Church, Edwards Crossing and he was buried at the cemetery there. A memorial headstone was laid next of that of Elizabeth in the Bridgetown Cemetery. John William, who was now aged 39 years, had loved and respected his father – the man who had shaped so much of his life. It was a large void to replace.

Shortly after his father's death, John William's brother Arthur married Clara Elizabeth Chapman. They were married by the Reverend J Brand on 20 May 1891 in the schoolroom which at that time was used for church services in Bridgetown. His brother Alfred Blechynden married Mary Ellen Bovell in 1893 in Greenbushes, followed by George Harrison Blechynden marrying Zela Matilda Gertrude Tyler in Condingup on 25 May 1896.The family remained close and 'Bridgedale' the centre to meet and keep in touch.

John William Blechynden being the eldest of a large family took on much responsibility. He never married having become the head of the family after the death of his father. John and his sisters Amy and May, who also remained single continued living at 'Bridgedale'. They all became very active members in most areas of the community. As the other brothers married and had children, Amy, May and John enjoyed spending much time with their nieces and nephews, who they adored.

John William worked hard and became a leading transport merchant. He had a number of teams on the roads from Boyanup and Donnybrook prior to the extension of the railway to Bridgetown.

John William Blechynden and his team of horses

The two segments from articles following show that John William Blechynden purchased a property named 'Greenfields' in the Boyup Brook District, which was managed for some time by his brother Ernest. Later John William purchased 'Glen Lea' in partnership with Mr Herbert Davies, son of Maurice Coleman Davies for whom he had worked for prior to taking over his father's business.

Manjimup Mail and Jardee-Pemberton-Northcliffe Press (WA: 1927 - 1950), Fri 16 Jan 1931, pg 1
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article250701816.txt

Obituary John William Blechynden

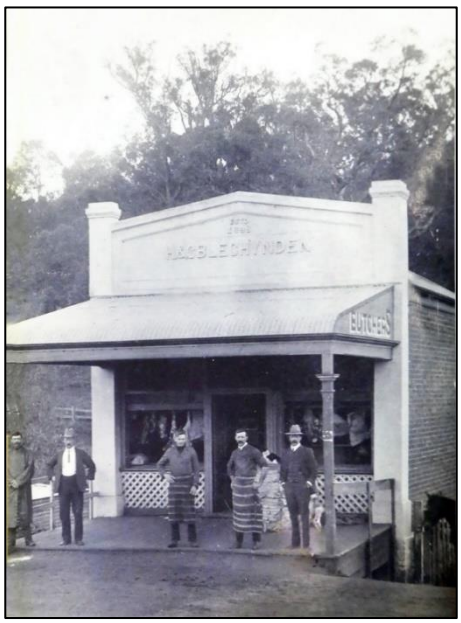
*He owned that fine property known as **"Greenfields"** in the Boyup Brook district which is now owned by Mr W. Lee Steere. He later purchased **"Glen Lea"** a valuable property on the banks of the*

Blackwood River eight miles from Bridgetown in partnership with the late Mr Herbert Davies. This property was disposed of after the war, to the Repatriation department.

Boyup Brook Bulletin (WA: 1930 - 1950), Thu 11 Aug 1949, pg 4
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article259311740.txt

Late Ernest Charles Blechynden
Before coming to the Upper Blackwood, he managed "Capeldene." the estate of the late Colonel Brazier, and it was while managing the -'Greenfields" estate near Boyup Brook he selected his property from virgin bush.

Another venture of John William was the setting up of a butchering business in Hampton Street, the business later being taken over by two of his brothers, Clarence and Herbert. More can be read about the Butcher shop in the chapters on Clarence and Herbert Blechynden.



Left: *Blechynden Butcher Shop, Bridgetown, People in front including, most probably, Clarence, Herbert and John Blechynden. Photo courtesy Greg Rees, current owner.*

Right: *The butcher shop was owned by Greg Rees who had a copy of the photo in the shop. The butcher business closed in 2023. The sign H.&C. BLECHYNDEN is still on the store.*

Work was progressing on his property 'Greenfields'. An article written in the Bunbury Herald spoke of improvements going on in fencing and the clearing of land in the area and of being shown two of the finest crops of potatoes grown in the colony. The correspondent spoke of a grand future for this district "when we have railway and telegraphic communication".

FINEST POTATOES: Bunbury Herald (WA: 1892 - 1919), Sat 15 Jun 1895, pg 3: https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article87102775.txt

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(From Our Correspondent.)
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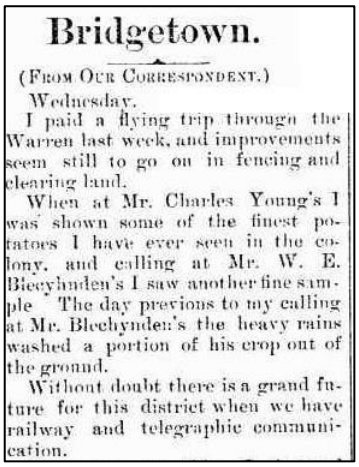

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As Bridgetown developed John William became involved in the formation of the Nelson Road Board and the Bridgetown Agricultural Society. He took place in most sporting activities in the area and particularly enjoyed cricket and horse racing. John William Blechynden attended many dances and balls and social activities held over the years.

John William Blechynden, photo via May's collection.
Photo taken in Kimberley, South Africa.

LETTERS

John William Blechynden and the family must have been excited and amazed when John William received an unexpected letter dated 14 Sep 1901, from a cousin also named John Blechynden, born in Northumberland, England, who was a son of Edward Blechynden. This John Blechynden, an engineer living in Shanghai at the time, was a nephew of George Blechynden who came to WA with his cousin Harrison Blechynden on the *Minstrel* in 1830.

The address in the letter from John Blechynden was given as Shanghai. Therein he wrote*: It was only by accident that I found out that there was another John Blechynden in the land of the living. A gentleman Mr. M Davies who was in Shanghai a short time ago from Karridale W.A. was introduced to me and when he heard my name said at once that you must have some relatives in W.A. and gave me your address and said he had known you for many years.*

The letter contained a lot of news about the family from England. *I was in the in the old country last year after an absence of 22 years (had to take a change on account of health). I spent some time in Kent. Uncle John is well (actually Harrison's father) and hearty and is now over 80 years of age, he is living with my two cousins Frederick and Chas Blechynden who are farming the Norward Farm in the Romney Marsh. I have just sent him a few boxes of cigars.*

Letter from John Blechynden of SHANGHAI to John William Blechynden of BRIDGETOWN, 14 Sep 1901

3 KUNGPING ROAD
SHANGHAI
CHINA 14/9/1901
My Dear Cousin,

I have no hesitation whatever in addressing you as above as Blechynden is by no means a common name and knowing that I had either one or two uncles who went to Australia in the early times I take it for granted that you are probably the son of Uncle George (actually grandson? of his (shanghai John's uncle Harrison). It was only by accident that I found out that there was another John Blechynden in the land of the living. A gentleman Mr. M Davies who was in Shanghai a short time ago from Karridale W.A. was introduced to me and when he heard my name said at once that you must have some relatives in W.A. and gave me your address and said he had known you for many years. Mr Davies is now in Japan and on his return he will stay with us for a few days.

(Myself) I am the son of Edward Blechynden who left Kent and went to the north of England, Northumberland, about 1830 or thereabouts, he married there. My father died 37 years ago at Mooler, Northumberland and my mother 13 years ago at Newcastle on Tyne. Our family was seven in number as follows: Elizabeth, Ann, Mary, George, Edward, John (myself) and Alfred. There are only three living now, Elizabeth now Mrs Inglis who is residing in Auckland NZ, Ann who is living in Newcastle on Tyne and of course myself.

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I was born in 1846 at Falstone Northumberland and along with my brother Alfred served our apprenticeship as engineers in Newcastle on Tyne. I left Newcastle first in 1867 and went to Egypt for about three years, then was in Russia for a short time, also at sea as engineer until 1873 when I went to Japan, was there until end of 1878 then went home, married (my first wife) and went out to New Zealand, 'Auckland Province' early in 1879, took a few thousand pounds with me, was running a saw mill, shipbuilding, farming etc and after a run of bad luck, lost practically all I had and left there in 1886 and returned to Japan, my wife with our three children, Alfred, Norah and Isabel, following me up a few months later. I intended proceeding to Victoria, British Colombia, but could not get my affairs in Japan settled up, so my wife with the children sailed for Victoria in the end of 1887. She had only been in Vic a few months when she took suddenly ill and died after a very short illness. I then thought it best to stay in Japan and had the children brought over to Kobe where I was then living (I was managing a large paper mill). I married again over 18 years ago and have four children by the second wife, Kathleen, Edith, Edgar and Edward. We have now been in Shanghai over eight years and have been managing a dry dock engineering and shipbuilding works, but have now started on my own account again, have made a little money, but not enough to retire on. All going well in 3 or 4 years time I should be in a position to retire, will go back to the colonies, no more old country for me. I was about 5 months at home last year and can safely say that out of the whole time there was only 5 weeks that was what one would call decent weather.

There are quite a lot of Blechynden nephews and nieces about N.C on Tyne. My brother George had five sons three of them married with families. My brother Alf who died about 4 years ago was engineering manager at ....row, had two sons and one daughter. One of the boys is dead but the eldest now about 19 years of age and his younger sister are now in Edinburgh with their mother who was left in comfortable circumstances. I stayed with them about 9 weeks last year. I shall be delighted to receive an answer to this letter and to know how things are using you in the sunny south. With my kindest regards to you and yours.

I am my dear Cousin,
Yours Truly,
John Blechynden

In a letter dated 24 Jan 1902, John William Blechynden wrote back to his cousin John, who was at that stage living in Shanghai. John Blechynden travelled all over the world. Places mentioned: England, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Japan and China. In 1919 he was residing in Nelson, New Zealand. John Blechynden died 8 Jan 1924, Nelson, New Zealand. Burial 9 Jan 1924, Nelson, New Zealand. More can be read about this John Blechynden and his family in the New Zealand chapter.

LETTER FROM JOHN WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN OF BRIDGETOWN TO HIS COUSIN, 24 JAN 1902

My Dear Cousin,

Having already heard of you through the Davis family I was not surprised at receiving your letter. Which came to hand on 14th Jan. I was exceedingly glad to get it to hear that one member of the family was doing well, not that I can growl myself, as I manage to make a comfortable living.

Before going into the matter, I shall set you right as to my pedigree. About 1829 or 1830 my grandfather Harrison Blechynden and his first cousin, George Blechynden came to this country from Kent with a Mr Brockman, my grandfather being engaged as a foreman for Mr Brockman on a farm. George was a wheel wright and carpenter. After the arrival my grandfather (Harrison Blechynden) married a shipmate named Charlotte Robus by whom he had seven sons and two daughters, namely John (my father), Henry, Sarah, Walter, Annie, Harrison, Edwin Jesse and Joseph all of who married and have large families, my father being the only one who is still not alive, having he died in Beverley where they were all born, in 1900 at the age of 67.

My Grandfather died in 1873 and my grandmother in 1889, while my own Mother died in 1891. George Blechynden, my Grandfather's cousin, remained a bachelor and died in Bridgetown about 12 years ago (1890) aged 84 years. All of my uncles except Walter live near Beverley, which is easily reached by train from here in one day. My uncle Walter lives about 30 miles south of Bridgetown and also has some property 10 miles from here, where his son Ben lives.

I have 8 brothers and 2 sisters living i. e. the eldest myself, John (41), George, Edwin, James, Arthur, Alfred, Ernest, Herbert, Amy, Clarence, Anne May (21). Two girls died when they were very young.

It would be impossible for me to give you a list of the children, of my uncles and aunts, but there must be about a hundred of the younger generation of Blechyndens in W.A. as you will see there is no fear of the family becoming extinct for the present. Although I myself am still a bachelor, three of my younger brothers are married with a family of four each so far, I am still living in the same house; 'Bridgedale', in which we were all born, and I hope to live here for many years yet.

My two sisters and two youngest brothers live with me, the latter assisting me with my business i. e. general dealing (stock particularly) butchering and

Auctioneering. Another brother, Ernest manages a farm station for me 'Greenfields' 20 miles north east of Bridgetown.

Till the opening of the railway (3 years ago), I also conducted a carrying business, conveying goods between Bridgetown and Donnybrook in 3 large waggons. With the carrying and the dealing, I did very well, as the carrying brought me in contact with all classes of the community. My three brothers and I managed the business.

Previous to starting my own account, I commenced at the age of 19 years, as a foreman of the 'Jayes' sheep station where I remained for 2 years, then I managed the Grange orchards for 4 years and left there for Karridale for M. C. Davis, this being my first acquaintance with the Davis family. I remained there for about 6 years until my mother died, when I returned here and took over my father's estate and started the carrying and other businesses.

Of my married brothers, George, is farming at Dinninup, Arthur is keeping a store in Bridgetown, Alfred is a Gov't Mail Contractor. Of the others, James is farming at Dinninup and Edwin works for a Mr. Hassell on a farm near Albany. As I said the younger ones work for me.

None of us are making a fortune, but we are all in fairly comfortable circumstances, being neither rich nor poor. I would very much like to go over to see you, but I cannot afford to lose the time from my business at present.

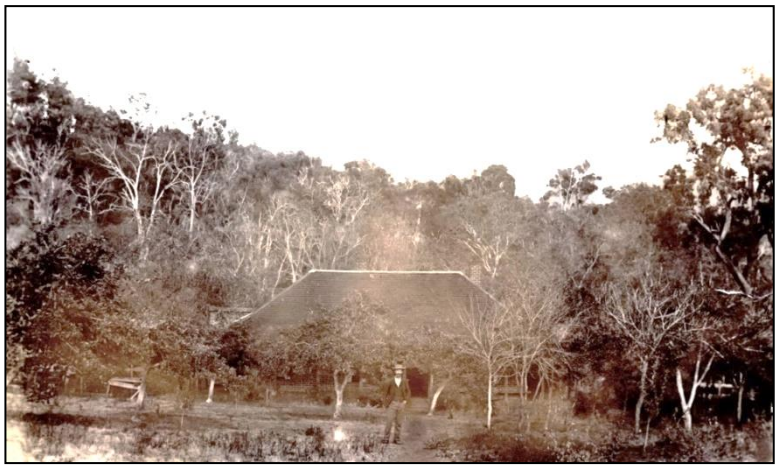
I you can manage to take a trip over here we shall all be pleased to see you and guarantee to give you a good time and introduce you to many pleasant people.
I remain,
Yours faithfully,
John, William Blechynden.

NOTE: Bruce and Leila Blechynden from Boyup Brook, son of J.W.'s brother George, had the original of this letter.
Note: By Leila Blechynden
"There was more to this letter, but relating to Bridgetown and surrounding areas, & not family. Also, the ship which George and Harrison came to Australia was the 'Egyptian' (sic), 1830 from other information we have. (Note: The '*Egyptian*', is incorrect and should be the *Minstrel*.)

By my Grandfather's marriage to Elizabeth Green, we are related to another pioneer family, the Greens. One of whom, Levi Green (brother to Elizabeth) was the founder of Baird's store in Perth. By other family marriages we have connections with the Tuckeys and Beachams of Mandurah, also pioneer families."

Note: Surprisingly JWB had a couple of facts wrong regarding his relatives. John and Sarah were actually born in Perth. Sarah was the second born, not Henry. Annie was third then Henry, a Jesse William who died at 20 months, Walter, Charles, Thomas, Jesse and Joseph.

Following these two letters, both John Blechyndens travelled and visited one another, in WA and New Zealand. More recently Jill Blechynden from New Zealand, his granddaughter attended a *Blechynden / Giblett / Jones / Moulton / Needs Reunion 1994* family Tree Reunion in 1994.
It was quite a social time for John William when he attended two more weddings. John William's brother Edwin Blechynden remained single. James Blechynden married Bertha May Godschall Johnson on 31 Aug 1904 in the Picton Church, Picton. She was a Schoolteacher. The wedding of Ernest Charles Blechynden followed when he married Agnes Blinco Moore), 23 Feb 1909 in the Anglican Church, Donnybrook.



Bridgedale' 1902, J W Blechynden, photo via May's Album

Uncle John William Blechynden was very much a family man as is shown by this photo taken of a picnic at Uncle John's paddock.

Note: John's brother Arthur Blechynden married Clara Chapman. Their eldest child and daughter Lila Blechynden married Frank Pearce. They had four children: Lesley, Haywood, Elva and Des.

"Nothing like a picnic dinner" taken out at Uncle John's paddock. Photo from May Blechynden's album

Collator's guess: Sitting around table: L-R: John Blechynden, Lesley Pearce, Haywood Pearce, Lila Pearce (nee Blechynden), Desmond Pearce, girl sitting on grass, Elva Pearce. Photo probably taken by Frank Blechynden.

For several years John William had an auctioneering business, holding quarterly sales of stock. Following is an article re a land sale, where his services are required to Sell by public Auction:

West Australian (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Sat 23 Sep 1905, pg 2
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article25524176.txt

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TRIP TO NEW ZEALAND:

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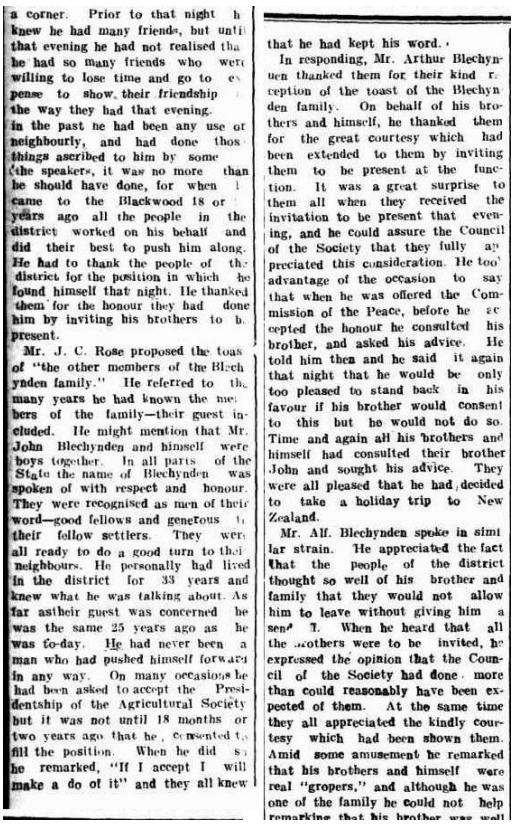
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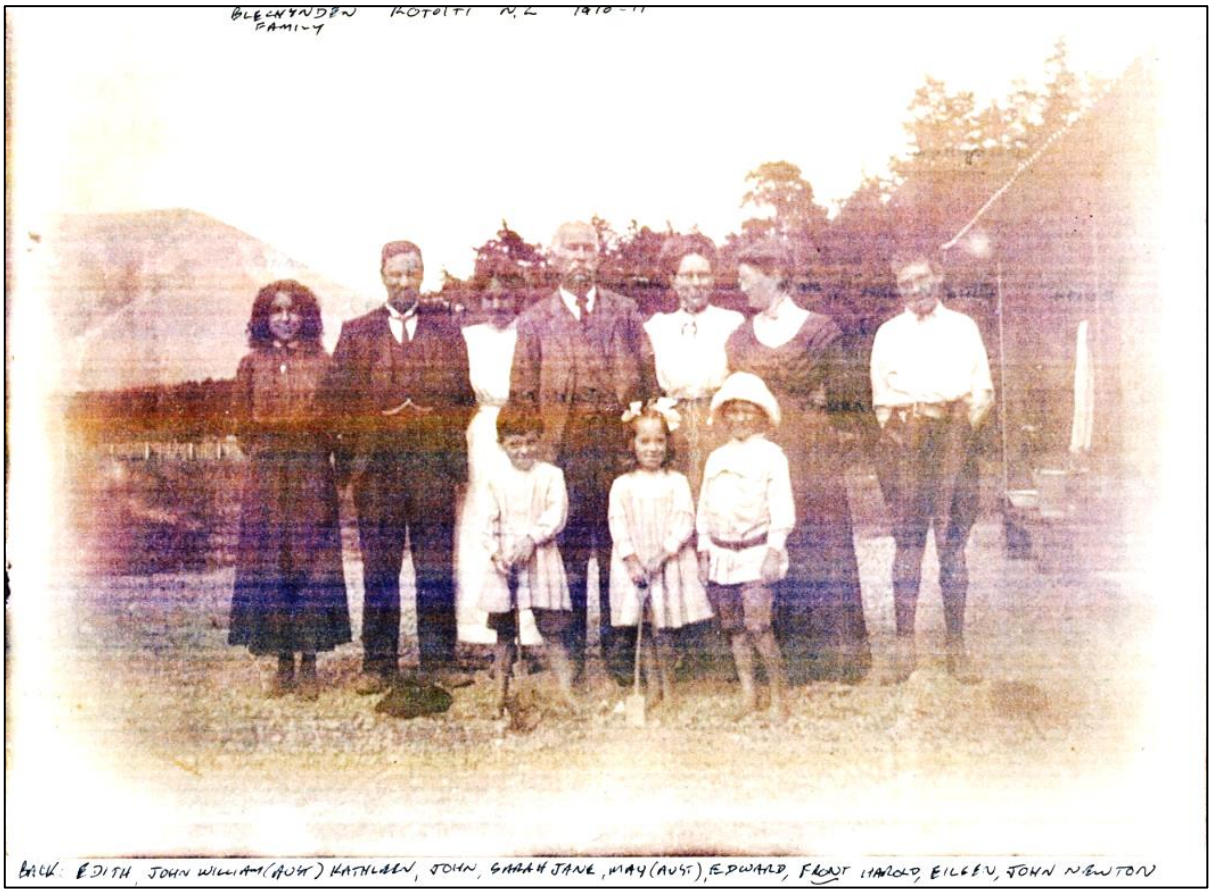

Photo of John and May Blechynden taken while visiting the Blechynden family in New Zealand.
Back: L-R, Edith, John William (Aust), Kathleen, John, Sarah Jane, May (Aust), Edward
Front: Harold, Eileen, John Newton

John William's sisters Amy and May, though very social, with many friends and involved in every aspect concerning Bridgetown never married. John William's brother Herbert Edward Blechynden married 'Nellie' Ellen Frances Bathurst on 8 Jan 1913 in Bridgetown. This marriage was followed by

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Amy, John and May Blechynden, photo from May's Album

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William Wheatley, John William Blechynden and Dorothy Sherwood
Snap taken at W. Wheatley's home

SERVICES RECOGNISED TO THE COMMUNITY BY JOHN FORREST:

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John William Blechynden died on 12 Jan 1931 in Hampton St., Bridgetown, WA. He was buried on 14 Jan 1931 in Old Cemetery, Bridgetown.

After John died, his sisters Amy and May continued to live at 'Bridgedale'. More details can be read in their individual chapters.

JOHN WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN'S STORY IS SUMMARISED IN THE FOLLOWING NEWSPAPER ARTICLES.

The newspaper articles pay honour to John Blechynden, and tell the story of J.W.B., a very respected man in the community. They are well worth a read, learning more about John William Blechynden and giving some idea of life in Bridgetown and the South West at that time.

Nelson Advocate (WA: 1926 - 1938), Fri 16 Jan 1931, pg 4
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OBITUARY – 1931

The Late Mr. J. W. Blechynden

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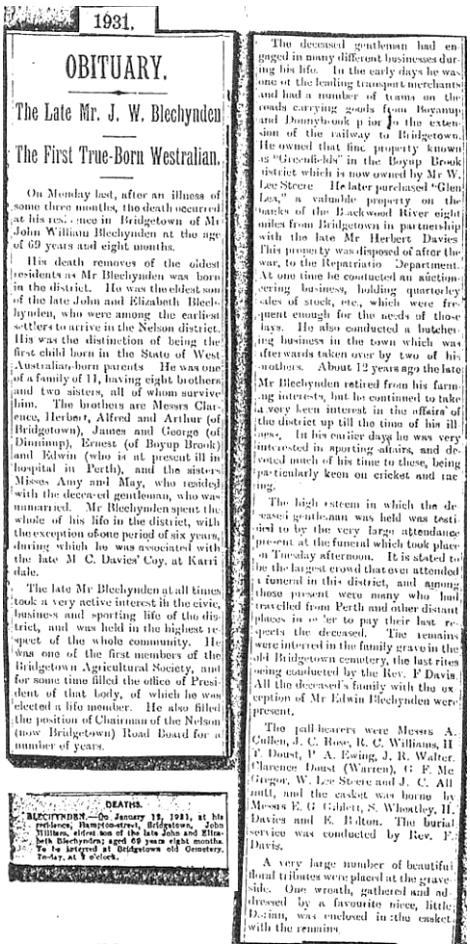
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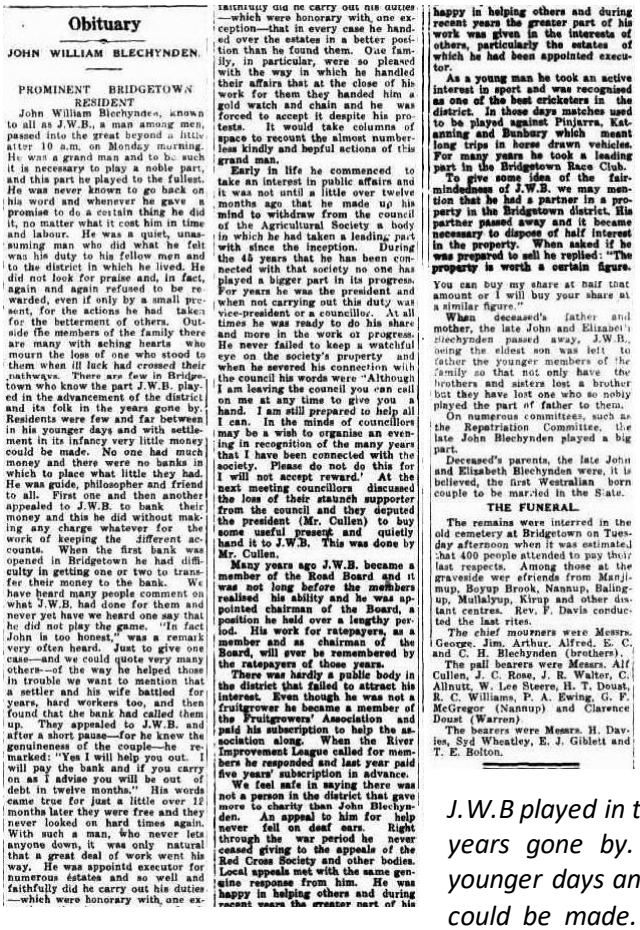

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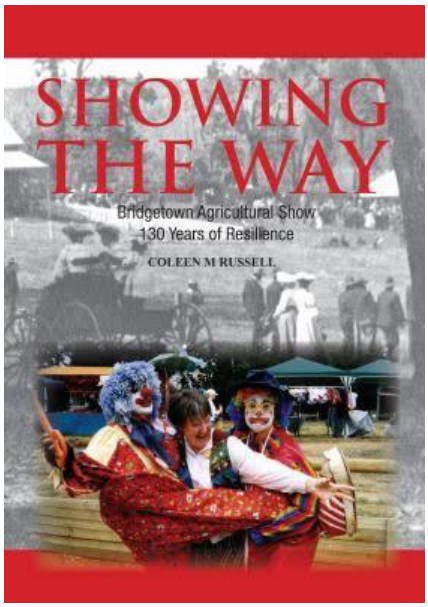

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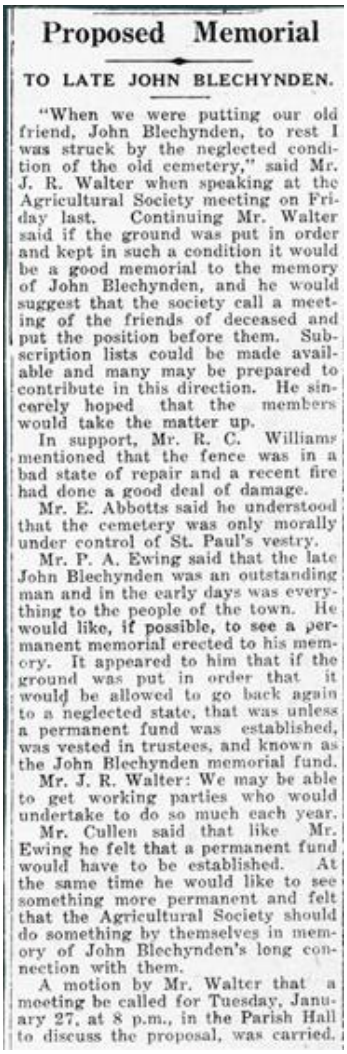

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In seconding the motiton Mr. Alf. Doust said that the late Mr. Blechynden and himself were foundation members of the society and he(the speaker) was the only one left. He knew that if John Blechynden could express a wish it would be to have a memorial at the show ground.

Mr. R. G. Evans said that every word uttered by Mr. Cullen was correct. Whatever the late Mr. Blechynden did he did well. It brought to his mind the great amount of work he had carried out on the roads and never asked a penny for it.

Mr. P. A. Ewing said that they all knew of the great deeds of the late Mr. Blechynden and the proposal put forward should not, in any way, be considered a parochial matter. He suggested that a committee be formed to make an appeal, as wide as possible, for funds to erect the memorial. The J.W.B.'s activities went far afield and he felt that there were many people in other parts who would like to assist. When as much money as possible was raised the committee would know just what they had to spend and could then call for designs for the gate. This would be a memorial that would always be kept in repair which was a very big item in the erection of a memorial.

The following members were then elected to the committee: Messrs A. Cullen, W. Lee Steere, J. R. Walter, P. A. Ewing, R. C. Williams, H. T. Doust, W. R. Connell and Rev. F. Davis.

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In endorsing Mr. Cullen's remarks, the chairman said that the appeal must be absolutely voluntary and no matter how little people could give it would willingly be accepted.

Messrs T. W. Smith and R. E. Doust were appointed joint hon. secretaries.

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entrance to the ground and would suggest an artistic iron gate, with stone basement, iron pickets and concrete pillars. The gate would have to be placed in a position that would not have to be altered when future improvements were carried out. A ticket sellers' room should be included in the memorial.

There were not many people he felt who knew John Blechynden as he (the speaker). During the past 25 years he had learned to regard him as one of the finest men he had ever met in his life.

He was a cheerful giver and was always ready to help others. He (the speaker) felt it was the duty of the district residents to respond to the appeal in the direction of erecting a memorial gate.

In seconding the motion Mr. Alf. Doust said that the late M. Blechynden and himself were foundation members of the society and he (the speaker) was the only one left. He knew that if John Blechynden could express a wish, it would be to have a memorial at the show ground.

Mr. R. G. Evans said that every word uttered by Mr. Cullen was correct. Whatever the late Mr Blechynden did he did well. It brought to his mind the great amount of work he had carried out on the roads and never asked a penny for it.

Mr. Ewing said that they all knew of the great deeds of the late Mr. Blechynden and the proposal put forward should not in any way be considered a parochial matter. He suggested a committee be formed as far wide as possible for funds to erect the memorial. The J.W.B.'s activities went far afield, and he felt there were many people in other parts who would like to assist. When as much money as possible was raised the committee would know just what they had to spend and could then call for designs for the gate. This would be a memorial that would always be kept in repair which was a very big item in the erection of a memorial.

The following members were elected to the committee: Messrs A. Cullen, W. Lee Steere, J. R. Walter, P. A. Ewing, R. C. Williams, H. T. Doust, W R Connell and Rev. F. Davis.

It was resolved to get in touch with the following gentlemen and ask if they would kindly act as out district committee men in connection with the appeal: Messrs E. Moore (Balingup), G. McGregor (Nannup), C. I. Doust (Manjimup), N. M. Brazier (Kirup), J. C. Rose (Wilgarrup), Harry Scott (Nannup) and P. D. Forrest (Upper Blackwood).

Mr. Cullen said that their late friend when alive would never countenance begging and the effort must then be solely in the nature of voluntary giving. He felt it the duty to the people to subscribe to the memorial in honour of one of the greatest sons W.A. had ever produced and one of the greatest the South-West had ever seen.

In endorsing Mr. Cullen's remarks the chairman said that the appeal must be absolutely voluntary and no matter how little people could give it would be willingly accepted.

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May Blechynden proudly pasted these articles into her journal.

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When John William Blechynden followed the trail that all must follow into the great beyond his Bridgetown and district friends felt that the passing of such a man should receive his due measure of honour, the suggestion being put forward that a memorial should be erected. A committee was then formed with Mr. A. Cullen, as chairman, and Messrs R. C. Williams, W. Lee Steere, J. R. Walter, P. A. Ewing, H. T. Doust, W. R. Connell, E. E. Hill as members of the committee. Outside district members who undertook to collect in their districts were Messrs. P. D. Forrest, C. I Doust, E. Moore, J. C. Rose and R. G. Evans. The duties of hon. secretaries were carried out by Messrs. T. W. Smith and R. E. Doust. In view of the fact that the late Mr. Blechynden took such a keen interest in the agricultural society, he being a members for 45 years and a councillor for 35 years, it was agreed to erect a memorial gate at the main entrance in his honour. The question of raising the necessary money was put in hand forthwith and a ready response was forthcoming from many people in the S.W. When the gates were almost complete the chairman made the appeal for workers to assist in obtaining the necessary material to fill in on both sides of the memorial. This was not a light task and for over a week many willing workers with horses and drays were engaged on this. For the best part of two months the chairman (Mr. Cullen) was engaged with his truck on the work of supplying stone, cement, water, etc. As is usual with Mr. Cullen he took the lion's share of the labours. The architect was Mr. Harrison and the contractor was Mr. Christie.

The official opening took place on show day at 3.30 p.m. this ceremony being carried out by the Premier (Sir James Mitchell) in the presence of a large crowd. Following the opening by Sir James, five brothers of the late Mr. Blechynden walked through the gateway.

The Opening Ceremony.

Mr. J. R. Walter said they were gathered that afternoon to do honour to one of Bridgetown's greatest sons and a man who had been a friend to them all. They were asking James Mitchell to declare the gates open in honour of their dear old friend John Blechynden. During his life John Blechynden had been a friend to every man, woman and child in the district. Some people were under the impression that the memorial gates had been erected by the Agricultural Society but that was not so, the money being contributed by friends and relatives of their late friend. The memorial was erected at the main entrance to the show ground because the committee considered it the most suitable place, taking into consideration the great interest the late John Blechynden had in the society.

Mr. A. Cullen said it would be superfluous for him to speak of the late John Blechynden because he was known to 99 per cent. of the people. As a member of the council, as traffic manager for the society over very many years and as a close personal friend he felt that the memoral gate would perpetuate the memory of a man and a friend. Very few had given better service, given without fear or reward, than their late friend. Many and many a time the late John Blechynden had carried out works for the society that few people knew of John Blechynden was one of the straightest men he had ever met in his life.

Sir James Mitchell said they were gathered together to honour a man who had been a man among men. He was a man who never did anyone an injury and gained the respect of all who came in contact with him. Kipling had written that there was only one such man in a thousand. He had known John Blechynden for very many years and when Mr. J. H. Smith, M.L.A. has asked him to declare the gates open he could not and did not want to refuse. The memorial was a very fitting one and when the people passed through in the years to come it would bring to their memory the man who was such a worthy townsman. In the world all men should count but how many, asked the speaker, did count? John William Blechynden certainly did count. Most of John Blechynden's life had been spent in Bridgetown where he moved with the people, loved the dstrict in which he lived, and his 70 years of life was full of usefulness. He never did one mean act and how many, asked Sir James, can say that? "May we never forget and let us teach our children of the life of this man," said Sir James. In conclusion he paid a tribute to those who had been connected in the erection of such a magnificent memorial and declared the gates open.

The duty of thanking Sir James Mitchell for attending to declare the gates open fell to Mr. E. Rose, M.L.C. The magnificent memorial was a fitting one to such a man as the late John Blechynden, a man against whom no one had a bad word to say. Their late friend was a man in ten thousand and the very fitting memorial would help them to remember him because memory was short and people were apt to forget. Great credit was due to the chairman and committee for their splendid effort. They had done the right thing and too few people, he would say, received the recognition for services given.

Mr. Alf Blechynden said that on behalf of his brothers and sisters he wished to express their sincere thanks to all those who had contributed towards the erection of such a magnificent memorial in honour of their late brother. It was such a substantial memorial that his memory would never be forgotten. They felt it a great honour indeed to their brother and an honour to the family which they would cherish even if they did not deserve it.

1931.

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On Friday the Premier (Sir James Mitchell) declared open a pair of memorial gates which have been erected at the entrance to the Bridgetown showground in honour of the late Mr. John Blechynden. In Perth on Saturday he said that the gates were remarkably fine: he had seen many a war memorial which was less impressive and architecturally beautiful. The man commemorated had done much for his district and the State; a sterling character whose steadfastness in all circumstances was an inspiration and a lesson to his fellows.

TO JOHN BLECHYNDEN.

John Blechynden your sun has set,
Your earthly course is run.
Your eyes are closed,
Your voice is still,
You. well earned rest begun.

But those who mourn will not forget
The good, while here, you've done.
The kindly acts,
The helpful words,
The web of love you've spun.

A brother and a friend you've been
To many living still.
Your cheery smile
Has spread awhile
The Gospel of Goodwill.

Your span of life example stands
To those who struggle here.
Theysee in you,
The honest, true,
The noble, the sincere.

So let us strive to live as you,
From baser actions free,
Their peace shall dawn
When we have gone
Into Eternity.

Till then our duty plainly is,
To answer honour's call
And make to stand
Upon the land
Your just memorial.

Nelson Advocate (WA: 1926 - 1938), Fri 18 Nov 1932, pg 2
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The late Mr Blechynden at all times took a very active interest in the civic, business and sporting life of the district and was held in the highest esteem throughout the district. For a time he was President of the Agricultural Society and was later elected a life member. He also filled the position of Chairman of the Nelson (now Bridgetown) Road Board.

He had engaged in many different businesses during the course of his life. In the very early days he was one of the leading transport merchants and had a number of teams on the roads carrying goods from Boyanup and Donnybrook prior to the extention of the railway to Bridgetown. He owned a fine property known as "Greenfields" in the Boyup Brook District, which is now owned by Mr W. Lee Steere. He later purchased that valuable property named "Glen Lea," on the banks of the Blackwood River, eight miles from Bridgetown, in partnership with the late Mr Herbert Davies. After the war this property was disposed of to the Repatriation Department. At one time he conducted auctions, holding quarterly sales of stock, etc., which were quite frequent enough for the needs of those days. He also conducted a butchering business in the town, but this was later taken over by two of his brothers.

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The Memorial Gates The imposing entrance to the Bridgetown Show Grounds. A lasting tribute to the late Mr. J. W. Blechynden, councillor and member of the Bridgetown Agricultural Society for 33 and 45 years respectively. Note: the last section of the image has not been added as not showing on *Trove*.

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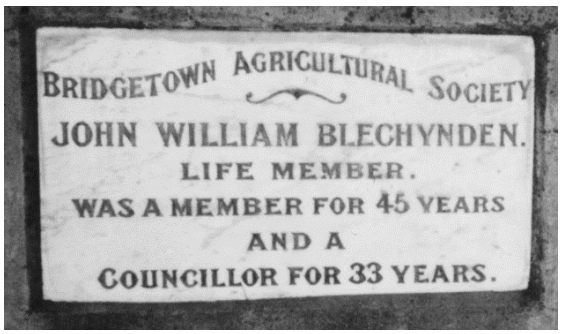

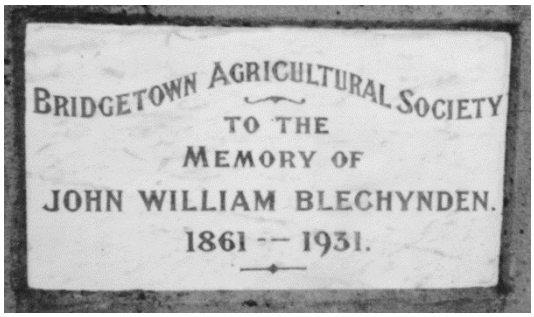

Two plaques on either side of the entrance. SHOWING THE WAY: P. 138, by Coleen M Russell.

View of J W Blechynden memorial gates from the Societies orchard over the road.
SHOWING THE WAY: P. 138, by Coleen M Russell.

SHOWING THE WAY: P. 137, by Coleen M Russell.
The large attendance at the opening of the gates, 20 Nov 1931.

WILL OF JOHN WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN, pg.1

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Gross value of estate £10,478-7-4
Net " " £10,369-1-4

IN THE SUPREME COURT
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

PROBATE JURISDICTION

PERTH W.A. 15 FEB 1932 PROBATE OFFICE COPY SUPREME

IN THE MATTER of the Will of JOHN WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN late of Bridgetown in the State of Western Australia Farmer deceased.

BE IT KNOWN that on the ~~Fifteenth~~ Eighteenth day of May One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one the last Will and Testament (a copy whereof is hereunto annexed) of JOHN WILLIAM .. BLECHYNDEN late of Bridgetown in the State of Western Australia Farmer deceased who died on the Twelfth day of January One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one at Bridgetown aforesaid was proved approved and registered in the Supreme Court of Western Australia at Perth and that Administration of the real and personal estate of the said deceased was granted by the aforesaid Court to Herbert Edward Blechynden and Clarence Henry Blechynden both of Bridgetown aforesaid Farmers and Orchardists the Executors .. named in the said Will they having been first sworn well and faithfully to administer the same.

By the Court

I certify that the sum of £746-11-5 [illegible] and Act 3 [illegible] No. 15

(LS) E. E. Flewing
DEPUTY MASTER.

E. E. Flewing
Deputy Master.

THIS IS THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of me JOHN WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN of Bridgetown in the State of Western Australia Farmer

I APPOINT my Brothers Herbert Edward Blechynden and Clarence Henry Blechynden . both of Bridgetown aforesaid farmers and orchardists to be the executors and Trustees of this my Will

I GIVE to my two Sisters Amy Blechynden and May Blechynden all my plate linen . china glass books pictures prints furniture and other household and personal effects and Motor car for their full and free use during their lives and upon the death of . either of them the same shall become the absolute property of the survivor. I give to my Trustees the sum of Three thousand pounds now invested in the State Government Debenture No.77 Upon trust to pay the income thereof to my said two Sisters during their lives and upon the death of either of them the whole of such income shall be paid to the survivor during her life Upon the death of the survivor of my two sisters the said sum of three thousand pounds shall be dealt with as hereinafter provided. And I direct that upon the said debenture maturing my Trustees shall invest the monies received in respect thereof in such investments as they think fit with power from time to time to vary such investments. I give to my Brother the said Herbert Edward Blechynden the sum of One thousand pounds I give to my Brother the said Clarence Henry Blechynden the sum of One thousand five hundred pounds. I give to my Brother Arthur Blechynden the sum of five hundred pounds. I give to my Brother Alfred Blechynden .. the sum of Five hundred pounds I give to my Brother Ernest Charles Blechynden the sum of Two hundred pounds the monies available for the above mentioned legacies to my said five Brothers being now invested I direct that none of the said investments shall be called up sold transferred or otherwise disposed of but shall remain vested in my Trus-

WILL OF JOHN WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN, pg.1. Courtesy Ken Blechynden

WILL OF JOHN WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN, pg.2

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tees until the respective investments mature and as the same mature pay~~ment of the~~ said legacies shall be made pro rata or otherwise as my Trustees shall ~~think fit~~. In the meantime the interest accruing from the said investments from ~~time to time~~ unmatured shall be collected by my Trustees and paid to my said Brothers ~~pro~~ rata according to the amount of the legacies given to them respectively ~~and from~~ time to time unpaid.

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I give devise and bequeath unto my Trustees all that piece of land ~~being~~ portion of Nelson Location 12 situate on the West side of Hampton Street ~~Bridge~~ town the portion on the east side of about one acre being already sold, ~~being~~ all of the said Location 12 comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 544 ~~Folio~~ 144 except the said portion on the east side of Hampton Street, together ~~with~~ the dwellinghouse stables and all other buildings and erections thereon in trust to allow my said two sisters to have the full and free use and control ~~of~~ the same and of the rents and profits thereof during their joint lives and ~~on~~ the death of either of them during the lifetime of the survivor provided ~~however~~ however that if in the opinion of my Trustees it would be to the advantage of ~~my~~ my said sisters or surviving sister to sell or dispose of the whole of the ~~said~~ land and buildings then with the consent of both of my sisters if living ~~or of~~ the survivor if one be dead then the whole or any part of the said land ~~and~~ buildings may be sold Upon any such sale as aforesaid the proceeds of ~~such sale~~ shall be invested by my Trustees and the profits and income arising from ~~such~~ investment shall be paid to my said sisters equally between them during ~~their~~ lifetime or if one of them be dead or die after such sale then to the ~~survivor~~ during her lifetime Until sold all rates and repairs and other outgoings ~~pay~~ able in respect of the said land and buildings shall be paid by my said ~~sis~~ ters equally or by the survivor. Upon the death of both of my said ~~Sisters~~ the said land and buildings or if sold or partially sold sold the ~~investments~~ and monies representing the purchase money and also the said sum of ~~three~~ thousand pounds at present represented by the said government Debenture No. 77 and the investments then representing the same shall be held by my Trustees in Trust for all the Children of my Brothers the said Herbert Edward Blechynden, Clarence Henry Blechynden, Arthur Blechynden, Alfred Blechynden including Freda Taylor who has been reared by him and Ernest Charles ~~Blechyn~~ den share and share alike upon their attaning the age of twenty one years, Should any of the said children predecease me or die before attaining the ~~age~~ of twenty one years the share which such child would have taken under ~~this~~ my Will shall if such child shall be married and leave issue be divided ~~equal~~ ly between such issue and if such child die unmarried or without issue the share which shuch child would have taken shall be equally divided between ~~the~~ surviving children who shall attain the age of twenty one years. I give devise and bequeath all my real and personal estate not hereby otherwise disposed of unto my Trustees upon Trust therewith and thereout to pay my funeral and testamentary expences and debts and all death duties both State and Federal in respect of the whole of my estate and to hold the residue thereof

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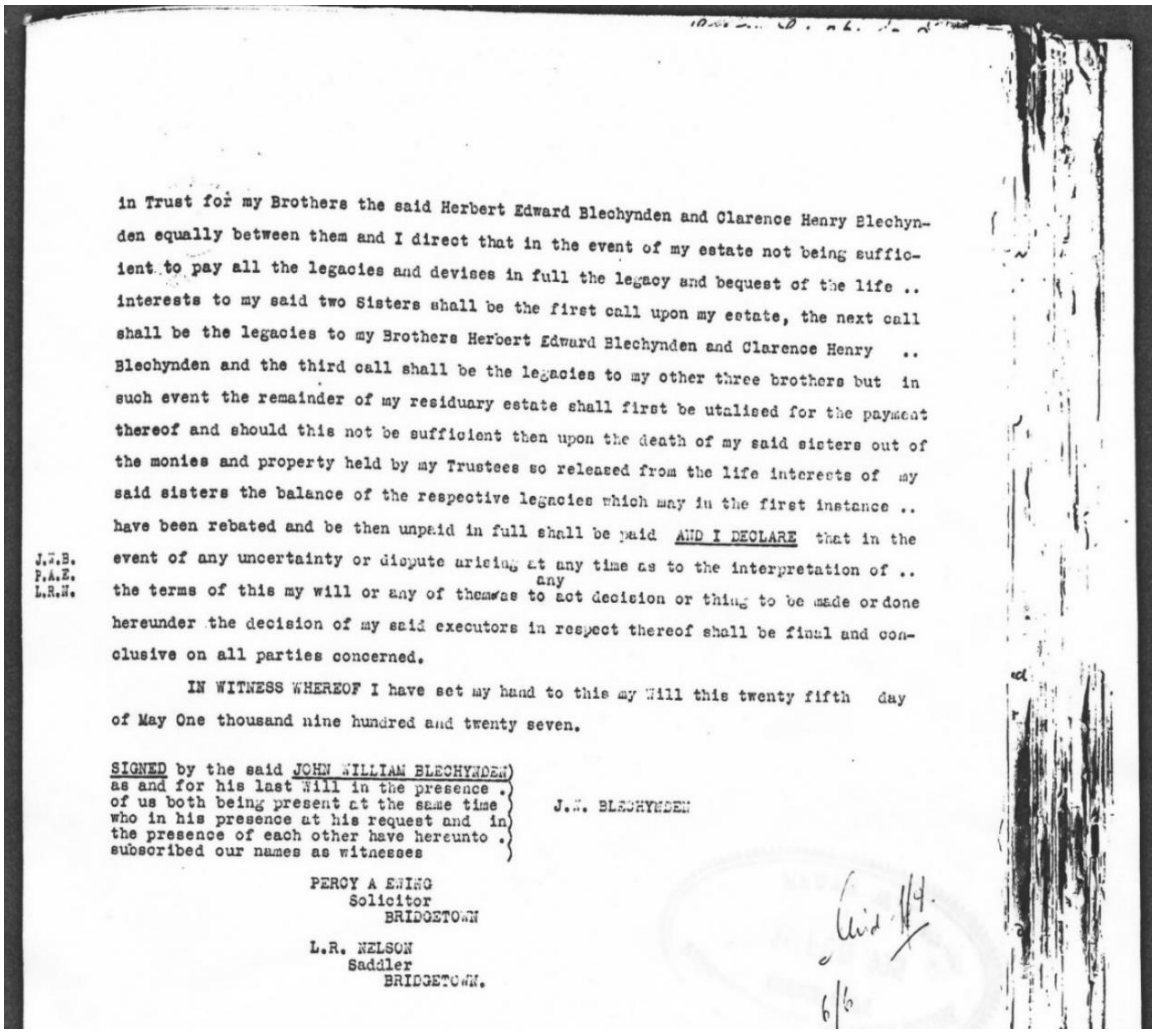
WILL OF JOHN WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN, pg.3



in Trust for my Brothers the said Herbert Edward Blechynden and Clarence Henry Blechynden equally between them and I direct that in the event of my estate not being sufficient to pay all the legacies and devises in full the legacy and bequest of the life .. interests to my said two Sisters shall be the first call upon my estate, the next call shall be the legacies to my Brothers Herbert Edward Blechynden and Clarence Henry .. Blechynden and the third call shall be the legacies to my other three brothers but in such event the remainder of my residuary estate shall first be utalised for the payment thereof and should this not be sufficient then upon the death of my said sisters out of the monies and property held by my Trustees so released from the life interests of my said sisters the balance of the respective legacies which may in the first instance .. have been rebated and be then unpaid in full shall be paid AND I DECLARE that in the event of any uncertainty or dispute arising at any time as to the interpretation of .. the terms of this my will or any of themwas to any act decision or thing to be made or done hereunder the decision of my said executors in respect thereof shall be final and conclusive on all parties concerned.

J.W.B.
P.A.E.
L.R.N.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have set my hand to this my Will this twenty fifth day of May One thousand nine hundred and twenty seven.

SIGNED by the said JOHN WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN as and for his last Will in the presence of us both being present at the same time who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

J.W. BLECHYNDEN

PERCY A EWING
Solicitor
BRIDGETOWN

L.R. NELSON
Saddler
BRIDGETOWN.

WILL OF JOHN WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN, pg.2. Courtesy Ken Blechynden

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John William Blechynden was buried in the Bridgetown Pioneer Cemetery. His headstone has since been moved to the current Bridgetown Cemetery – see the chapter on:

HEADSTONE AND MEMORIAL RESTORATION PROJECT FOR ELIZABETH BLECHYNDEN AND SOME OF HER FAMILY'S GRAVES AND HEADSTONES ON PLOTS 134 AND 135 AT THE BRIDGETOWN CEMETERY:

Headstone John William Blechynden,
Photo taken by Ken Blechynden, 2019

SACRED TO THE MEMORY
OF JOHN WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN
Born 12 May 1861
DIED 12 Jan 1931
PEACE PERFECT PEACE

Southern Districts Advocate (Katanning, WA: 1913 - 1936), Mon 4 May 1931, pg 2

04 May 1931 - MAINLY ABOUT SOMEBODY. - Trove (nla.gov.au)

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A basket of goods and services valued at £ 10804 s d

in calendar year 1931 , would in calendar year 2020 cost $ 1,022,813.08

Reset Calculate

Total change in cost is **4633.5 per cent**, over **89 years**, at an average annual inflation rate of **4.4 per cent**.

SECOND CHILD OF JOHN BLECHYNDEN & ELIZABETH GREEN

2. BLECHYNDEN, GEORGE HARRISON (1862-1937) & TYLER/TAYLOR, ZELA (1862-1921)

George Harrison Blechynden was born at 'Bridgedale' in 1862, registered in Perth, WA [Reg. 6744]. He was christened on 2 Nov 1862, Blackwood River, WA. He was the second child born to John Blechynden and Elizabeth Green; his older brother John William being born 12 May 1861.

John William Blechynden, seated and George Harrison Blechynden standing. Eldest and second sons of John Blechynden. Courtesy Jill Feutrill

George's grandfather Harrison Blechynden and his grandmother Charlotte Robus emigrated from Kent, England via the *Minstrel,* to the new Swan River Colony in 1830. Harrison Blechynden and Charlotte Robus were married soon after their arrival. Their first two children were born in Perth, the eldest being George's father, John, in 1833. At the age of about nine years his father, John, with his parents and sister Sarah moved to the Beverley district and settled on a farming property named 'Babbyalla'. Another eight more living children were added to the family. (See the chapter on Harrison Blechynden).

George's father John Blechynden grew up on 'Babbyalla', working closely with his father Harrison and learning the skills required in most areas of farming. In 1854, at the age of 21 years, John Blechynden accompanied by two Aborigines walked to the Blackwood district. Impressed with what he saw he acquired two pastoral leases along the Blackwood River.

George's parents John Blechynden and Elizabeth Green were married in Perth, WA, on 23 Feb 1860. Following their wedding his father and mother, John and Elizabeth spent their honeymoon travelling by bullock wagon from Perth. Conditions were hard and primitive and there were few facilities. They spent the first couple of years in a mud hut while their larger house 'Bridgedale' was being built and completed in about 1862. (The story of the development of the new town Bridgetown can be read in more detail in the chapters of John Blechynden and Elizabeth Green and John William Blechynden.)

George Harrison Blechynden, (John's son, written on back). Courtesy Jill Feutrill.

John William and George were joined by eleven more children: Edwin born 1864, James born 1866 and Charlotte in 1868. Sadly, she died in 1869 at the age of 15 ½ months. Their parents were devastated. Arthur was born in 1870, Alfred in 1871, Ernest in 1873 and Herbert in 1876, Amy born 1877, Clarence Henry born 1879, May born 1881 and Ada born 1883. George was aged 20 years when baby Ada was born. Sadly, Ada died in 1888 at the age of five years.

John and George were initially taught by their mother at 'Bridgedale' then at the new Bridgetown School which was established on 1 Feb 1870.

Their father taught them to ride and handle horses and as the boys grew older, they began to accompany their father helping and learning farming skills. Being the eldest they both learned responsibility at an early age. Eventually taking over their father's business, George's brother John William over time became one of the leading transport merchants. He had a number of teams on the roads from Boyanup and Donnybrook prior to the extension of the railway to Bridgetown.

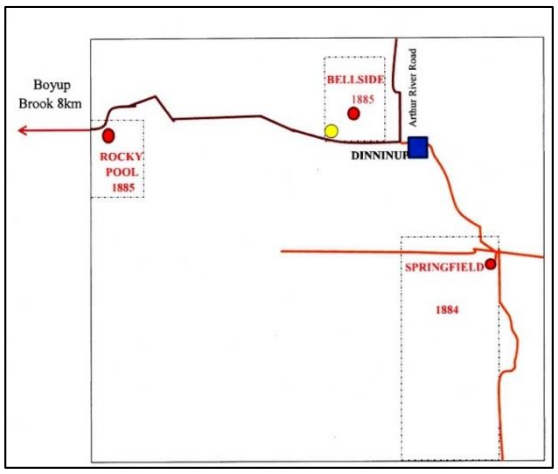
Back: *George Blechynden, son of John Blechynden and Elizabeth Green* Front: *Samuel 'Sam' Edwards, son of Elizabeth 'Anne' Blechynden and Thomas Edwards, and their grandmother Charlotte Blechynden (nee Robus).*

George Harrison Blechynden went to Perth to learn the trade as a blacksmith, farrier and wheelwright. (His mother, Elizabeth Green's family were blacksmiths of note.) At the age of 24 years, he moved to the Dinninup district in 1885 and in 1892 was granted 240 acres of land, No. 48/1250 in Nelson district, purchased for one pound ten shillings, later owned by his son George Bruce Wentworth Blechynden.

Memory Lane, DINNINUP 6245 Written and Compiled by E. Blechynden, pg.49, pp1, pg.61, pp4

Three of the nine Blechynden sons, James, George and Edwin came to Dinninup whilst Ernest went to Boyup Brook. George accompanied James to Dinninup and selected land a little closer to Boyup Brook at "Bellside" in 1885. The story of each of these brothers can be read in their own chapters.

Several miles away, across country at Condingup lived the Taylor family. George Blechynden married Zela in her Condingup home.



This map shows the three brothers' properties of 'Springfield', 'Bellside' and 'Rocky Pool'.

Map showing Dinninup

Dinninup, WA: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dinninup,_Western_Australia

Dinninup is a small town in the South West region of WA. It is between Boyup Brook and Kojonup. The town's name is Aboriginal in origin and is the name of a brook that is situated close to town. First

recorded by surveyors in 1877, the meaning of the name is unknown. Originating as a railway station on the Boyup Brook to Kojonup line, early settlers had requested for land to be set aside for a townsite in 1906. The line was completed in 1910 and the Dinninup station was opened at the same time. The town was gazetted in 1915.

George Harrison Blechynden (1862-1937) married Zela Matilda Gertrude Tyler (1862-1921), adopted surname, Taylor, 25 Mar 1896, in Condingup, WA [Reg. 6], registered as Taylor. Both were aged about 33 years of age.

Bunbury Herald (WA: 1892 - 1919), Tue 7 Apr 1896, pg 2
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article87129128.txt

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Note: Corrections: Zela was the daughter of James George Tyler and Julia Long. (Jas. was written short for James. James Gordon should be James George).

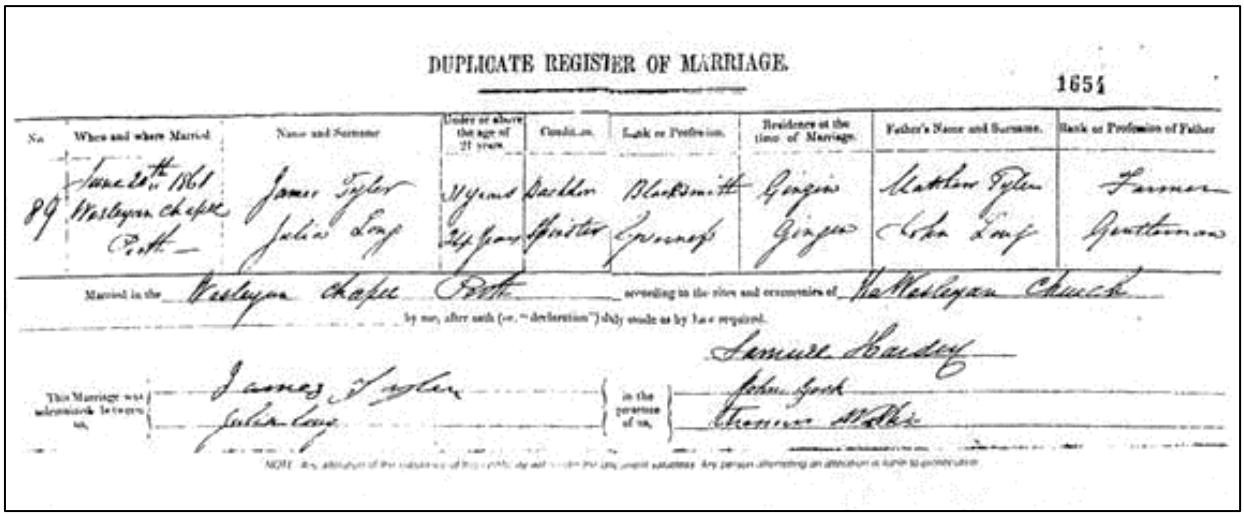
TYLER, ZELA MATILDA GERTRUDE (1862-1921) TAYLOR

Zela Matilda Gertude Tyler was born 27 Dec 1862 in Gingin, WA [Reg. 6815], registered under Tyler. Zela Matilda Gertrude Blechynden (nee Tyler) died 17 Apr 1921 in Dinninup, WA [Reg. 21]. She was the daughter of James George Tayler and Julia Long.

Zela Tyler / Taylor

The following section contains details of Zela's parents JAMES GEORGE TAYLER (1827-1911) TYLER / TYLOR and JULIA LONG (1837- ~1880).

Zela's parents **JAMES GEORGE TYLER (1830-1911)** and **JULIA LONG (1837- ~1880)** were married 20 Jun 1861, Perth, WA [Reg. 1654]. Registered under Tyler.



DUPLICATE REGISTER OF MARRIAGE. 1654

No.	When and where Married	Name and Surname	Under or above the age of 21 years	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at the time of Marriage	Father's Name and Surname	Rank or Profession of Father
89	June 20th 1861 Wesleyan chapel Perth	James Tyler	33 years	Bachelor	Blacksmith	Gingin	Mathew Tyler	Farmer
		Julia Long	24 years	Spinster	Spinster	Gingin	John Long	Gentleman

Married in the Wesleyan chapel Perth according to the rites and ceremonies of the Wesleyan Church by me, after banns (or, "declaration") duly made as by law required.

Samuel Bardey

This Marriage was solemnized between us, James Tyler, Julia Long. in the presence of us, John Gook, Thomas Wake.

NOTE. Any alteration of the contents of this certificate, or any attempt to counterfeit, or to make a false certificate. Any person offending in any of the above is liable to prosecution.

Copy of marriage certificate of James Tyler and Julia Long, (note the spelling of Tyler). Courtesy Irene Doyle

TYLER, JAMES GEORGE TAYLOR (1830-1911) from Nova Scotia, Canada.

Initially there was confusion between James 'George' Tyler a convict from Essex, England and James George Tayler (Tyler) from Nova Scotia in Canada. It was made more confusing with the fact that James George Taylor took on the surname of Tyler and later Tylor, on his arrival in WA.

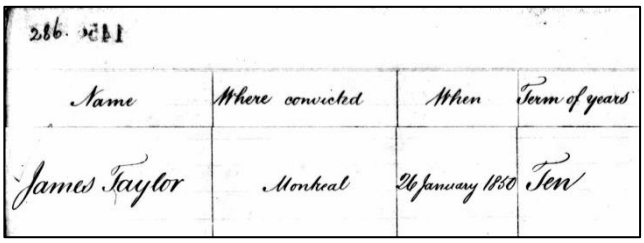
Data from **THE CONVICT RECORDS FROM WA, via "FROM CREATION TO CAMBALLUP"** by Eugene Herbert, on George and Cecilia Herbert, Chapter 4, p 171-172 cast some doubt as to which was the correct person. It stated James George Tyler, born in Essex in 1836 was convicted of house breaking in 1854, sentenced to 15 years gaol, transported to WA arriving on the *William Hammond* in 1856. **This is not him.**

Via Irene Doyle, researcher from the Katanning Library:

SA Gazette: *The undermentioned expirees have arrived from Western Australia: - George Tyler, aged 40 years, height 5ft. 5in., light brown hair, grey eyes, fair complexion, and scar over left eye; sentenced to fifteen years' penal servitude in 1854, at Ipswich, for house breaking. The same George Tyler was arrested in Perth 1877 then he left for SA on the Madelina in1878 to Adelaide SA.* ***This George Tyler never came back to WA.***

Record showing - James Samuel Taylor (1800-1878) – Convict - from Nova Scotia in Canada:

Via Researcher Irene Doyle:
Convicted in 1850. Court Martial, Montreal, sentenced to 10 years. Arrival, WA via ship Marion, *with 280 other convicts. Married Elizabeth Weldon, 1855, Guilford, WA [Reg.834]. Five children.*
Not our James George Taylor.



Name	Where convicted	When	Term of years
James Taylor	Montreal	26 January 1850	Ten

Via Researcher Irene Doyle:

I have been researching for 30 years and was given the family photo album of the Taylor and Toovey family by Betty Beck my mums cousin, daughter of Horace Taylor, Tylor plus the research she had already done, I am a researcher at Katanning Library where I have lots of Fishe from Battye Library and a lot of marital CD at my doorstep, plus I do the ordering for Genealogy Books. Not all info is out there so via family members is a good way to get information. I have been searching but no proof that James was a convict when he came out from California. The story in the Taylor family was that he did something wrong while in Australia or Tasmania that caused him to became a convict. The Taylor family in Canada heard the story of two brothers chasing gold in California and then Australia. We may never know.

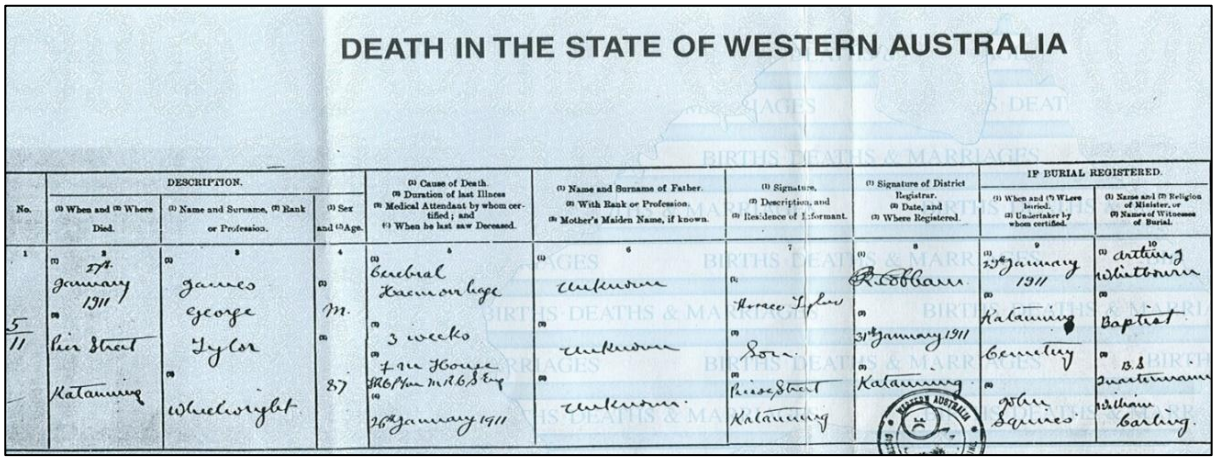
Comments via researcher and descendant, Irene Doyle on James Taylor from Nova Scotia, Canada:
My mother was born a Tylor, daughter of Albert George James Tylor, son of James George Taylor /Tylor. My grandfather Albert was born a (Taylor) and all of his siblings all born Taylors. My mother had already told me that the name was changed from Taylor to Tyler when he arrived in Australia. She thinks he was a ship deserter.

James was born in Country Harbour Nova Scotia according to his Death Certificate and family members from Katanning where I live. The Information in some of the Bicentennial books are not always correct. James' father 's name was Matthew Taylor, recorded in both his marriage certificate and death certificate. I have been in contact with the Taylor family from Nova Scotia and it was said by Aunty Zela before she died, that James, told the family he went out to California in search of Gold

with his brother Isaac and came out from California to Australia. Whether he was convicted in California or Australia I don't know. I don't have a birth certificate for him as the records were destroyed in a fire but as you can see by my grandfather's birth certificate and also all the brothers' and sisters' certificates, they were all born Taylors, not Tylor. My mother Thelma Tylor, daughter of Albert George Tylor, told me the story of James using the name Tyler when he married Julia Long and Annie Toovey. Annie, a midwife, wanted the birth records to be correct and used his proper name Taylor, she also changed it to Tylor as it was the closest to Taylor she could get. My mother told stories, her father told, of her grandfather James's life in Canada, the large family house that he lived in and the horse that they had where he learnt his trade as a blacksmith. She also was told of his grandmother being a Fisher. The Matthew Taylor in Nova Scotia is also a farmer.

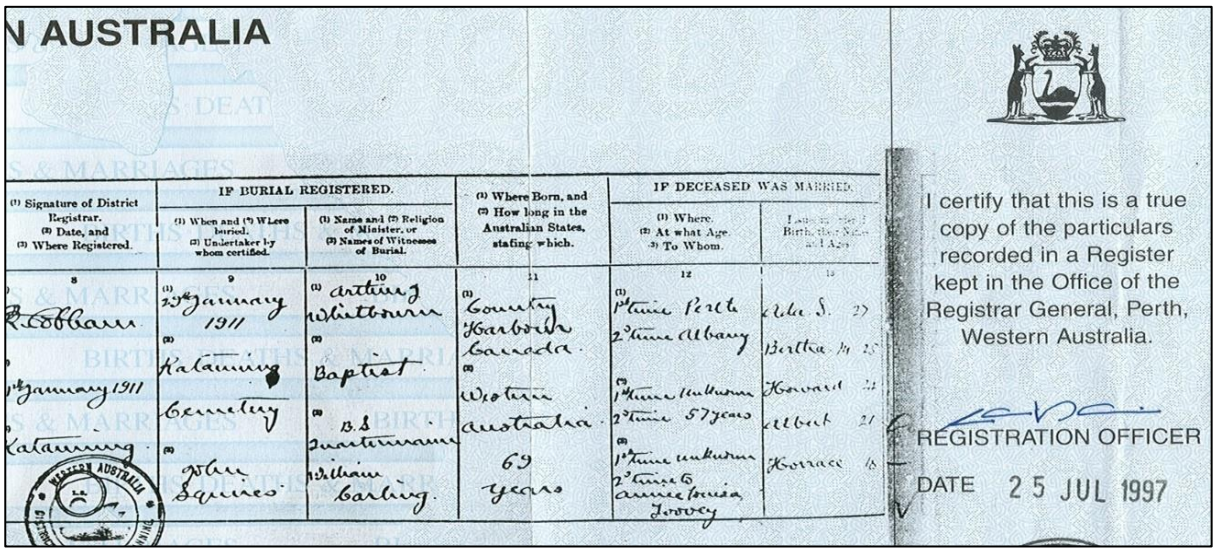
Memories passed down and certificates via family members show our James George Taylor came from Nova Scotia in Canada.

DEATH CERTIFICATE JAMES GEORGE TYLOR (1836-1911)



DEATH IN THE STATE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

No.	DESCRIPTION. (1) When and (2) Where Died.	(1) Name and Surname, (2) Rank or Profession.	(1) Sex and (2) Age.	(1) Cause of Death. (2) Duration of last Illness (3) Medical Attendant by whom certified; and (4) When he last saw Deceased.	(1) Name and Surname of Father. (2) With Rank or Profession. (3) Mother's Maiden Name, if known.	(1) Signature. (2) Description, and (3) Residence of Informant.	(1) Signature of District Registrar. (2) Date, and (3) Where Registered.	IF BURIAL REGISTERED. (1) When and (2) Where buried. (3) Undertaker by whom certified.	(1) Name and (2) Religion of Minister, or (3) Names of Witnesses of Burial.
1	(1) 27th January 1911 (2) Pier Street Katanning	(1) James George Tylor (2) Wheelwright	(1) M. (2) 87	(1) Cerebral Haemorrhage (2) 3 weeks (3) At House (4) 26th January 1911	(1) Unknown (2) Unknown (3) Unknown	(1) Horace Tylor (2) Son (3) Pierce Street Katanning	R. Cobham 31st January 1911 Katanning	(1) 29th January 1911 (2) Katanning Cemetery (3) John Squires	(1) Arthur Whitbourn (2) Baptist (3) B.S. Quartermaine William Barling



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I certify that this is a true copy of the particulars recorded in a Register kept in the Office of the Registrar General, Perth, Western Australia.

REGISTRATION OFFICER

DATE 25 JUL 1997

Death certificate JAMES GEORGE TYLOR (Note the spelling of Tylor). Courtesy Irene Doyle.

FIND A GRAVE, JAMES GEORGE TYLER
https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/151186496/james-george-tylor

Name James George Tylor
Birth date 1824 * Discrepancy
Birthplace **Nova Scotia, Canada**
Death date 27th Jan 1911
Katanning Shire, WA
Katanning Cemetery

Headstone James George Tylor, Katanning Cemetery.

Note: *Discrepancy, as to his birth date.
By school records and his marriage certificate, his birth was *1830. The details on his death certificate were only as good as knowledge of the informant.

DEATH CERTIFICATE JAMES GEORGE TYLOR
https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Taylor-38063

*WA death cert No. 5/11, Katanning 27 Jan 1911. His death certificate indicates he had been in Australia for **69 years (arrived, 1842) and that he died at 87 which would give a birth year of *1824, however his marriage certificate from 1861 gives his age as 31, which would make his birth year *1830. It also recorded James was born in Country Harbour, Canada.*

Note:** 69 years in Australia, *(arrived, 1842)* by the informant on his death certificate must be incorrect as James would have been only 12 years on arrival in Australia.

Note from our researcher Irene Doyle: *I had my DNA done and had a big DNA connection with the Taylor family in Nova Scotia for Zela's Father James George Taylor (Tylor), so all my hard work confirmed it.* Great research Irene.

JAMES GEORGE TYLER'S FAMILY IN NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA:

James George Tyler was born 1830 Guysborough County, Nova Scotia, Canada. Parents: **MATTHEW TAYLOR (1793-1858)** who married **MARGARET JANE FISHER (1802-1890)**, daughter of WILLIAM FISHER (1772-1811) and MARY WHIDDEN (1778-1870), in 1827 in Forks of St Mary's, Guysborough County, Nova Scotia, Canada. Researcher and descendant Irene Doyle says James' birth date of ~1830 was calculated from his school records from St Mary's, Nova Scotia, Canada and his marriage certificate.

CHILDREN of MATTHEW TAYLOR (1793-1858) AND MARGARET JANE FISHER (1802-1890):
Wentworth Taylor, 1827; James George Taylor, 1830-1911; Eliza Taylor, 1832-1876; Sarah Jane Fox nee Taylor, 1837; Ebenezer Taylor, 1838; Ephraim Taylor, 1842; Rebecaa Mason (nee Taylor), 1844. Ebenezer named his daughter Zela. It is interesting that James George Taylor named his daughter **Zela**, after his Aunty in Nova Scotia, and his son Horace **Wentworth** Taylor - Wentworth was a family name in Nova Scotia.

James George Tyler died 27 Jan 1911, Katanning, WA [Reg. 5], name recorded under Tylor.

m.1 JAMES GEORGE TYLER (1827-1911) and **JULIA LONG (1837- ~1880)** were married 20 Jun 1861, Perth, WA [Reg. 1654], registered under Tyler. The marriage certificate records they were married at

the Wesleyan Chapel, Perth, WA. Residence at time of marriage, Gingin, he as a blacksmith, she as a governess. His father was recorded as Mathew Tyler, farmer, her father John Long, gentleman.

m.2 JAMES GEORGE TYLER (1827-1911) was married a second time to **m.2 ANNIE LOUISA RICHARDSON (NEE TOOVEY)** on the 2 Aug 1882 in Albany, WA [Reg No5274], registered under Tyler. It was recorded that he was a widower.

AUSTRALIA BLACKSMITHS: http://blacksmiths.mygenwebs.com/australia-1.php#T

James Tyler Tylor, blacksmith & wheelwright. Born about 1830 as James George Taylor at Country Harbour Nova Scotia. In 1861 he married (1) Julia Long (she was the governess at Gingin, WA). Under the name of Tyler, he worked as a blacksmith. At some point Julia ran off with someone else, we don't know what happened to her? James later married (2) Annie Louise Toovey in 1882 at Albany WA; they used the name Tylor, and still do to this day (even though the correct spelling is Taylor). In 1880 (approx.) James worked as a wheelwright in both Albany & Tenderden WA. Between 1883 & 1892 James & Annie owned a Smithy shop at Eticup (note: Eticup no longer exists; was near to Broomhill WA). After 1892 they moved to Katanning WA where James died in 1911. Annie, the district Midwife, died 1937, Katanning. James is listed in both Blacksmiths of Australia & the Wheelwrights Index.

There are interesting web sites giving the history of Eticup which include mention of Taylor as a blacksmith.

LONG JULIA (1837-1880)

There are a lot of confusing facts and myths that have been recorded about Julie Long. See following, much of this is in doubt and thought to have been untrue.

Perth Gazette and Independent Journal of Politics and News (WA: 1848 - 1864), Fri 14 Aug 1857, pg 2. https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/2930184

Shipping Intelligence.

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On the 8th instant, the " City of Palaces," from Singapore. Cargo—1 case cigars, 184 bags sugar, 7 bales matting, 5 bags dates, 1 package twine, 1 bale gunny bags, 1 case curry powder; 4 military prisoners.

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Note: Via Irene Doyle: Her cousin Robert Long and family are also recorded as coming out this ship.

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https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Space:James_George_Tylor_101_-_History_Tree

Julia LONG (widow of Francis Frederick Seed). Said to be daughter of Francisca Calvente-y-Formentar (Marquis de Drach) & H. (nee Browne). She arrived 8.8.1857 (cabin) per City of Bristol *and was matron of the women passengers, she became 2nd mistress Perth Girls School, Guildford, WA.*

Myths*: (widow of Francis Frederick Seed)*:

Via researcher Irene Doyle: *Julia Long was never married to Francis Frederick Seed, he was married to Elizabeth Sarah Graham with 1 child, in England – see in the section on Francis Frederck Seed.*

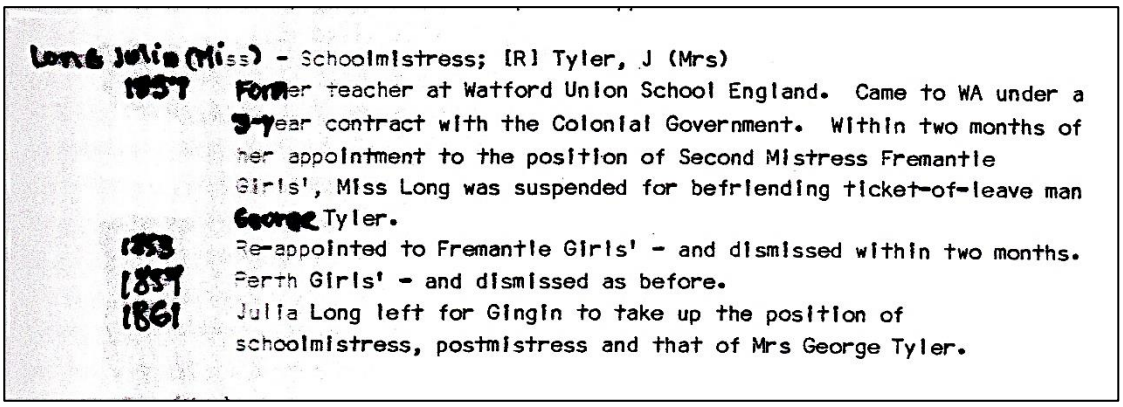
Julia Long said that she was the daughter of John Long and Francisca Calvente-y-Formentor her mother was Sarah Brown. The name Francisca Calvente-y-Formentor was a name from a book from the Spanish islands. It is more than likely the name Victor Emile Etienne came from out of a book she read. They are all French names. Her Parents were English, and so was Francis Seed.

JULIA LONG (1837-~1880) Via Le Nepveu and Tylor Family Tree, Ancestry and Researcher Irene Doyle, Census 1841, 1851.

Julia Long was born in 1837, Westminster St George, Hanover Square, Middlesex, England. Parents: **JOHN LONG (1795-) AND SARAH BROWN** who were married 12 Sep 1815, London, England.

JULIA LONG – School Teacher:

Teachers Bio -report on Julia Long: cropped section applicable from the main page. Courtesy Irene Doyle.


Long Julia (Miss) - Schoolmistress; [R] Tyler, J (Mrs)
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NOTE: There is no mention in the teacher's report of Francis Frederick Seed. Julia went under the name Julia Long. She was cohabitating with George Tyler.

Irene continues: *In 1864 Julia Long ran off and left James (George). I can't find her anywhere. James met Annie in Mt Barker WA where they had a Blacksmith shop then moved to Eticup and again started a Smithy Shop and Carpenter. It closed down then they moved to Katanning where Annie was the Midwife in that district and James a Blacksmith.*

Julia Long moved from Perth to Gingin and according to WA registration records she and Francis Frederick Seed had a child in 1860. Frances Frederick Seed died the same year. More on this following:

SEED, FRANCIS FREDERICK (1832-1860) Convict Via Badder Clerk Family Tree, Ancestry.

Francis Frederick Seed was born about 1832, baptised 15 Jul 1832, Kirkby, Lonsdale, Westmorland, England. Parents: m.1 **FRANCIS FREDERICK SEED (1803-1890)** and **AGNES DIXON (1801-)** who were married 12 Aug 1827.

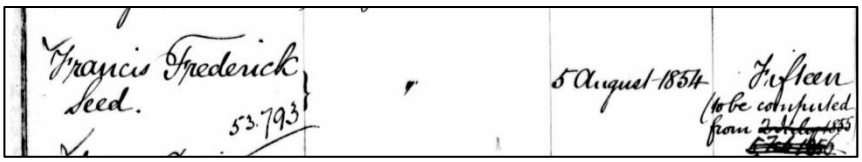
FRANCIS FREDERICK SEED (1832-1860) married **ELIZABETH SARAH GRAHAM** 29 Sep, 1853, Gretna Hall, Dumfries, Dumfries Shire, Scotland.

Convict Francis F Seed, aged 22 years was tried in Lancaster, convicted in Aug 1854, transported on the *Runnymede* and arrived in WA in 1856. Status: married with one child.

CONVICT: FRANCIS FREDERICK SEED (1832-1860)

Convicted at Lancashire Assizes, Sentence term 15 years, Ship Runnymede, Departure Date 11th Jun, 1856, Arrival date 7th Sep 1856, Place of arrival, WA.

Lancashire convicts


Francis Frederick Seed. 53.793 5 August 1854 Fifteen (to be computed from 2 Aug 1855)

4023	Anthony Danson	31	5 7	dark brown	hazel	oval	dark	"
4024	Edward Hayes	24	4 11¾	light brown	grey	oval	fresh	"
4025	William English	21	5 6½	brown	light grey	oval	fresh	slight
4026	Francis F. Seed	24	5 11	light brown	grey	long	fair	slight
4027	Griffith Boyer	22	5 7	sandy	dark green	round	[illegible]	[illegible]

ACCORDING TO WA REGISTRATION OF BIRTH RECORDS:

JULIA LONG (1837- ~1880) AND FRANCES FREDRICK SEED (1832-1860) HAD A CHILD IN 1860:

1. VICTOR EMILE ETIENNE TEEDE / SEED (1860-1933) *Frederick

It is thought due to handwriting, Teed has been translated from Seed. *Assuming this is the same child, his name became Frederick Tyler when Julia married James George Tyler.

WA Births registration: https://bdm.justice.wa.gov.au/_apps/pioneersindex/default.aspx

Teede	Victor Emile Etienne	Francis TEEDE	Long Julia	Gingin	5216	1860

Victor Emile Etienne Teede / Seed / Tyler was born 1860. Gingin, WA [Reg. 5216], registered as **Victor Emile Etienne TEEDE, father, Francis, mother, Julia Long.**

FRANCIS FREDERICK SEED (1832-1860) died 12 Dec 1860, WA [Reg. 1674], aged 30 (28) years. Place not recorded.

Shortly after the death of Francis Frederick Seed, Julia married James George Tyler.

Note: The child's name was recorded under the surname of Teede (mistaken for Seed). The child was named Victor Emile Etienne (sounds French), no mention of the name Frederick. Frances Frederick Seed died in December in the year the child was born.

One does wonder why the child following the marriage of James and Julia was named Frederick Tyler. Perhaps he was named in honour of Frances Frederick Seed following his death. This is all speculation.

No wonder "Frederick Tyler" as he was renamed after her marriage to James Tyler was later unable to provide proof of his birth. (This sad but fascinating story to follow further on in his own section.)

The following summary and comments re convict Seed. Courtesy researcher Irene Doyle:

Name:	Francis Frederick Seed	
Birth Year:	abt 1831	
Age:	30	
Registration Year:	1861	
Registration Place:		
Registration Number:	1674	
Vessel:	Runnymede	
Convicted Date:	5 Aug 1854	Conv 4026
Voyage Date:	11 Jun 1856	
Colony:		sickness - TB Phthisis
Place of Conviction:	Lancashire, England	Discharged by order 1858-1859 to 1860
Francis Seed		death -12 Dec 1860
Date:	25 Feb 1858	
Record Type:	Convict Establishment, Fremantle Casual Sick	
Reference Number:	ACC 1156/CS6-CS8	

Via Researcher Irene Doyle: *Therefore, I don't believe Frederick Seed was the father of Frederick Tyler. He was ill with TB Phthisis in 1858 and died 12 Dec 1860. Frederick was born May 1860 and his baptism was on the 26 Jul 1860 aged five months making Julia to have conceived Fred about Sept 1859. According to the Teachers report, she was with James Tyler. They didn't have a cure for TB in 1860.*

Irene Doyle continues:
I spoke to a family member from England that told me Francis Frederick Seed died in Vasse in 1860 where he was working as an accountant. Julia was at the Fremantle Girls School in 1858 then at the Perth Girls School in 1859, she was single until she married James in 1861, she was with James in 1857-1861.

Going by the School report and the fact that Frederick Seed was living in Vasse where he died, I would say she lied about her relationship with him, to cover up that she was not having a relationship with George Tyler and I believe that Frederick Tyler was James' son. So, the widow thing was to save face that she had a child out of wedlock and so she could get the position as School mistress in Gingin.

Julia deserted James George and the children in 1864 and also lied about who her parents were, as I found her brother and his family on the same boat that she came out on. No Marques in the family on both sides. Both names were used as an escape goat. She must have known or heard of a Francis Seed, an accountant or James knew of him.

JULIA LONG (1837-~1880) and **JAMES GEORGE TYLER (1827-1911)** were married 20 Jun 1861, Perth, WA [Reg. 1654]. Registered under Tyler.

This article shows Julia, now known as Mrs Tyler teaching in Gingin in Sep 1862.

Perth Gazette and Independent Journal of Politics and News (WA: 1848 - 1864), Fri 5 Sep 1862, pg 3
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/2934030

Gingin.
(From a Correspondent.)

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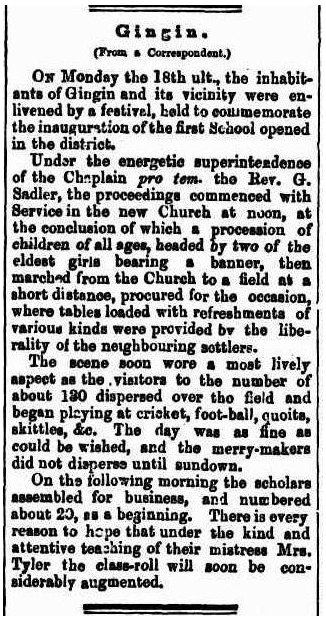
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GINGIN Post office: *http://inherit.stateheritage.wa.gov.au/Public/Inventory/Details/aa120c9c-7f3f-4345-aff8-fa60e1e364d9*

The first mail service to Gingin (at WL Brockman's property) was in 1853 on the Champion Bay route. In 1854 John York set up post office at Creaton, becoming the first postmaster and Registrar, until 1863. ***Mrs Tyler, the policeman's wife, and school mistress*** *who lived near the police paddock in the establishing town, became post mistress, and in 1864 John Cockram was contracted for the monthly mail delivery. In 1881 Mrs Hackett was Postmistress, with mail distributed through the Police station.*

Note: Was Mr Tyler a policeman at that time?

JULIA LONG (1837- ~1880) AND JAMES GEORGE TYLER (1836-1937) HAD ONE CHILD:

1. ZELA MATILDA GERTRUDE TYLER (1862-1921)
Zela Matilda Gertrude Tyler was born 27 Dec 1862 in Gingin, WA [Reg. 6815]. Julia and James George Tyler now had two children, Frederick and Zela. Following the Zela and James' marriage, Victor Emile Etienne Teede / Seed took on the name of Frederick Tyler.

As very little children, Zela and Frederick lived with their parents in Gingin. Their mother was teaching and their father working as a blacksmith. Sadly, their parents split up. Their mother met someone else and left in 1864.

https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Space:James_George_Tylor_101_-_History_Tree

James George Tyler was a Blacksmith at Gingin 1860s where his wife was recorded as a schoolteacher and postmistress 1863-1864. She is reported to have left Gingin suddenly in 1864 (ran off with someone).

It was said *she went to Bunbury and drowned***.** We do not have details re her death.

James Tyler must have found it very difficult coping with two small children after Julia left. When Zela was just a small child, she was given to a couple who did not have any children of their own. They brought her up and she took on the name of Taylor.

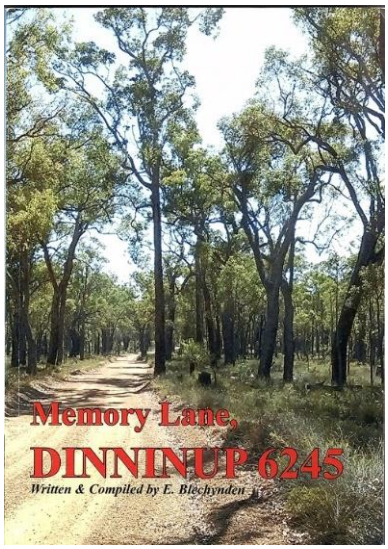
Geoff Blechynden commented:

There is a bit of confusion about the names TYLER and TAYLOR.
My understanding is, ***Zela was brought up as a child by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Taylor*** of "Condinup" farm at Dinninup, (easy walking distance from "Bellside") so ***became Zela Taylor.***

It is important to know more about Zela's new parents and their life in Dinninup.

Elizabeth Blechynden has written and compiled an excellent book which tells the story of Dinninup and the early settlers in the district, including Joseph Taylor and the three Blechynden brothers, George, James and Edwin.

Memory Lane, DINNINUP 6245 Written and Compiled by E. Blechynden, pg.1



Such was the history of the first settlers of Dinninup. Joseph Taylor is said to be the first settler in the Dinninup district but his brother John had already settled in York and married Ann Draper whose family had come to W.A. in 1830. He returned to England to bring more of his family to W.A., Joseph being one of them. Joseph wandered down to the Blackwood area and took up "Condinup" in 1880 and Ann Taylor's two Draper nephews followed Joseph soon after. Joseph married Mildred Teede and her brother and sister came to settle in the area as well. Likewise, Harrison Blechynden came to W.A. in 1830, married a fellow passenger on the "Minstrel" and went to Beverley to raise a large family. One of his sons, John, travelled to Bridgetown and again had a large family of nine sons and three daughters who spread throughout the Blackwood district – three coming to Dinninup. Other families such as the Chambers brothers and the Bilstons followed, coming from the eastern states via Kalgoorlie and the gold rush.

Memory Lane, DINNINUP 6245, pgs. 25-27

pg. 25: It is recorded that Joseph's brother John Taylor came to WA on the "Sterling" and to York in 1841. He married Ann Draper in York in 1846, John Taylor died 13 May 1890, York, WA [Reg. 231], aged 69 years.

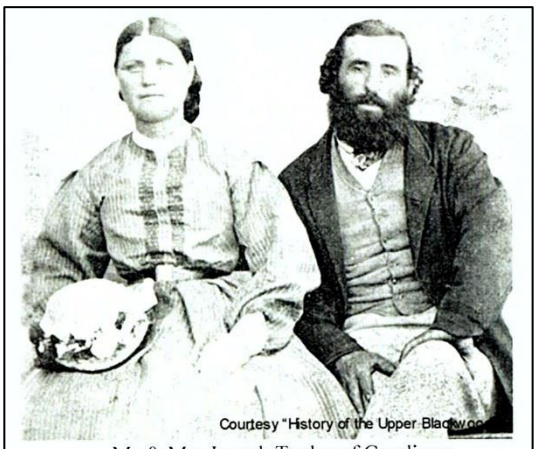
JOHN TAYLOR married **ANN DRAPER (1821-1890)** 1846, Perth WA [Reg. 194]. Many years later Zela worked for the Draper family.

pg. 25, 26: Joseph Taylor came out on the "Lady Amhurst" in 1856. Joseph went to John's property "Yangedine" in York, then in 1875 he was described as "a Blackwood sheep farmer" and in 1880 he selected land in that area. He married Mildred Mary Teede in 1866 and with them they brought up Zela, an adopted daughter.

JOSEPH TAYLOR married **MILDRED MARY TEEDE (1844-1907)** 1866, Beverley, WA [Reg. 2450].

Zela would have been about 4 years of age when they came to Dinninup and Joseph and Ann and built their house at 'Condingup'.

pg. 25: The first settler to arrive in the Dinninup area is considered to be Joseph Taylor, who selected land in 1880 and initially named it "Cundingup", then "Condingup.



Mr & Mrs Joseph Taylor of Condinup

Memory Lane, DINNINUP 6245, pg. 25, Mr & Mrs Joseph Taylor of Condingup

Irene Doyle wrote the following:

With Joseph Taylor, it was not a real adoption, only an expression of love as they had no children of their own. Joseph Taylor is related to my grandmother Mary Elizabeth Draper who married Albert George James Tylor / Taylor, Zela's half- brother. Mary E Draper's father was Robert James Draper and her father's sister was Ann Draper. She married Joseph's Brother John Taylor; Zela went to work for Joseph and his wife through the Draper family.

Zela's Husband George Blechynden killed himself after Zela Died (from the Book Suicides and Settlers). Zela also worked as a postmistress as did Julia Long. Frederick Tyler Zela's Brother has a real story to tell, very sad as well. I have been writing a book on him he was a Policeman that found corruption in the force and was mistreated badly.

Via Geoff Blechynden: "*This is where my grandmother Zela Taylor grew up. The roof behind the tall tank stand is the older of the two houses. When the Blackwood River flooded in 1981 an empty tank on the tank stand in front of the house floated off the stand."*

Abandoned homestead on the Blackwood River, not far from Dinninup.
Courtesy Tony Dunkley.

ZELA MATILDA TAYLER (1862-1921), married **GEORGE HARRISON BLECHYNDEN (1862-1937)** 25 May 1896, in Condingup, WA [Reg. 5], registered under Zela Matilda Taylor.

Memory Lane, DINNINUP 6245, pg.27, pp1: *The Taylors left after 15 or so years and Joseph appears to have become a police constable and gaoler in Bunbury from 1895-1898 before his death in 1899.*

pg. 3: *In 1895, "Condingup" was taken over by Gerald (Paddy) Meagher, who stayed until about 1917.*

Joseph Taylor died 28 Apr 1899, at his residence, Cundinup, Blackwood, (his death registered in Bunbury), WA [Reg. 21] aged 62 years. Mildred M Taylor died 1907, Wellington WA [Reg. 25].

Bunbury Herald (WA: 1892- 1919), Tue 2 May 1899, pg 3
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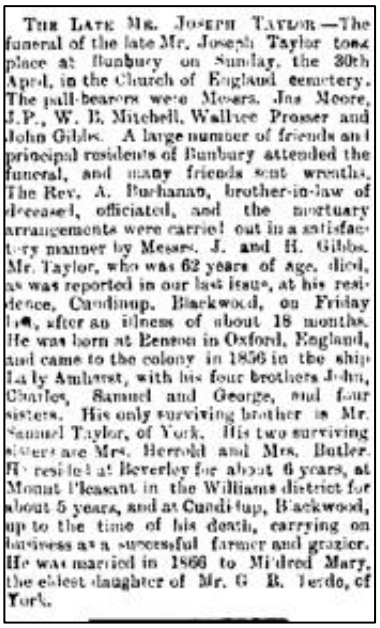
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The next two pages contain family tree information about Zela's father James George Tyler and his second marriage.

Following the death of her mother, (date and place unknown), Zela's father, now a widower was married a second time.
m.2 JAMES GEORGE TYLER (1827-1911) married **m.2 ANNIE LOUISA RICHARDSON (NEE TOOVEY) (1851-1937)** on the 2 Aug 1882 in Albany, WA [Reg No5274], registered under Tyler. Annie Louisa Toovey Richardson had been married before:

TOOVEY, ANNIE LOUISA (1851-1937)

Annie Louisa Toovey was born 25 May 1851, Guildford, WA [Reg. 1670]. Her name was registered under Louisa Toovey. Annie Louisa Toovey Tyler (nee Richardson) died 26 Jan 1937, Katanning, WA [Reg No17], registered under Tylor.

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CHILDREN OF ANNIE LOUISA TOOVEY (1851-1937) AND THOMAS RICHARDSON (1831-1880)

1. SARAH CECILIA RICHARDSON (1875-1941) married **GEORGE HERBERT (1864-1949)** 4 Feb 1901, Albany, WA [Reg no. 187].

2. LOMAS HENRY RICHARDSON (1877-1951) married **ISABELLA GARRITY (1885-1939)**, Etticup, WA [Reg No. 932].

3. EMMA RICHARDSON (1878-1951) married **EDWARD WILHELM (1867-1938)**, 1898, Katanning, WA [Reg. 749].

4. ETHEL LEAVESDEN RICHARDSON (1880-1967) married **JOHN EGALTON BARKER (1878-1929)**, 10 Sep 1902, Katanning, WA [Reg. 1009].

CHILDREN OF JAMES GEORGE TYLER AND ANNIE LOUISA TOOVEY:

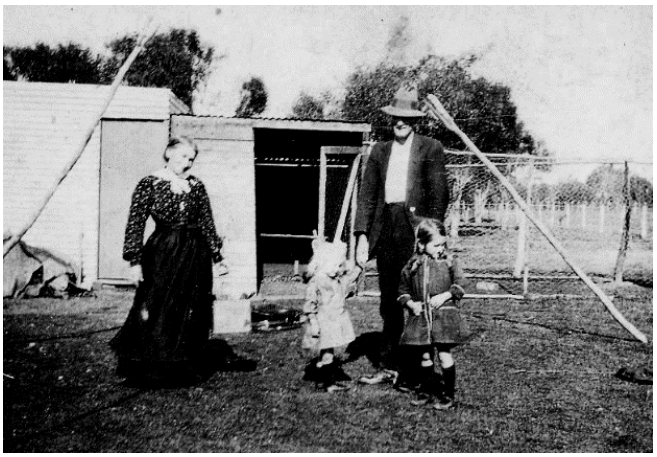
1. **SOPHIE ADA TAYLER (1883-1968)** was born 17 Apr 1883, Albany, WA [Reg. 23634], name registered under Sophy Tyler. She married **WILLIAM CUTHBERT BALL (1885-1949),** 1918, Katanning. WA [Reg. 10]. Registered as Sophie A Taylor.

2. HOWARD WENTWORTH TAYLOR / TYLOR (1887-1927) was born 1887, Katanning, WA [Reg. 550]. Registered under Tylor. He married **ELSIE JULIA SEEBER (1886-1966)** 1908, Katanning, WA [Reg. 45]. Registered under Tylor.

3. GEORGE JAMES TYLOR (1889-1966) 'ALBERT' was born 24 Jul 1889, Etticup, WA [Reg. 1346], registered as George James Taylor. He married **MARY ELIZABETH DRAPER (1893-1986)**, 1913, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 30], registered under Albert G Tylor.

4. BERTHA MAY TAYLOR was born 1885, Katanning, WA [Reg. 26364], registered under Taylor. She married **WILLIAM EDGAR RICHMOND (1880-1946)** 7 Jun 1905, old school room, Katanning, WA [Reg. 928].

5. HORACE WILFRED ALFRED TAYLOR (1893-1966) was born 1893, Katanning, WA [Reg. 1044], registered under Taylor. He married **ETHEL ROSE LEAK (1882-1958)**, 16 Jul 1915, Katanning, WA [Reg. 39], registered under Tylor.



Annie Louisa (nee Toovey) and James George Tyler with two of their children. Courtesy Irene Wood. Note that James appears quite tall in this photo.

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Headstone of Ann Louisa Tylor (1851-1937), Katanning Cemetery, Photo via kathy A

West Australian Fri 12 Feb 1937
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Southern Times (Bunbury, WA: 1888 - 1916), Thu 2 Apr 1896, pg 3
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More Details on each of George and Zela's four living children following in their own sections.

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3. GEORGE 'BRUCE' WENTWORTH (1900-1988)
4. MARGARET BLANCH HOPE (1904-1986)

Via Irene Doyle from the Katanning Library.

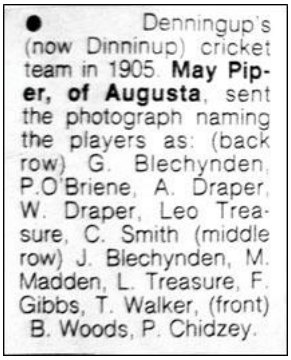
"The Blechyndens were mainly sheep breeding farmers but kept cows for milk and meat plus small amounts of wheat. Two trips a year were made to Bunbury to cart wool and wheat. George, Zela and family resided at 'Bellside' between 1884 and 1937, in Dinninup, WA." Descendants still continue farming 'Bellside'

Zela Matilda with Dora and Violet, George Harrison Blechynden with Bruce Blechynden

George Harrison Blechynden and Zela Matilda (nee Tyler / Taylor). Courtesy of Kerry W

Dinninup Cricket Team George Blechynden, left, back

Newspaper article, 1905. Courtesy Kevin Kann.



● Denningup's (now Dinninup) cricket team in 1905. **May Piper, of Augusta**, sent the photograph naming the players as: (back row) G. Blechynden, P.O'Briene, A. Draper, W. Draper, Leo Treasure, C. Smith (middle row) J. Blechynden, M. Madden, L. Treasure, F. Gibbs, T. Walker, (front) B. Woods, P. Chidzey.

Memory Lane, DINNINUP 6245, pg.62: *When Bruce was a baby and the girls were starting school, just over the brook from her home, Zela began holding an annual Christmas Tree party for the children as they finished the school year. This she did for almost twenty years, later moving from the school to the new Dinninup Hall.*

Memory Lane, DINNINUP 6245, pgs.175-185: *Eventually a timber school room with teachers' quarters (a living room and bedroom) was built on 5 acres west of Dinninup and was opened on 7 Feb, 1902. Miss Florence Armstrong was the first Head teacher. The school temporarily closed in its first year due to being "Beyond reach of pupils" but parents appealed for its reopening and from Feb 1903 Miss Bertha Johnson as the teacher, her salary being £100 per annum. The school catered for 20 children. The Blechynden children from 'Bellside', Dora, Violet, Bruce and Marguerite and Mabel, Ellen, Myra, Hubert and Charles from 'Springfield' are recorded as having attended.*

Memory Lane, DINNINUP 6245, pgs. 176-177: **DENNINUP / DINNINUP SCHOOL, 1906**

In about 1905 a Mr Kenny enquired about the correct spelling of the **Denninup** school name as **'Dinninup'** appeared on all the maps **–** it was **officially changed** in 1906.

First Dinninup School 1902-1912
(five acres excised from G. H. Blechynden property.)

DENNINGUP SCHOOL, 1906

Back*: Lona Day, Edward Grover, Fred Asplin, Leo Grover, Henry Asplin,*
Hilda Draper, Miss Seymour (Teacher) Emily Asplin, May Asplin
Centre: *Stanley Draper, Stanley Herold,* ***Violet Blechynden,*** *Elvie Draper,*
Bernice Draper, Grace Draper, Percy Draper Front*: Mary Draper, Murial Grover, Alba Draper, Milly Grover, Wesley Herold.*

Mail Delivery to Dinninup and the farms:

Follow the link below to read this interesting article re mail delivery in the district or you can view it in George's brother, Alfred 'Alty' Blechynden's chapter.

Boyup Brook Bulletin **(WA: 1930 - 1950), Thu 27 Aug 1931, pg 1**
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Memory Lane**, DINNINUP 6245, pg. 8**: *From 1900 Mr Alty Blechynden of Bridgetown brought the mail to "Springfield", Dinninup, about once a week – he had to open 24 gates on the way.*

Electoral Rolls:
1910, 1916, George Harrison Blechynden, Upper Black wood, farmer, Zela Matilda, Upper Blackwood, m.
1925, 1931, 1937 George Harrison Blechynden, Dinninup, farmer.

WA Livestock Brands 1912-1962

https://www.carnamah.com.au/livestock-brands?search=Scott

Blechynden Brand	G. H.	Bellside, Upper Blackwood	ZT1	1924

Blackwood Times **(Greenbushes, WA: 1905 - 1955), Fri 2 Jan 1920, pg 3**
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George Harrison Blechynden via Bridgedale collection

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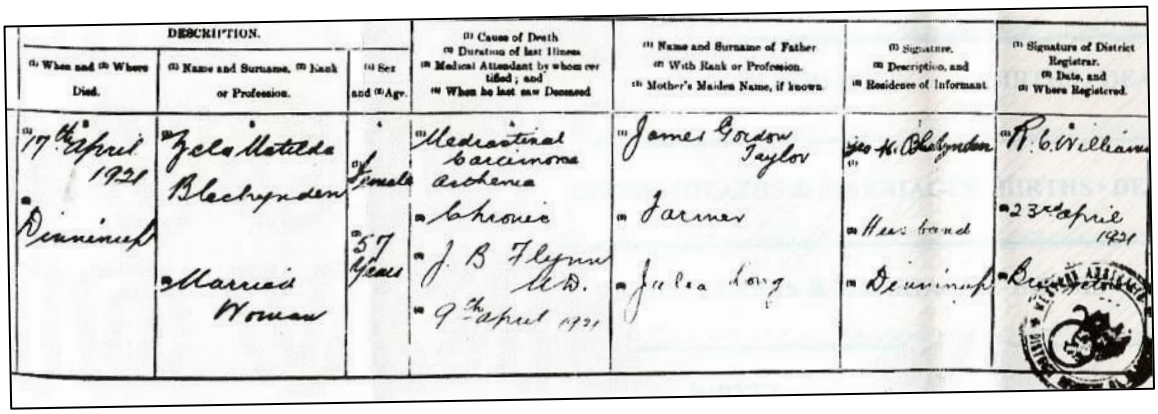

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Copy of death certificate of Zela Matilda Blechynden

South Western Times **(Bunbury, WA: 1917 - 1929), Sat 30 Apr 1921, pg 1**
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Obituary

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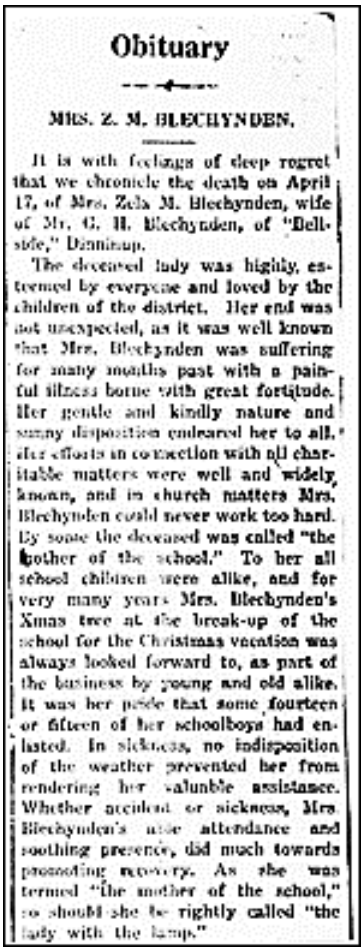

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It was a sad time for the family with the passing of Zela. Dora was aged 24 years, Violet 23 years, Bruce 21 years and Margaret 17 years.

***Memory Lane*, DINNINUP 6245, pg.66:**

The owner of neighbouring Bellside, George Harrison Blechynden bought the property from Jack Flynn in 1921. His son, Bruce married in 1929 and moved into the Bellside homestead so George moved into a new house above the poplar trees at that time. He resided here until his death with his daughter Margaret.

Note: The new home was on 'Creave Lea' adjacent to 'Bellside' and belonged to the family as well at that time. The' Bellside' home is still standing but not the second house. George Harrison never got over the death of his wife.

George Harrison Blechynden died on 30 Aug 1937 in Dinninup, (Blackwood), WA. [Reg No. 60]. He was buried in 1937 in Dinninup Cemetery, Dinninup, WA.

***West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Tue 31 Aug 1937, pg 12**
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Cutting from May Blechynden's Album.

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The pall-bearers were Messrs R. McKenzie, C. H. Beatty, M. Abel, W. G. Draper, J. Harrison and R. Byron.

Many wreaths and floral tributes were received. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Messs Wm. Brittain and Son, of Bunbury.

***Boyup Brook Bulletin* (WA: 1930 - 1950), Fri 3 Sep 1937, pg 1**
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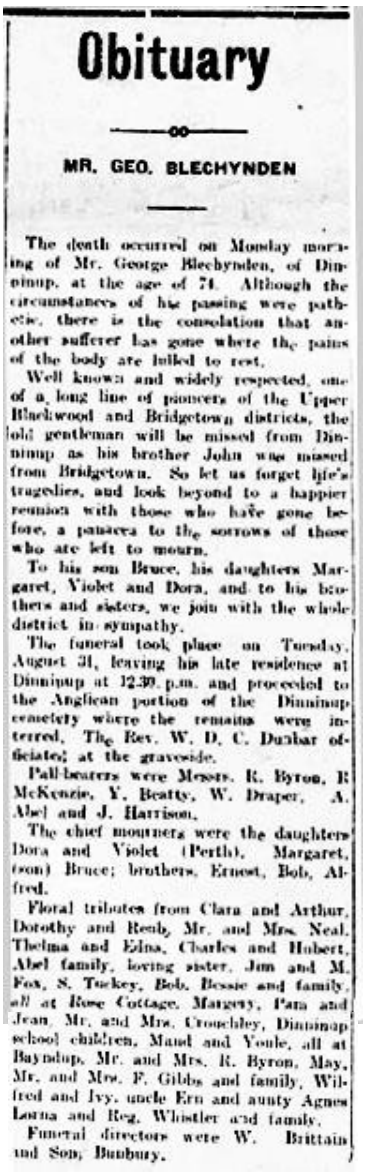

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To his son Bruce, his daughters Margaret, Violet and Dora, and to his brothers and sisters, we join with the whole district in sympathy.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, August 31, leaving his late residence at Dinninup at 12.30 p.m. and proceeded to the Anglican portion of the Dinninup cemetery where the remains were interred. The Rev. W. D. C. Dunbar officiated at the graveside.

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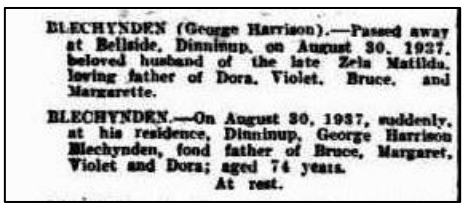

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BLECHYNDEN. -In loving memory of our dear Father, George Harrison, who departed this life at Dinninup on August 30, 1937. Thy Will be done. Inserted by his daughters and son. Dora, Violet, Bruce and Margaret.

Find a grave: George Harrison Blechynden (1862-1937) - Find A Grave Memorial

Headstone:
Zela Matilda Blechynden
(nee Tyler / Taylor), and
George Harrison Blechynden,
Dinninup Cemetery, WA
courtesy Kath A

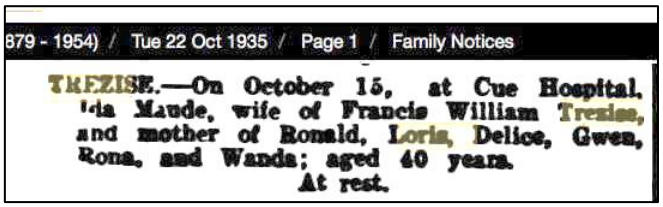
George and Zela had five children, one of whom was stillborn on 7 Dec 1902, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 125].

INDIVIDUAL CHAPTERS ON THE FOUR LIVING CHILDREN OF GEORGE HARRISON BLECHYNDEN & ZELA MATILDA TYLER / TAYLOR

1st CHILD OF GEORGE BLECHYNDEN & ZELA TYLER / TAYLOR

1. BLECHYNDEN, DORA ZEPHYR ELIZABETH (1897-1972) was born 3 Feb 1897 in Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 44]. She died 30 Jul 1972, Manning, WA. Cremated Karrakatta Cemetery. DORA married m.2 FRANCIS 'FRANK' WILLIAM TREZISE (1888-1950) 1938, Methodist Church, Day Dawn, Murchison, WA [Reg.7]. This was his second marriage. They had no children. Frank was born 12 Dec 1887, QLD. Parents: FRANCIS TREZISE (1851-1915) and ANNIE JANE MCKEOWN (1863-1955). Frank died 18 May 1950, Wembley, WA [Reg. 1012]. Burial, Karrakatta Cemetery

m.1 'FRANK' WILLIAM TREZISE (1887-1950) married **IDA MAUDE TAYLOR (1895-1935)**, 1913, Murchison, WA [Reg. 18]. Ida was the daughter of Cornelious William Taylor and Caroline Short Goodwin. She died 17 Oct 1935, Murchison, WA [Reg. 46]. Frank and Ida had five children as follows: Ronald, Loris, Delice, Gwen, Rona and Wanda.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TREZISE.—On October 15, at Cue Hospital, Ida Maude, wife of Francis William Trezise, and mother of Ronald, Loris, Delice, Gwen, Rona, and Wanda; aged 40 years.
At rest.

Electoral Rolls:
1925, Dora Zephyr Elizabeth Blechynden, 'Bellside' Dinninup, spinster.
1937, Francis William Trezise, Mount Magnet, accountant
1949, Francis William Trezise, accountant, 54 Blencowe Av, Leederville, Dora Zephyr Elizabeth, home duties.
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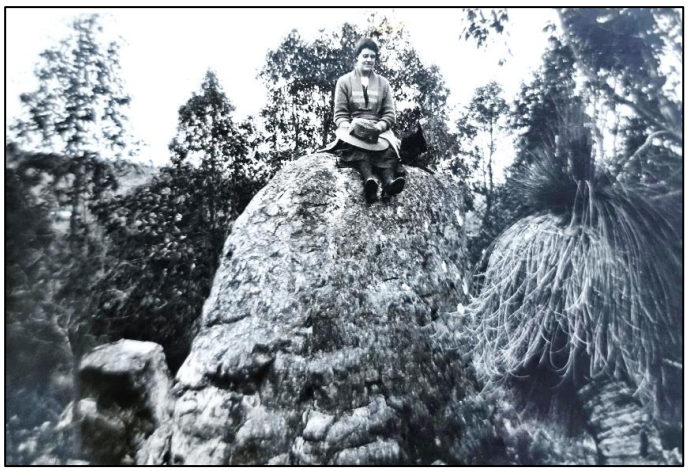

2. BLECHYNDEN, VIOLET JULIA (1898-1988) was born 8 Apr 1898 'Easington Farm', Boyup Brook, WA [Reg. 52]. Violet Julia Brookes (nee Blechynden) died 27 Apr 1988, Salter Point, WA.

Violet Blechynden, 'Bellside', 1923.
Courtesy Kevin Cann

South Western Times **(Bunbury, WA: 1917 - 1929), Sat 6 Jan 1917, pg 8**
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Dinninup

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Note: This was in the middle of WW1, so events like this helped raise the spirits of those who were struggling, both financially and with bereavement.

VIOLET JULIA BLECHYNDEN (1898-1988) married **HENRY 'HARRY' BROOKS (1885-1971)**, 1940, Leederville, WA [Reg. 2536], recorded as Henry Brooks. She would have been 42 years of age.

Henry Brooks, husband to Violet Julia Brooks (Blechynden). Courtesy Kevin Cann

HENRY 'HARRY' BROOKS (1885-1971) (via Gilchrist – Cameron Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 1885, Northam, WA [Reg. 26880]. Parents: **THOMAS BROOKS (1841-1902)** and **MARY ANN BRESNAHAN (1856-1927)** who were married 1877, Toodyay, WA [Reg. 4296]. Harry was a soldier in WW1. He had a soldier settlement farm and worked for Millers. He contracted tuberculosis and retired to Gosnells. 'Harry' Brooks died 1 Nov 1971, Salter Point, WA. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery, WA.

The West Australian **(Perth), WA: 1879-1954), Wed 24 Sep 1947, Pg 1, Family Notices**

Death notice of Harry's father, Henry Brooks, in which Harry, Violet and Zela are mentioned.

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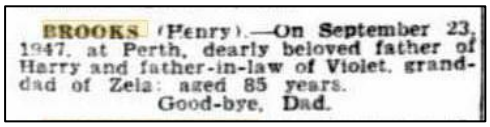
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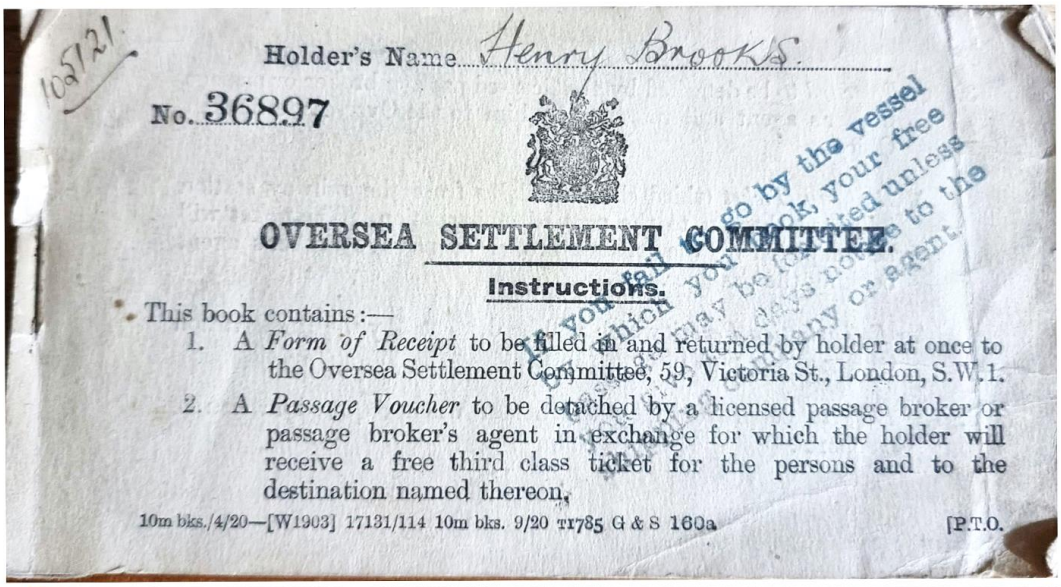

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Holder's Name Henry Brooks

No. 36897

OVERSEA SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE.

Instructions.

If you fail to go by the vessel mention your book, your free passage may be forfeited unless notice to the Company or agent.

This book contains:—

1. A *Form of Receipt* to be filled in and returned by holder at once to the Oversea Settlement Committee, 59, Victoria St., London, S.W.1.
2. A *Passage Voucher* to be detached by a licensed passage broker or passage broker's agent in exchange for which the holder will receive a free third class ticket for the persons and to the destination named thereon.

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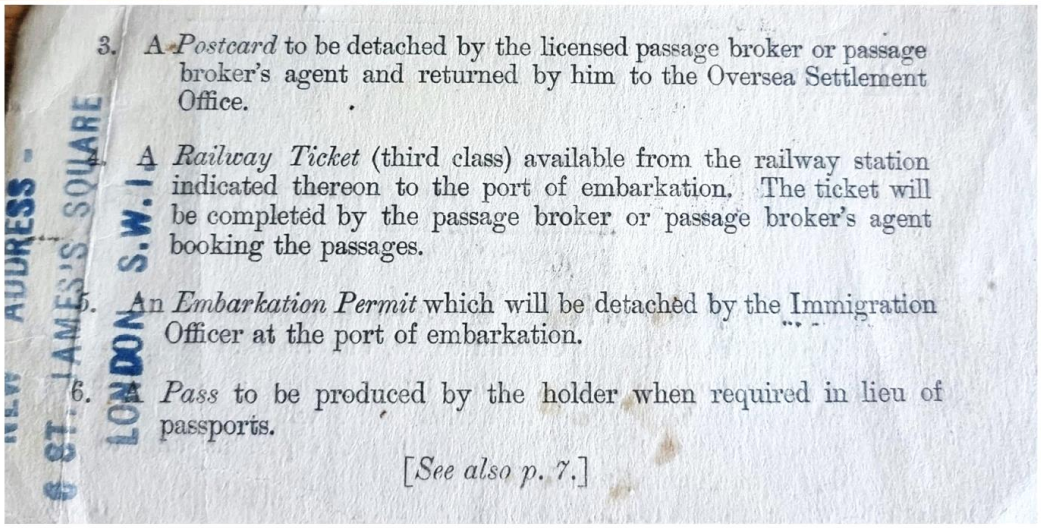

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4. A *Railway Ticket* (third class) available from the railway station indicated thereon to the port of embarkation. The ticket will be completed by the passage broker or passage broker's agent booking the passages.
5. An *Embarkation Permit* which will be detached by the Immigration Officer at the port of embarkation.
6. A *Pass* to be produced by the holder when required in lieu of passports.

[*See also p. 7.*]

NEW ADDRESS - 6 ST. JAMES'S SQUARE LONDON S.W.1

No. 36897 **PASS.** 6

(To be retained by holder for production when necessary in lieu of passports and surrendered at port of arrival overseas.)

OVERSEA SETTLEMENT OFFICE,
59, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.
22 . 10 1921

O.S.O. Stamp.

This pass is issued to the persons named below to whom free third class passages have been issued to the port of FREMANTLE OR ALBANY

For the Oversea Settlement Committee,

Secretary.

OVERSEA SETTLEMENT 6 FEB 1922

Names of Holder ~~and Wife (if any)~~ ~~(For list of children see back)~~	Age
HENRY BROOKS	23

Total Number (in words): Adults ONE; Children —; Infants —

Photos of holder ~~and wife (if any)~~ embossed with O.S.O. stamp.

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Electoral Roll:

1968, Brooks Henry, 2 Potter Ave, Salter Point, Violet Julia, home duties.

Violet and Harry Brooks had a daughter Zela Violet Brooks who married James Henry 'Jim' Cann, 7 Dec 1963, Canning, WA [Reg. 249].

Left: *Violet Julia Brooks (Blechynden) and her daughter Zela Violet Brooks, Royal Perth Show, 1948.*

All photos courtesy of Kevin Cann.

Right: Wedding photo of James Henry 'Jim' Cann and Zela Violet Brooks.

Henry Brooks and Violet Julia Brooks (nee Blechynden) 7 Dec 1963

Violet Julia Brooks (Blechynden) and Zela Violet Cann (Brooks), mid 1970

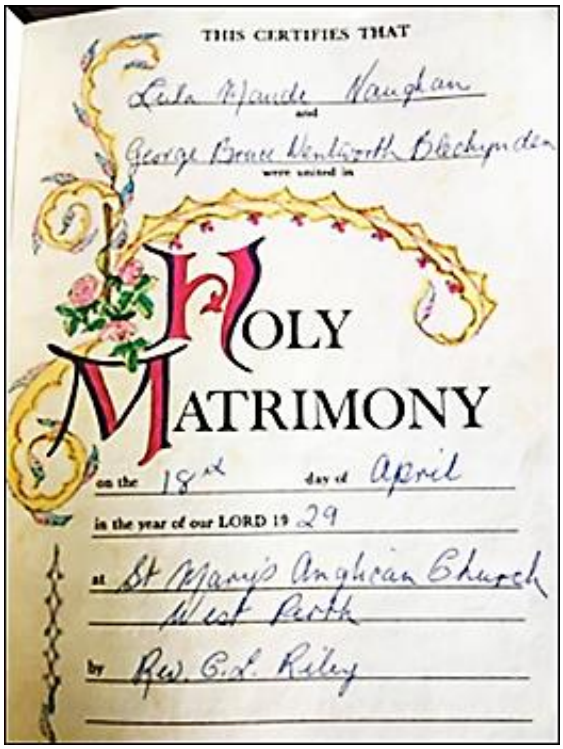
3rd CHILD OF GEORGE BLECHYNDEN & ZELA TYLER / TAYLOR

3. BLECHYNDEN, GEORGE 'BRUCE' WENTWORTH (1900-1988) was born 16 Oct 1900 in Katanning, WA [Reg. 2810]. He died 4 Jul 1988, Boyup Brook, WA. Buried Boyup Brook Cemetery.

Geoff Blechynden commented: Zela, having not even made it to Boyup Brook, on her way to Bridgetown, when Violet was born, took more time and went by horse and dray to James & Annie Tyler's at Katanning. Annie, her stepmother, was a midwife. Dad, George B W was born at their property.

GEORGE BRUCE WENTWORTH BLECHYNDEN (1900-1988) married **LEILA MAUDE VAUGHAN (1902-1989)**, school- teacher, in 1929, Perth, WA [Reg. 595]. **LEILA** was a twin, born 22 May 1902,

Brunswick, VIC. Her parents were FRANK HOPE VAUGHAN (1871-1932) and MARY ELENA CHRISTIANSEN (1870-1974) who were married 1902, in TAS [Pg No. 0145]]. They had three children: John 'Jack' Christiansen (twin), Leila Maude (twin) and Bertha 'Poss' Ethel Vaughan. Leila died 8 Nov 1989, Boyup Brook, WA. Buried Boyup Brook Cemetery.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Leila Maude Vaughan
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George Bruce Wentworth Blechynden
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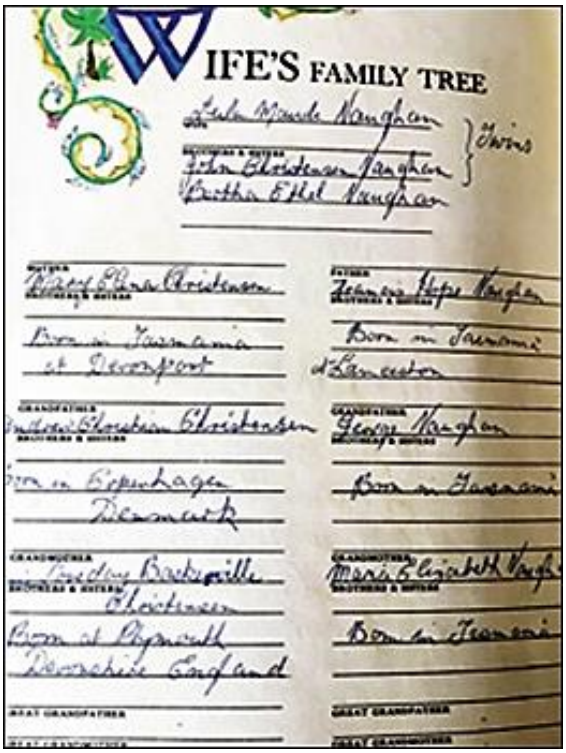
HOLY MATRIMONY
on the 18th day of April
in the year of our LORD 19 29
at St Mary's Anglican Church West Perth
by Rev. C.L. Riley

Holy Matrimony Certificate. Courtesy Judy Blechynden


WIFE'S FAMILY TREE
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Twins
John Christiansen Vaughan
Bertha Ethel Vaughan
Mary Elena Christiansen
Born in Tasmania at Devonport
Frank Hope Vaughan
Born in Tasmania at Launceston
Andrew Christian Christiansen
Born in Copenhagen Denmark
George Vaughan
Born in Tasmania
Pauline Barbeville Christiansen
Born at Plymouth Devonshire England
Maria Elizabeth Vaughan
Born in Tasmania

Leila Maude Vaughan's Family Tree. Courtesy Judy Blechynden

***West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Tue 11 Jun 1929, pg 1**
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MARRIAGE.

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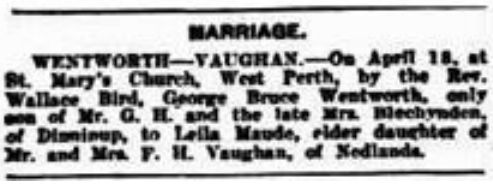
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Note: The surname Wentworth is misleading. The groom was George Bruce Wentworth Blechynden.

Electoral Roll:
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GEORGE BRUCE WENTWORTH BLECHYNDEN (1900-1988) AND LEILA MAUDE VAUGHAN (1902-1989) HAD FIVE CHILDREN:

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2. VALERIE LEILA BLECHYNDEN, born in 1932, died in 1935 following a kick by a horse.
3. JUDITH BLECHYNDEN (1936-1936), died as an infant.
4. GEORGE GEOFFREY BRUCE BLECHYNDEN.
5. JEAN ELIZABETH BLECHYNDEN who later married John Rowe.

TRAGIC DEATH OF VALERIE LEILA BLECHYNDEN (1932-1935):

Valerie Leila Blechynden was born 1932, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 37]. Tragically, Valerie died on 7 Jan 1935, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 3], following a kick by a horse.

***Manjimup and Warren Times* (WA: 1927 - 1954), Thu 10 Jan 1935, pg 2**
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***West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Tue 15 Jan 1935, pg 1**
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Headstone of three daughters of George Bruce Wentworth and Leila Maude Blechynden, Boyup Brook Cemetery*:*

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VALERIE LEILA BLECHYNDEN 14.2.1932 – 6.1.1935
JUDITH BLECHYNDEN – INFANT, 1936

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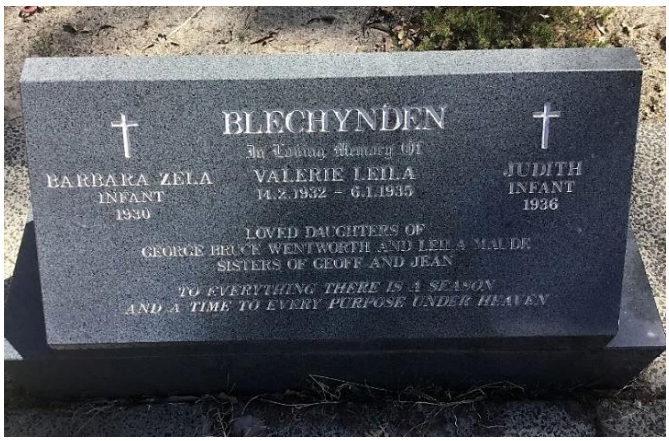
SISTERS OF GEOFF AND JEAN
TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON
AND A TIME TO EVERY PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN



What a sad time for George and Leila with the loss of three of their daughters within the space of such a short time.

George and Leila brought their children up on 'Bellside'. Their son Geoffrey took over the farm.

Leila Maude Blechynden (nee Vaughan) & George Bruce Blechynden. Photo taken at 'Bellside' by Ken Blechynden

Comment via Geoff Blechynden:

It looks like my father,
George Bruce Wentworth Blechynden.
Taken at the side of the house at
Bellside Dinninup.
Photo courtesy Kevin Cann.

Bruce Wentworth Blechynden died 4 Jul 1988, Boyup Brook, WA.

Leila Maude Blechynden (nee Vaughan died 8 Nov 1989, Boyup Brook, WA.

Headstone of George Bruce Wentworth Blechynden and Leila Maude (nee Vaughan, buried Boyup Brook Public Cemetery.

4th CHILD OF GEORGE BLECHYNDEN & ZELA TYLER / TAYLOR

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5. BLECHYNDEN, MARGARET BLANCH HOPE (1904-1986) was born in 1904 in Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 142]. She married **WILLIAM 'JACK' WAKEMAN (1898-1958)**, on 30 Oct 1937, Katanning, WA [Reg. 80]. William was a mechanic who worked for himself and the coalmines. Margaret died 10 Dec 1986, Wilson, Perth, WA. Cremated, Karrakatta Cemetery, Garden of Remembrance. She and William had one child, Ross.

WILLIAM 'JACK' was born June 1898, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, England, (son of W. H. Wakeman and Sarah, Birmingham, England). Jack emigrated from England to Fremantle, WA, via the *Moreton Bay*, arriving Feb 1923. He died 21 Apr 1958 in Collie, (Wellington), WA [Reg. 59]. Buried in Collie Cemetery.

***West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Fri 12 Nov 1937, pg 1**
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Electoral Roll:

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1949, 1958, William Jack Wakeman, 54 Coombe Street, labourer, Margaret Blanche Hope, home duties.
1980, Margaret Blanch Hope Blechynden, 32b Throssell Rd, Merredin, 6415

THE VERY SAD STORY OF ZELA'S BROTHER, FREDERCK TYLER

VICTOR EMILE ETIENNE TEEDE / SEED (1860-1933) Frederick Tyler

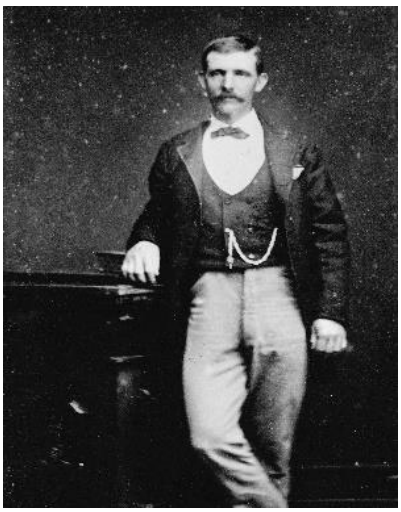
As mentioned previously, it is thought due to handwriting, Teede has been translated from Seed. Victor Emile Etienne Teede / Seed was born 1860. Gingin, WA [Reg. 5216]. Registered as Victor Emile Etienne TEEDE, father, Francis, mother, Julia Long.

Shortly after the death of Francis Frederick Seed, Julia married James George Tyler. Victor's name then became Frederick Tyler.

Irene Doyle wrote: On the left is a photo of John Taylor and wife from Nova Scotia, related to James George Taylor, son Fred Tyler on the right, they look alike. I think Fred is James' son

John Taylor and wife, relative of James Taylor.

Fred Tyler, who has a likeness to John Taylor from Nova Scotia. Courtesy Irene Doyle



FREDERICK TYLER (1860-1933) married **ROSANNA SARAH SMITH (1861-1912)**, 1 Aug 1886, Perth, WA [Reg. 6283], registered as Frederick Tyler. They did not have any children.

SMITH, ROSANNA SARAH (1861-1912) was born 1861, Perth WA [Reg. 5727]. Parents: John Eugene Walker Smith and Mary Ann Walker. Rosanna Tyler died 1912, Perth, WA [Reg. 721]. On her headstone is written, ***"She died of a broken heart.***

Via family notes:

Julia Tyler had a son, Fred Tyler. He served in the Police Force for a period of 24 years. He used to visit once a year from Bunbury. In 1907 he was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment for shooting at Police Commissioner Hare – see further on in chapter. When he died, his property was lost to the government as they had no birth certificate to prove Fred's identity.

FREDERICK TYLER IMPRISONED FOR SHOOTING POLICE COMMISSIONER HARE, 1907:

In 1907, it must have been an extremely worrying time when Zela's brother, Frederick Tyler, was up before the courts for *shooting at Police Commissioner Hare*: He was sentenced for 10 years imprisonment.

The anxiety and worry Zela experienced over her brother Frederick Tyler's trial and imprisonment, and the gratitude she felt for those who had spoken up for him are expressed in the dignified letter she wrote on 6 June from Upper Blackwood to the editor of the West Australian newspaper.

***West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Thu 13 Jun 1907, pg 3**
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A LETTER OF THANKS.

To the Editor

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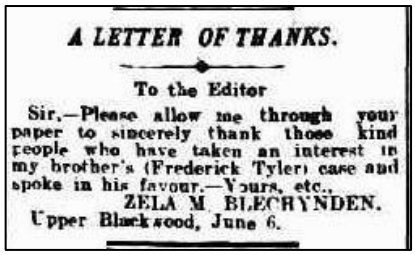
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Following are a few short quotes from and links to the many newspaper articles, via *Trove*, which prove most disturbing reading on the court case and resulting sentence of Frederick Tyler for shooting at Police Commissioner Hare. As this chapter is based on Zela not Frederick, those interested in following the full accounts of the trial of Frederick may like to do so by accessing the following *Trove* links provided. Of note, Irene Doyle from the Katanning Library has been working on a book telling the story of Frederick Tyler's life and the sad outcome from the court cases following so many years of service in the police force.

***West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Tue 14 May 1907, pg 3**
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SHOOTING AT POLICE COMMISSIONER HARE.

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Evidence was given by Police Commissioner Hare, in which he again recounted his experiences with Tyler in his office. Accused, during a lengthy cross-examination of the witness, sought to show that while in charge of the Pingelly station he had requisitioned for supplies, and had not received them; that he had been confined to his room through an accident at Pingelly, and that in consequence of his not being relieved by another officer his wife had to perform his office and stable duties. The witness stated that he was not aware whether these matters had been brought before the board of inquiry, which had caused the accused to be punished. He added that if accused had requisitioned for supplies they would have been forwarded. He would not swear that the accused had not requisitioned for the supplies. He had not any grudge against accused nor desire for revenge. On the contrary, he had been his best friend. The Police Benefit Fund Board, of which witness was a member, had sat after accused had left the force. The Board had made accused allowance from the fund as a first-class constable, and not as a corporal, for his resignation was received as that of a first-class constable.

His Honour drew the attention of the accused to the fact that the information being drawn out by his cross-examination of the witness had not any bearing on the case before the Court. Even if he was the most unfairly used man in the world that would not justify his attempting to kill any man.

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His Honour: Very well. You should direct your attention to that.

Dr. Haynes repeated the evidence given by him in the Police Court concerning his having been called to attend Police Commissioner Hare, and

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Morgans Courier **(Mount Morgan, WA: 1904 - 1911), Wed 15 May 1907, pg 4**
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TELCGRAMS Trial of Ex-Corporal Tyler SOME STARTLING ASSERTIONS.

The trial of Frederick Tyler tor having attempted to kill Commissioner Hare was continued this morning. Tyler addressed the jury at length, reciting grievances against the heads of the force. He declared that he was persecuted by Inspector Newland and eventually tried before a Board packed by Inspector Newland, on charges preferred by the latter.

Pilbara Goldfield News **(Marble Bar, WA: 1897 - 1923), Sat 18 May 1907, pg 3**
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West Australian **(Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Sat 18 May 1907, pg 5**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/25703431?searchTerm=Fredrick%20Tyler#

THE CASE OF FREDRICK TYLER. To the Editor.

Sir, -With your correspondent "Justice and Mercy" I trust a movement will be set going to try and get a reduction of Tyler's sentence. I have known him for over 12 years. and he always gave me the impression of being a fearless and thoroughly straight officer in every respect.

Observer **(Adelaide, SA: 1905 - 1931), Sat 25 May 1907, pg 41**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/163161941?searchTerm=Frederick%20Tyler%20imprisoned#

IS TYLER INSANE? PERTH, May 20.

In view of the hope of earlier release held out by the Judge when sentencing ex. Cpl. Frederick Tyler to 10 years imprison for having shot at the Commissioner of Police (Mr. Fred A. Hare) with intent, to kill, the question has arisen—Is Tyler! insane?

POSTAL DIECTORIES
https://slwa.wa.gov.au/explore-discover/wa-heritage/post-office-directories
1897, 1898 Tyler, F constable, Nannine
1902 Tyler, Frederick, sergent of Police, Northam
1903 Tyler Frederick,corp, Collins St, Picadilly

Via Irene Doyle from the Katanning Library:

Fredericks's wife, Rosanna lived in Perth with her sister Mrs Chipper while Fred was in prison. After Rosanna died, Fred was put into an Asylum where they let him out to visit his family. Zela, James and Annie used to visit him. James (Frederick's father) died in 1911 before Fred was released in 1921. Zela had died so he went to the farm in Warrigal, NSW.

Headstone of Rosannah Sarah,
dearly loved wife of Frederick Tyler.

"She died of a broken heart."

Frederick Tyler and one of Zela's daughters,
via Patrick John Toovey family Tree

Frederick Tyler died 17 Sep 1933, Warragul, VIC [Ref. 17048]. Buried Warragul, Baw Baw Shire, VIC.

What an unfortunate and tragic story.

THIRD CHILD OF JOHN BLECHYNDEN & ELIZABETH GREEN

3. BLECHYNDEN, EDWIN (1864-1936)

Edwin Blechynden was the third child and son to be born to John Blechynden and Elizabeth Green on 1 Aug 1864 in Bridgetown, (Geegelup), WA [Reg. 7985], (recorded as Geejelup under Bletchynden). His grandparents Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden emigrated from Kent England to the newly established Swan River Colony on the *Minstrel,* 20 Jan 1830. They had ten children, the oldest of which was Edwin's father, John Blechynden. The story of his Beverley pioneering grandparents and his father John Blechynden and mother, Elizabeth Green can be read in their individual chapters.

Edwin Blechynden

When Edwin was born his brother, John William was aged three years and George two years. Over the next 19 years, ten more children were added to the family: James born 1866 and Charlotte in 1868. (Sadly, she died in 1869 at the age of 1 year). Arthur was born in 1870, Alfred in 1871, Ernest in 1873 and Herbert in 1876, Amy born 1877, Clarence Henry born 1879, May born 1881 and Ada born 1883. Edwin was aged 19 years when the last baby, Ada was born. Ada died in 1888 at the age of five years. The family was devastated.

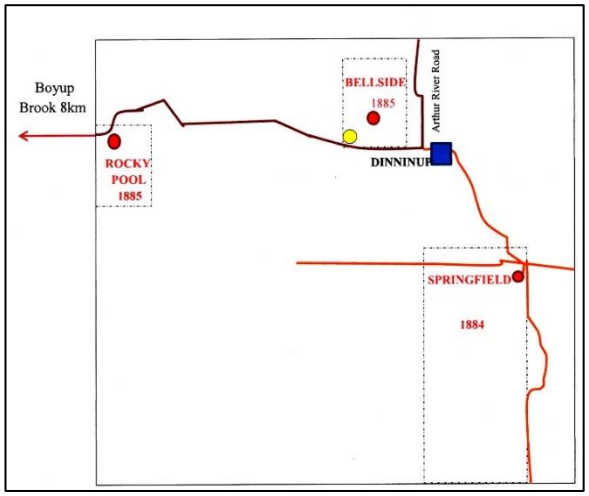
Edwin idolized his older brothers but due to being close in age, he and his younger brother James, became very close and were later to farm together. Their home 'Bridgedale' was now completed and Edwin grew up amongst this very busy and rapidly developing family. Bridgetown was in its very early stages, but over the next few years this quickly changed. He and his brothers and sisters as pioneers of the district were very much a part in its development.

Initially the children were taught by their mother and a teacher, Miss Gardiner, at 'Bridgedale', the Bridgetown School being established on 1 Feb 1870. As with the older boys, Edwin and James were taught to ride and care for horses as soon as they were old enough. Working as a young boy with his father, Edwin quickly learned the skills related to farming.

Edwin Blechynden,
photo was taken in Adelaide

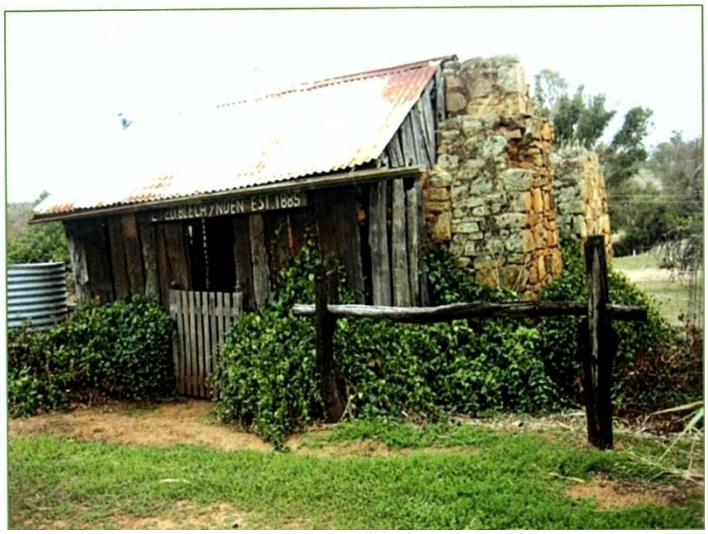
'SPRINGFIELD', 'BELLSIDE' AND 'ROCKY POOL' - DINNINUP

Book: **Memory Lane, DINNINUP 6245** written and compiled by E Blechynden: Chapter 5, pg.49.
Three of the nine Blechynden sons, James, George and Edwin came to Dinninup whilst Ernest went to Boyup Brook. George accompanied James to Dinninup and selected land a little closer to Boyup Brook at "Bellside" in 1885. Edwin came to Asplin Siding, "Rocky Pool", on the Blackwood River and Ernest to "Greenfield", Boyup Brook.



George and Edwin Blechynden worked together to help brother James establish himself at Dinninup and later George took up property and named his place 'Bellside'. For a number of years Edwin farmed 'Springfield' with his brother James at Dinninup. He then sold out to James and began developing the property at 'Rocky Pool" which he eventually sold to Mr. T Taylor. He then purchased a small property adjacent to his brother Ernest.

This map shows the properties of 'Springfield', 'Bellside' and 'Rocky Pool'.



Memory Lane, DINNINUP 6245, pg.70.

Edwin Blechynden, James and George's brother took up Rocky Pool in 1885 and built a small cottage. He never married.

. . . His cottage was a simple single room with a fireplace at one end for cooking and warmth and his bed at the other. When his sister came to visit, he built on another room, the same size and with a fireplace as well.

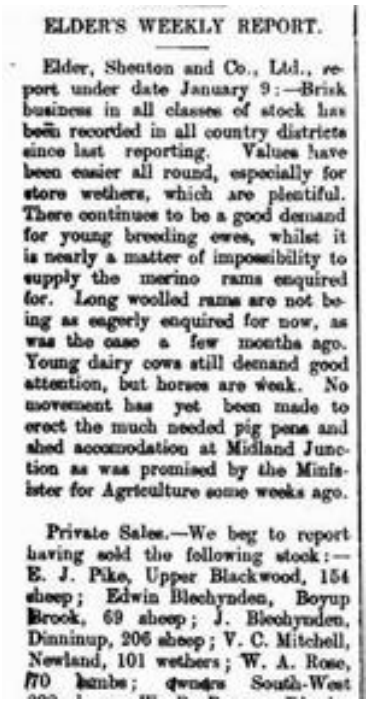
1885, Edwin's cottage.
Courtesy E Blechynden, p 70

Blackwood Times (Greenbushes, WA: 1905 - 1955), Fri 18 Jan 1918, pg 4
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article210277866.txt

ELDER'S WEEKLY REPORT.

Elder, Shenton and Co., Ltd., report under date January 9: — Brisk business in all classes of stock has been recorded in all country districts since last reporting. Values have been easier all round, especially for store wethers, which are plentiful. There continues to be a good demand for young breeding ewes, whilst it is nearly a matter of impossibility to supply the merino rams enquired for. Long woolled rams are not being as eagerly enquired for now, as was the case a few months ago. Young dairy cows still demand good attention, but horses are weak. No movement has yet been made to erect the much-needed pig pens and shed accommodation at Midland Junction as was promised' by the Minister for Agriculture some weeks ago.

Private Sale. — We beg to report having sold the following' stock: — E. J. Pike, Upper Blackwood, 154 sheep; ***Edwin Blechynden, Boyup Brook, 69 sheep; J. Blechynden, Dinninup, 206 sheep****; Y. C. Mitchell, Newland, 101 wethers; 17. A. Rose,70 lambs . . .*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South Western Times (Bunbury, WA: 1917 - 1929), Sat 9 Feb 1918, pg 7
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28 May 1920 - DINNINUP. (nla.gov.au)

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***Nelson Advocate* (WA: 1926 - 1938), Fri 16 Jan 1931, pg 4**
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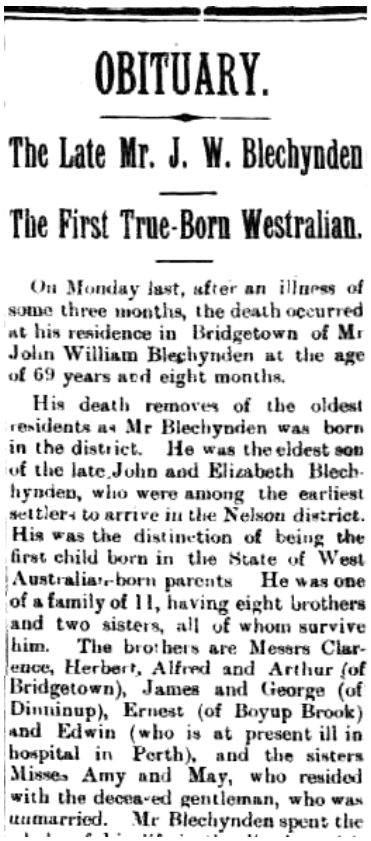
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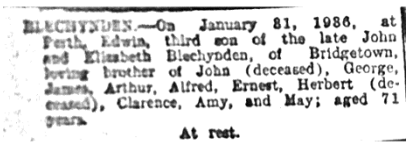
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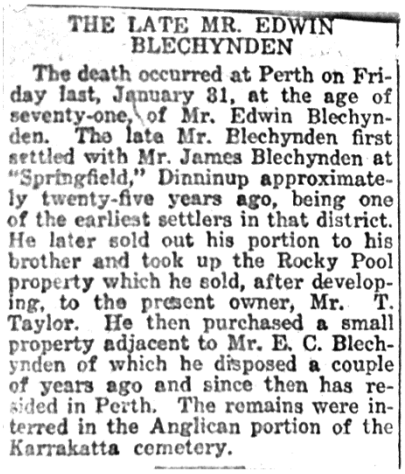
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4. BLECHYNDEN, JAMES 'JIM' (1866-1939) & JOHNSON, BERTHA GODSCHALL (1881-1921)

James Blechynden

James 'Jim' Blechynden, was the fourth child and son born to John Blechynden and Elizabeth Green on 29 Jun 1866 in Geegelup, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 9282], (note, it is spelt Gegelup and Bletchynden on his registration). His father John was the eldest son of ten living children born to Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden who emigrated from Kent England to the newly established Swan River Colony on the *Minstrel* on 20 Jan 1830. The story of his Beverley pioneering grandparents and his father, John Blechynden, and mother, Elizabeth Green, can be read in their individual chapters.

When James was born, his brother, John William, was aged five years George four years and Edwin two years. Their parents were delighted with four boys and they kept their mother busy from morning until night.

John William and James Blechynden

Over the next 17 years, nine more children were added to the family. The fifth child, a girl, Charlotte was born in 1868. Sadly, she died in 1869 at the age of one year. Arthur was born in 1870, Alfred in 1871, Ernest in 1873 and Herbert in 1876, Amy born 1877, Clarence Henry born 1879, May born 1881 and Ada born 1883. James was aged 17 years when baby Ada was born. Sadly, Ada died in 1888 at the age of five years.

James was very, close to his brothers John, George and Edwin and one can imagine they caused their mother many a headache with their pranks. Initially, the older children were taught at Bridgedale until the opening of the Bridgetown School on 1 Feb 1870. In his teens James joined his brother John and carried the mail from Bunbury to Balbarup on horseback. Like his brothers he was a keen cricket player and became one of the outstanding bowlers of his day.

In about 1884 James took up farming when he purchased 3,000 acres at Dinninup and called the property 'Springfield'. Initially, his brothers George and Edwin came to help him establish his property. Records show he employed 15 Ticket of Leave men in 1886 and 1887. James was only 20 years of age. Over many years he was successful in breeding stud merinos of excellent quality.

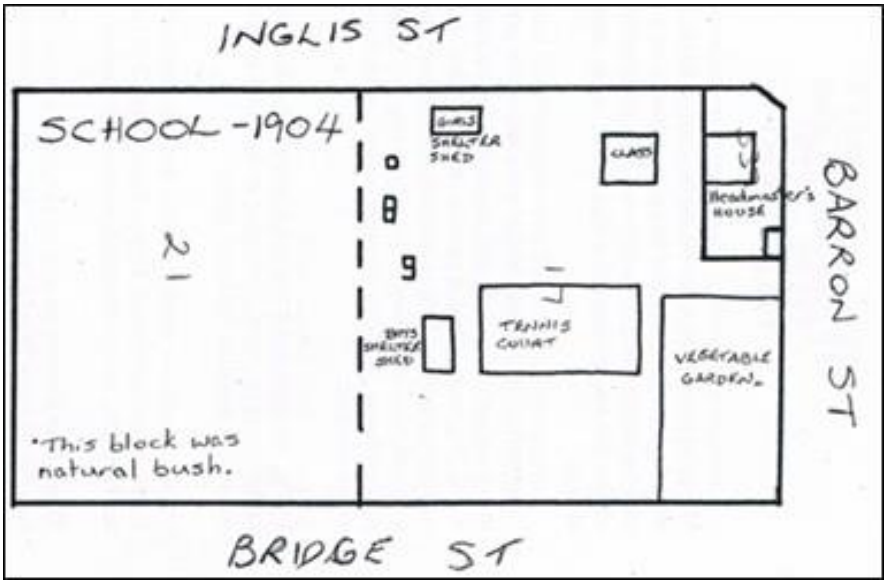
James became acquainted with and began to court a young lady by the name of Bertha Johnson. She had recently been the teacher at Dinninup and had taken up the position as the first teacher in Boyup Brook.

BOYUP BROOK: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boyup_Brook,_Western_Australia

By 1882 there were nineteen families in the area. In 1896 land was set aside for a future town and the Upper Blackwood Road Board district (which became the Shire of Boyup Brook in 1961) was created

as a separate local government area. Boyup Brook was declared a town on 9 February 1900. The district had an area of 1,240 square miles (3,200 km²), and in December 1900 an estimated population of 400. Milestones in the town's early history include: the town's first building was opened, a school, with 15 students (1900); a railway line from Donnybrook reached Boyup Brook (1909); the Agricultural Hall was opened (1910); a permanent policeman was assigned to the town, the hotel was opened and the railway line extended from Boyup Brook to Kojonup and Katanning (1911); an official post office was established (1912) (An unofficial post office had existed for three years prior to that); land in the town site was opened for leasing (1914); the Upper Blackwood Soldiers' Memorial Hospital was opened (1924); electricity was generated and distributed within the town site (c. 1930); and the town hall was opened (1936).

First Boyup Brook school on left, 1900 and 'School house', (headmaster's house) on right -built 1902.



Plan of Boyup Brook School, 1904.

DINNINUP: http://www.mingor.net/localities/dinninup.html

A small rural centre in the Shire of Boyup Brook, on the Boyup Brook - Arthur Road, approximately 15 kilometres east of Boyup Brook. The town owes its existence to the construction of the Boyup Brook to Kojonup railway line which passed through what is now the townsite in 1908. Dinninup got its name from the nearby Dinninup Brook. Dinninup station was built in 1910. Gazetting of the town followed 5 years later. The railway line and station have now been removed.

First School in Dinninup, built in 1902, at which Bertha Johnson taught.

The first teacher was Miss Florence Armstrong. Bertha Johnson followed her in 1903 (ex Boyup Brook) Bertha married James Blechynden in 1904 and would not have taught thereafter as married women were not allowed to work.

Bertha Godschall Johnson was the first teacher at the Boyup Brook School, opened in 1900 with 14 students. It is believed that she got lost coming from Balingup to Boyup Brook and had to spend the night in the bush. The next day she breakfasted with the **Abel** family then found her way to the school. Bertha was the second teacher at the small Dinninup School, teaching her younger brother who was much appreciated company for her.

Boyup Brook School
Centenary Plaque, 1900- 2000

JOHNSON, BERTHA MAY GODSCHALL (1881-1921)

Bertha May Godschall Johnson was born on 27 May 1881 at Cullin-la-Ringo Station, Springsure, QLD [Reg. 7474 005853], the daughter of **FREDERICK FLOWER GODSCHALL JOHNSON (1846-1915)** and **MARGARET ISABELLA MACDONALD (1856-1944)** who had married on 1 Feb 1879 at Cullen-la-Ringo Station, Springsure, QLD [Reg. 000973 pg. 7484]**.**

JOHNSON, FREDERICK FLOWER GODSCHALL (1846-1915) (Via Dawson family Tree) was born 5 May 1846, St Omer, France. Frederick died 31 Aug 1915, Bunbury, Wellington, WA [Reg. 133].

MACDONALD, MARGARET ISABELLA (1856-1944) was born 10 Oct 1856, Brewarrina, NSW [FHL Film No. 993972], daughter of **GEORGE MACDONALD (1824-1924)** and **ELIZABETH HENRIETTA (DOWS DOUSE DOUX) DOWSE (1822-1910).** Margaret died 8 Nov 1944, Mount Lawley, Perth, WA [Reg. 1307].

CHILDREN OF FREDERICK FLOWER GODSCHALL JOHNSON (1846-1915) AND MARGARET ISABELLA MACDONALD (1856-1944): Via Dawson family Tree.
Note: It is interesting that, three Johnson Sisters were married to three Elphick brothers: Margaret Johnson and Clarence Elphick, Jessie Johnson to Arthur Elphick and Mabel Johnson to Donavon Elphick.

1. MARGARET 'NELLIE' ELLEN GODSCHALL JOHNSON (1879-1959) was born 30 Oct 1879, QLD [Pg. 7497 Reg. No. 005306]. She married **CLARENCE THEODORE ELPHICK (1885-1918)**, 26 Jun 1912, Bunbury, Wellington, WA [Reg. 75]. Margaret died 17 Jun 1959, Perth, WA [Reg. 1570]. **CLARENCE** was born 5 Dec 1885, Maitland, Daly, SA [Reg. 153, 365], son of **EDWARD ELPHICK** (1847-1907) and **EMILY ABBOTT (1852-1911),** brother of Arthur and Donavon Elphick who married Margaret's sisters

Jessie and Mable**.** Farm manager, 1912. Clarence served in WW1. SERN 19325: POB Maitland SA: POE Perth WA: NOK W Elphick Margaret Ellen. Clarence died 31 Oct 1918, General Hospital, Abbassia (on the outskirts of Cairo), Egypt, Enteric Fever (Typhoid). Buried in Cairo, 11 Nov 1918, War Memorial Cemetery, grave no. 290.

2. BERTHA MAY GODSCHALL JOHNSON (1881-1921) was born on 27 May 1881 at Cullin-la-Ringo Station, Springsure, QLD [Reg. 7474 005853]. She married **JAMES BLECHYNDEN** on 31 Aug 1904 in the Picton Church, Picton, WA [Reg. 2025]. Bertha died on 27 Mar 1921 in Bunbury, Wellington, WA [Reg. 50]. More details on Bertha and James following in this chapter.

3. VIOLET GODSCHALL JOHNSON (1882-1962) (Twin) was born 4 Sep 1882, Emerald, QLD [Pg. 7507 Reg. No. 001125]. She married **ROBERT ALPHONSE WILLIAMS (1872-1948**) 29 Aug 1907, Bunbury, Wellington, WA [Reg. 49]. Violet died 3 Jun 1962, Perth, WA [Reg. 1542]. **ROBERT** was born 1872, Toodyay, WA [Reg. 13807], son of **JOHN WILLIAMS** and **ELIZABETH SADLER** who were married 1854, Toodyay, WA [Reg. 709]. Robert died 1948, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 33].

4. MAY GODSCHALL JOHNSON (1882-1963) (Twin) was born 4 Sep 1882, Emerald, QLD [Pg. 7501 Reg. No. 001126]. She married **CHARLES VICTOR DRAPER (1873-1958)**, 1906, Wellington, WA [Reg. 57]. May Godschall Johnson died 31 Mar 1963, Perth, WA [Reg. 870]. **CHARLES** was born 24 Dec 1873, Port Victoria, Encounter Bay, SA [Pg. 223 Vol. No. 129]. Charles died 1958, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 60].

5. CONSTANCE 'CONNIE' EMA GODSCHALL JOHNSON (1885-1938) was born 23 Aug 1885, Bu Ni, VIC [Reg. 15804]. She married **GEORGE JAMES CHIDZEY (1884-1949),** 1910, Wellington, WA [Reg No 71]. (Recorded under Constan Johnson). Connie died 1938, Perth, WA [Reg. 676], recorded under Chidgzey. **GEORGE** was born 26 Oct 1884, Forest range, Nairne, SA [Pg. 310 Vol. No. 339], parents: **GEORGE JAMES GILBERT CHIDGZEY** and **FRANCES ALMA BENHAM**, who were married 9 Oct 1879, Hindmarsh SA [Pg. 1331 Vol. No. 121]. George died 22 Aug 1949, Sussex, WA [Reg. 34], recorded under Chidgzey.

6. JESSIE SARAH GODSCHALL JOHNSON (1886-1985) was born 5 Dec 1886, North Brighton, VIC [Ref. No. 24107]. She married **ARTHUR VINCENT ELPHICK (1882-1964),** 14 Feb 1912, Wellington, WA [Reg. 18]. Jessie died 21 Sep 1985, Mount Lawley, Perth, WA. **ARTHUR** was born 19 Dec 1882, Moonta, SA [Pg. 38 Vol. No. 296], son of **EDWARD ELPHICK** (1847-1907) and **EMILY ABBOTT (1852-1911)**, who were married Norwood, Adelaide, SA [Pg. 503 Vol No. 85], brother of Donavon Russel Elphick who married Jessie's sister, Mabel Cecilia Johnson. Arthur died 11 Nov 1964, Perth, WA [Reg. 1018].

7. MABEL CECILIA JOHNSON (1888-1979) was born 28 May 1888, Cranbourne, VIC [Reg. 10572]. She married **DONAVON RUSSELL ELPHICK (1890-1935),** 8 Apr 1915, Canning, WA [Reg. 3]. Mabel died 23 Oct 1979, Armadale, Perth, WA. **DONAVON** was born 18 Jul 1890, Prospect, SA [Pg. 458 Vol. No. 462], son of **EDWARD ELPHICK** (1847-1907) and **EMILY ABBOTT (1852-1911)**, brother of Arthur Vincent Elphick who married Mabel's sister, Jessie Sarah Johnson. Donavon died 25 Dec 1935, Perth, WA [Reg. 18].

8. CHARLES GEORGE JOHNSON (1889-1953) was born 20 Nov 1889, Brunswick, VIC [Reg No. 28950]. Charles was recorded as being a jeweller in 1913, Victoria Street, Bunbury, WA. He married **JEAN MARTHA WORSFOLD CUNNINGHAM (1896-) 8** Apr 1920, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 377]. Charles died 8 Jul 1953, Adelaide, SA [Pg. 104 Vol. No. 3]. **JEAN** was born 11 Jan 1896, Mount Kembla, Wollongong, NSW [Reg. 8998], daughter of **THOMAS JAMIESON CUNNINGHAM (1868-)** and **BLANCHE HELEN CLINTON (1870-1946)** who were married 1889, Greta, NSW [Reg. 5141].

9. FREDERICK WILLIAM 'WILLY' JOHNSON (1891-1965) was born 13 Dec 1891, Brunswick, VIC [Reg No. 30646]. He served in WW1, signing up at Blackboy Hill, SERN 937. He married **MABEL CONSTANCE VICTORIA JARVIS**, 1921, Maylands, Perth, WA [Reg. 954]. Frederick died 2 Aug 1965, Plantagenet, WA [Reg. 98].

10. ROBERT 'BOB' GODSCHALL JOHNSON (1894-1961) was born 24 Apr 1894, Gisborne, VIC [Reg. 12298]. Bob served in WW1, SERN 2556, POE Blackboy Hill, WA: NOK F Johnson Frederick Godschall, embarked on HMAT Anchises A 68.

Courtesy of Dan Sayer: *Some background info on this one... The postcard was sent by Robert Godschall Johnson to his sister Bertha Johnson - who was married to James Blechynden at Dinninup. Robert had been sent to Gallipoli in 1915 but had been there only one month when he contracted mumps and was sent back to Egypt to recover. A lucky escape, I reckon - although mumps in an adult male is not pleasant! This postcard was sent while he was in a field hospital in Gallipoli. After recovering, he was posted to Egypt, France and the UK until his discharge in Australia in 1920. Robert was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.*

Bob married **AGNES MCDERMID (1896-1960),** 1922, Wellington, WA [Reg No. 47]. (Registered as Agnes C McDermid.) He died 19 Mar 1961, Melbourne, VIC [Reg. 4647].

AGNES CALDWELL MCDERMID (1896-1960) was born 11 Oct 1896, Coburg, VIC [Reg. 3406]. Parents: Robert McDermid and Jane Templeton Caldwell who were married 1892, VIC [Ref. No. 4996]. Agnes died 14 Dec 1960, Perth, WA [Reg. 158].

JAMES 'JIM' BLECHYNDEN married **BERTHA MAY GODSCHALL JOHNSON** on 31 Aug 1904 in the Picton Church, Picton, WA.

The Picton Church.

Left: Bertha May Godschall Johnson and James Blechynden, on their wedding day, 31 Aug 1904

PICTON CHURCH: https://www.bunburymail.com.au/story/5648703/the-story-of-the-old-picton-church/

The architect, co-builder and pastor, Reverend John Ramsden Wollaston celebrated its opening with a congregation of approximately 100 parishioners on 18 Sep 1842.

Wedding of James (Jim) Blechynden and Bertha May Johnson, taken at the Johnson Family Home Picton, 31 Aug 1904. Courtesy, Coleen Russell
Back row: *Charles George, Jim Blechynden, Bertha May Blechynden (nee Johnson), 'Nellie' Margaret Ellen, Mabel Cecilia*
Second row: Jessie Sarah, Godschall, Mother Margaret Isabella (nee MacDonald, Father Frederick, Flower Godschall Johnson, 'Connie' Constance Emma Godschall
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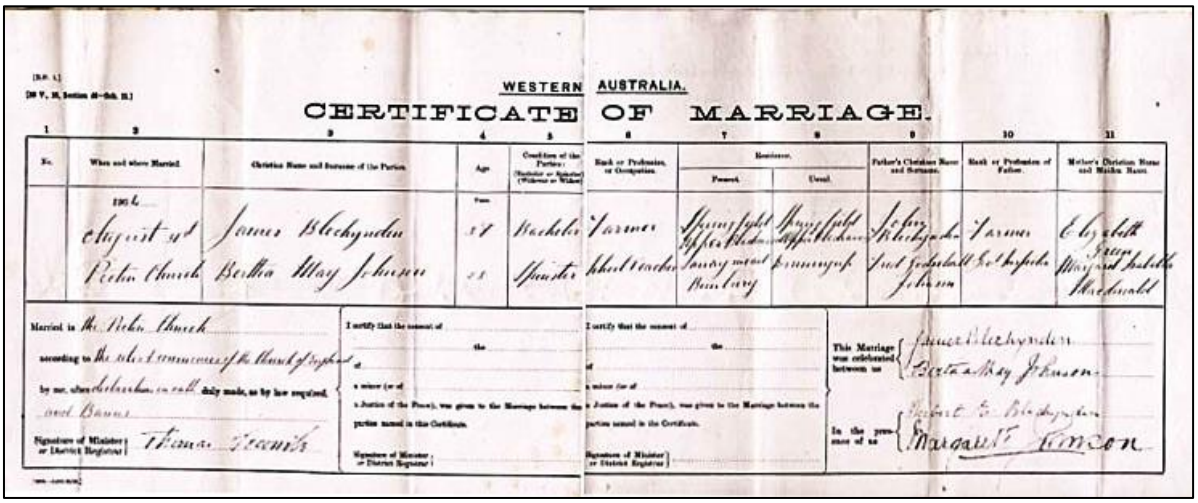

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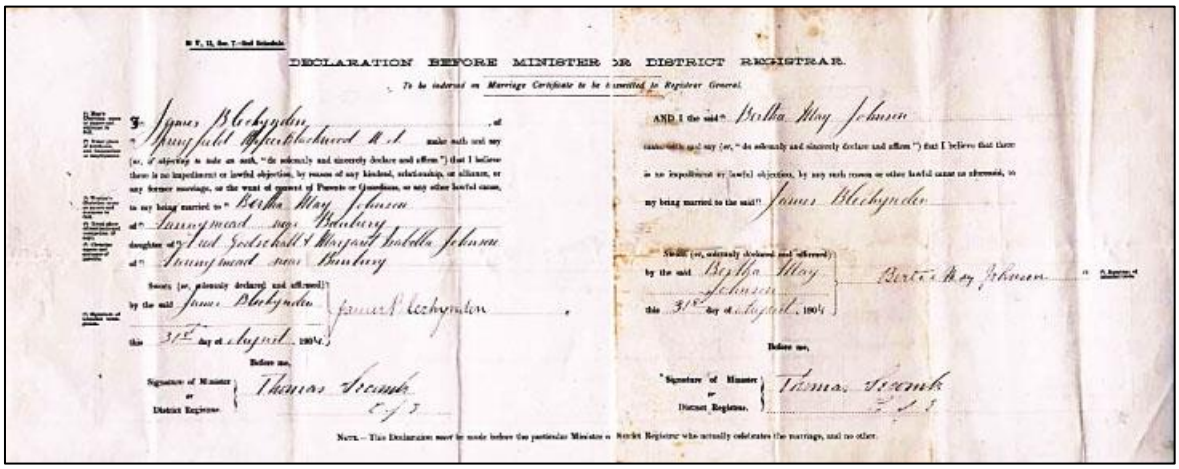
CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

No.	When and where Married	Christian Name and Surname of the Parties	Age	Condition of the Parties	Rank or Profession, or Occupation	Residence: Present	Residence: Usual	Father's Christian Name and Surname	Rank or Profession of Father	Mother's Christian Name and Maiden Name
	1904. August 31st Picton Church	James Blechynden / Bertha May Johnson	21 / 21	Bachelor / Spinster	Farmer / School teacher	Springfield Upper Preston / Sunnymead Bunbury	Springfield Upper Preston / Sunnymead Bunbury	John Blechynden / Joel Godschall Johnson	Farmer / Sub-Inspector	Elizabeth Peters / Margaret Isabella Macdonald

Married in the Picton Church according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England by me, after Banns duly made, as by law required.
Signature of Minister or District Registrar: Thomas Seconds

This Marriage was celebrated between us: James Blechynden, Bertha May Johnson
In the presence of us: Robert G. Blechynden, Margaret Johnson

Copy of Marriage Certificate of James Blechynden and Bertha May Johnson, front and back. Courtesy Liz Blechynden



DECLARATION BEFORE MINISTER OR DISTRICT REGISTRAR.

To be indorsed on Marriage Certificate to be transmitted to Registrar General.

I, James Blechynden, of Springfield Upper Preston, Farmer, make oath and say (or, if objecting to make an oath, "do solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm") that I believe there is no impediment or lawful objection, by reason of any kindred, relationship, or affinity, or any former marriage, or the want of consent of Parents or Guardians, or any other lawful cause, to my being married to Bertha May Johnson of Sunnymead near Bunbury daughter of Joel Godschall & Margaret Isabella Johnson of Sunnymead near Bunbury.
Sworn (or, solemnly declared and affirmed) by the said James Blechynden — James Blechynden
this 31st day of August 1904.
Before me, Signature of Minister or District Registrar: Thomas Seconds

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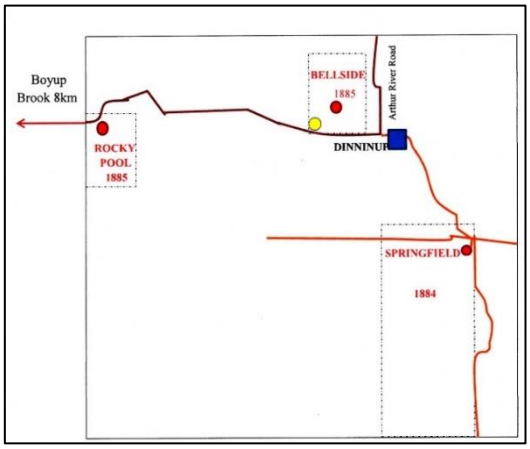
NOTE.—This Declaration must be made before the particular Minister or District Registrar who actually celebrates the marriage, and no other.

James Blechynden took his bride back to 'Springfield' where they set up home and brought up their family.

'SPRINGFIELD', 'BELLSIDE' AND 'ROCKY POOL' - DINNINUP

***Memory Lane*, DINNINUP 6245** written and compiled by E Blechynden: Chapter 5, pg.49.

Three of the nine Blechynden sons, James, George and Edwin came to Dinninup whilst Ernest went to Boyup Brook. George accompanied James to Dinninup and selected land a little closer to Boyup Brook at "Bellside" in 1885. Edwin came to Asplin Siding, "Rocky Pool", on the Blackwood River and Ernest to "Greenfield", Boyup Brook.



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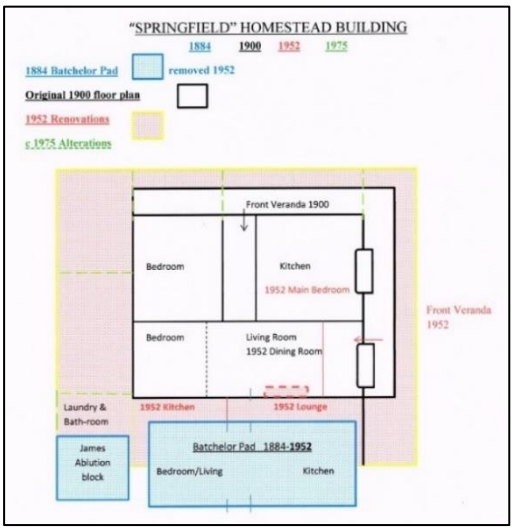
SPRINGFIELD HOMESTEAD. Via Liz and Richard Blechynden: The homestead painting depicting the homestead as it was in about 1952, was done by Sandy Chambers in 1993 and it includes James's original 'bachelor pad' at the back - taken down about 1954.

Springfield Homestead



Plan of Springfield Homestead

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MRS BLECHYNDEN SERIOUSLY ILL:

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20 Aug 1918 - PERSONAL. (nla.gov.au)

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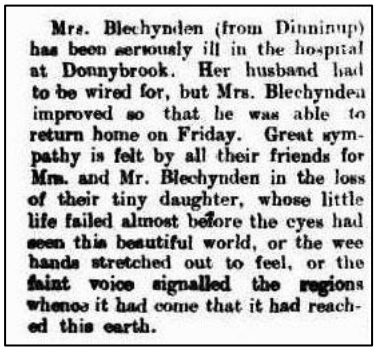
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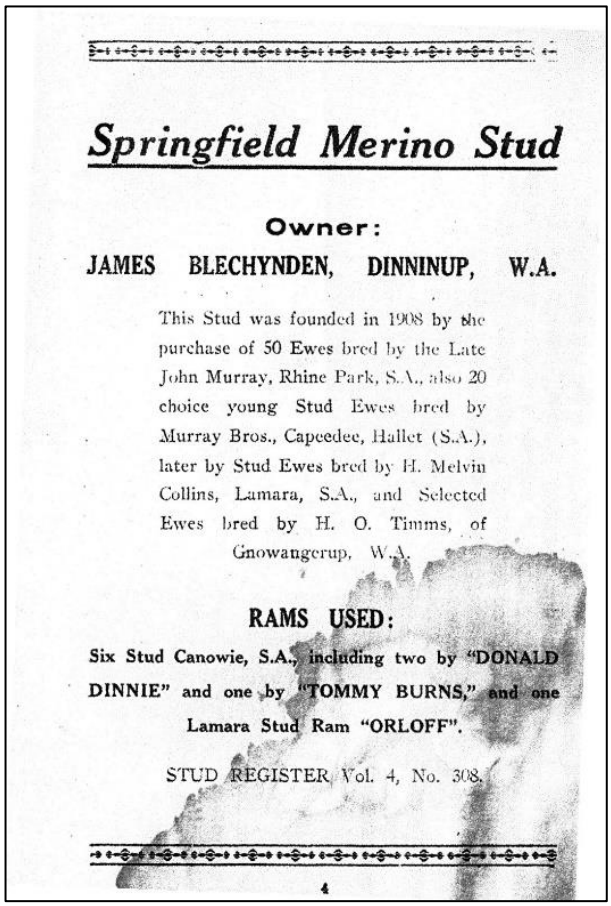
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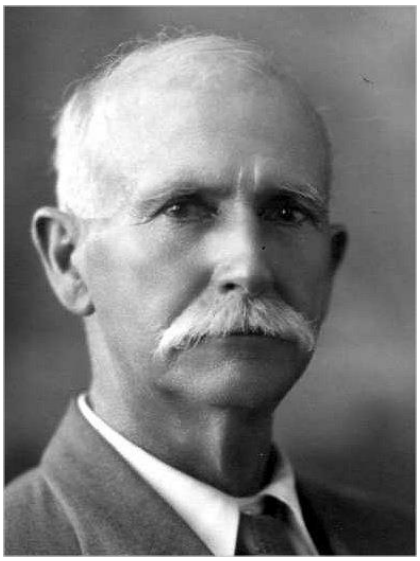

James Blechynden

James Blechynden on 'Springfield', with one of his horses.

Sunday Times **(Perth, WA: 1902 - 1954), Sun 13 Mar 1927, pg 21**
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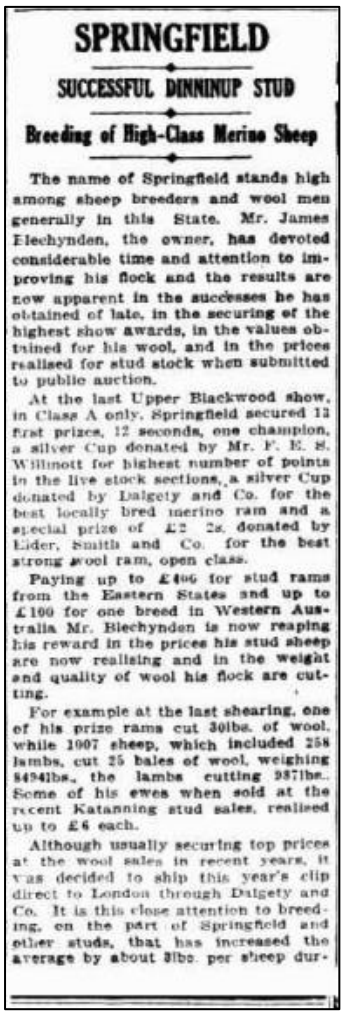

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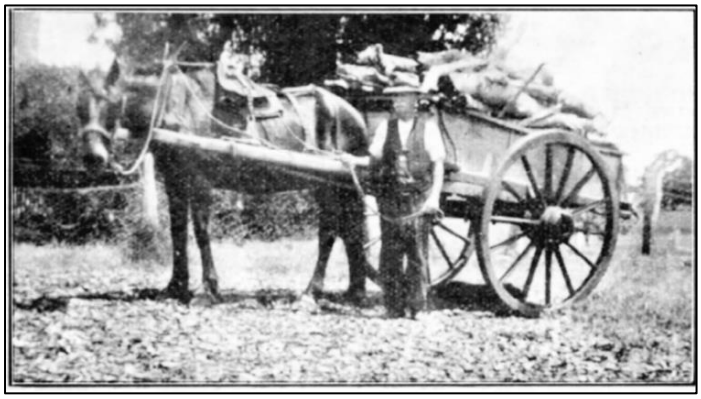

James Blechynden was the third Upper Blackwood Road Board Chairman.
The Boyup Brook District High School has three 'houses' named Forrest, Lee Steere and Blechynden after the first three chairmen.

A Willing worker.
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DEATH OF BERTHA MAY GODSCHALL BLECHYNDEN (NEE JOHNSON) (1881-1921)

Bertha died on 29 Mar 1921, WA [Reg. 50]. James 'Jim' Blechynden and his family were devastated. The children at this stage were aged approximately as follows: Mabel, 16; Ellen, 15; Myra, 13; Charles, 11 and Hubert, nine. One can imagine the older girls were a great help in the next few years with the younger children. James and Bertha had been married for 16 years.

South Western Times **(Bunbury, WA: 1917 - 1929), Sat 16 Apr 1921, pg 2**
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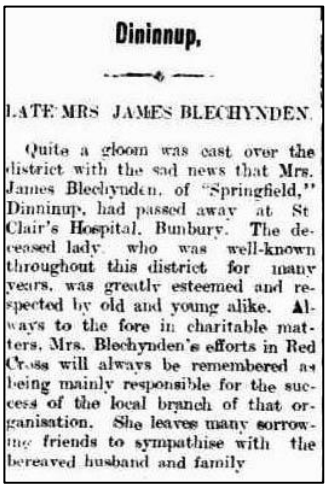

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***Bunbury Herald and Blackwood Express* (WA: 1919 - 1929), Fri 1 Apr 1921, pg 5**
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Bertha is buried in Bunbury Cemetery and James in the Bridgetown Cemetery.

Bertha Blechynden's headstone via 'Billion Graves', Bunbury Cemetery

Close up of Bertha Blechynden's headstone via 'Billion Graves'

James Blechynden headstone, photo via Ken Blechynden

James Blechynden headstone, Bridgetown Cemetery, photo via Ken Blechynden

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Individual sections following on the living children of James Blechynden and Bertha May Godschall follow:

1st CHILD OF JAMES BLECHYNDEN & BERTHA JOHNSON

Mabel Bertha Sambell (nee Blechynden)

1. BLECHYNDEN, MABEL BERTHA (1905-1981) was born 17 Jun 1905, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 7312]. She married **SYDNEY LAURENCE SAMBELL (1903-1996),** 27 May 1929, Perth, WA [Reg. No 799]. Mabel Bertha Sambell died 12 Jun 1981, Bridgetown, WA.

SYDNEY was born 18 Dec 1903, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 92], registered in 1904, son of **JAMES HENRY SAMBELL** and **AGNES MARY ELIZABETH MATTEY** who were married 2 Feb 1899, Wesleyan Church, Franklyn Burra District, SA [Pg. 354, Vol. 198]. Sydney

Laurence Sambell died on 9 Sep 1996 in Bridgetown Hospital, WA. He was buried in 1996 in Bridgetown Cemetery, WA.

Sydney Sambell.
Via Phillip Gregory Mouritz Family Tree, Ancestry.

JAMES HENRY SAMBELL (1872-1961) was born on 19 Aug 1872 in Belalie, SA [Pg. 108 Vol. no. 115], father, ALFRED JAMES SAMBELL, mother, ELIZABETH JOYCE who were married 23 Oct 1860, Chain of Ponds, Talunga, SA [Pg. 110 Vol No. 44]. James Henry Sambell died 1961, Perth, WA [Reg No 2144], father registered as Alfred J Sambell, mother, Elizabeth. He resided in 1904 in Kalgoorlie, WA. Four sons (Messrs. A. Sambell, T. J., Petersburg; J. H., Kalgoorlie; and H. A.). James Henry Sambell moved from SA to WA (before 1900, as Ethel was born in Greenbushes). James was also known as "Sniff", due to his liking for snuff.

AGNES MARY ELIZABETH PAULA MATTEY (1875-1938) was born 21 May 1875, Frome District, SA [Pg. 195 Vol. No. 151], father, FREDRICK ARTHUR MATTEY, mother, EMMA PAULINA GUSTAVA GRUSCHWITZ who were married 1874, Wesleyan Chapel, Jamestown, SA [Pg. 604, Vol. 100], (her surname spelt Gruschurty). Agnes M E P Sambell died 23 Sep 1938, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 66]. She was buried in 1938 in Bridgetown Cemetery, WA.

The children of Mabel and Sydney were Mabel June, Kelvin Sydney, Maxine Myra, Wendall Kingsley and Neil Laurence Sambell.

2nd CHILD OF JAMES BLECHYNDEN & BERTHA JOHNSON

2. BLECHYNDEN, ELLEN MAY (1906-1997) was born 27 Nov 1906, Wellington, WA [Reg. 473]. She married **JAMES LEE-STEERE,** 6 Apr 1932, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 24]. Ellen died 31 Jul 1997, WA.

Ellen Blechynden

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***Sunday Times* (Perth, WA: 1902 - 1954), Sun 8 May 1932, pg 5**
08 May 1932 - Marriage Bells LEE-STEERE—BLECHYNDEN. - Trove (nla.gov.au)

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JAMES LEE STEERE (1906-1980) JP (Via Forrest Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 1906, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 99]. Parents **EDWARD JOHN LEE-STEERE (1863-1957)** and **CAROLINE AGNES FORREST (1873-1961)** who were married Sep 1892, Blackwood, WA [Reg.295]. James Lee Steere died 16 Dec 1980, Kelmscott, WA.

The following few pages contain family tree information on James Lee Steere's parents Edward John Lee-Steere (1863-1957) and Caroline Agnes Forrest (1873-1961):

EDWARD JOHN LEE-STEERE (1863-1957) was born 2 Feb 1863, Perth, WA [Reg. 6894]. Edward John Lee-Steere died 11 Dec 1957, Perth, WA [Reg. 3181].

CAROLINE AGNES FORREST (1873-1961) was born 14 Sep 1873, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 15048]. Parents **WILLIAM HENRY FORREST (1842-1899)** and **MARY ANN CHARLOTTE FOWLER (1843-1929)**, who were married 1864, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 2211]. Caroline Agnes Lee-Steere (nee Forrest) died 24 Apr 1961, Perth, WA [Reg. 1179].

Children of EDWARD JOHN LEE-STEERE (1863-1957) and CAROLINE AGNES FORREST (1873-1961):

1. BERTHA KATE LEE-STEERE (1893-1961) was born 1893, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 1489]. She married WILLIAM ALLNUT ROSE (1890-1956) 1915, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 24]. Bertha died 1961, Perth, WA [Reg. 1084].

2. EVA FLORENCE LEE-STEERE (1894-1901) (twin) was born 1894, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 2068]. She died aged six on 11 Oct 1901, WA [Reg No 36].

3. MARION ROSE LEE-STEERE (1894-1968) (twin) was born in 1894, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 2069]. Her first marriage was to ARTHUR W GILL 1920, Perth WA [Reg. 1432]. Her second to FREDERICK WILLIAM CATTERALL (1890-1959) 1928, Perth, WA [Reg. 1325]. Marion died 1968. Can't find death for Marion or Frederick Catterall.

4. ARTHUR WILLIAM LEE-STEERE (1896-1981) was born 27 Oct 1896, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 64]. He was married in 1937, Plantagenet, WA [Reg. 25]. (Details are private**).** Service Number - W70773: Place of enlistment - BOYUP BROOK WA: Next of Kin – DOROTHY. Arthur died 21 Aug 1981, Boyup Brook, WA, aged 84 years.

5. EDWARD FREDERICK LEE-STEERE (1899-1902) was born 1899, Blackwood, WA. Can't find his birth in WA BDMs. Edward Frederick Lee-Steere died aged three in 1902, WA [Reg No 33].

6. ALEXANDER LEE-STEERE (1902-1980) was born 23 Jun 1902, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 108]. He married PHYLLIS JEAN CAILES (1916-2014) in 1935, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 13]. Service Number - W70893: Place of enlistment - BOYUP BROOK, WA. Alexander died 11 Jul 1980, Boyup Brook.

7. SYLVIA MAUDE FORREST LEE-STEERE (1904-1971) was born 1 Jun 1904, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 126]. She married ERNEST MERVYN ROSE (1898-1969) 1925, Boyup Brook, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 10]. Sylvia died 22 Dec 1971, Kelmscott, WA.

8. JAMES LEE-STEERE (1906-1980) was born 1 Nov 1906, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 99]. James Lee Steere died 1980, Perth, WA. Service Number - W70701, Place of enlistment - BALINGUP WA: Next of Kin – E J LEE-STEERE (father). James married **ELLEN MAY BLECHYNDEN (1906-1997)** 1932, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 24]. Children's names Michael James and Athene Kathryn.

Ellen Lee Steere (nee Blechynden, 1993

9. JOHN CHARLES LEE-STEERE (1909-1942) was born 26 Nov 1909, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 14]. Service Number - WX9437: Place of enlistment – CLAREMONT, WA. John died 31 Aug 1942, **WW2, Killed in Action, Kokoda track, Papua New Guinea.** Burial Bomana Cemetery, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

Electoral Roll:

1972, James Lee Steere, 16 Frederick St, Gosnells, 6110, Ellen May Lee Steere, same.
1977, James Lee Steere, 6A Kerun Crt, Armadale, 6112, Ellen May Lee Steere, same.
1980, James Lee Steere, 3014, Albany Highway, Kelmscott. Ellen May Lee Steere, same.

3rd CHILD OF JAMES BLECHYNDEN & BERTHA JOHNSON

3. BLECHYNDEN, MYRA AMY (1908-1999) was born 15 Aug 1908, Wellington, WA [Reg. 351]. She married **DUDLEY BETTS PARKER (1908-1977)** 28 Aug 1935, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 38]. Myra died 31 May 1999, Boyup Brook, WA.

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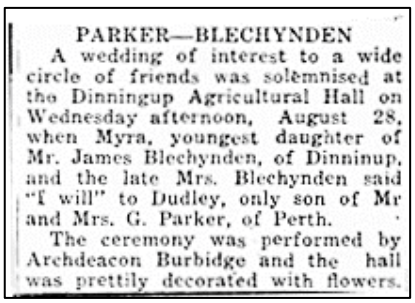

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CHILDREN OF MYRA AMY BLECHYNDEN AND DUDLEY BETTS PARKER:

Due to privacy and confidentiality of the living – no dates.
Melissa Margaret, Hedley Frank, (died as a baby), Daniel Dudley, Neville Hubert, Anthea Melisande and Cedric Desmond Parker.

The following article gives a good idea of life on a farm for young girls in that era.

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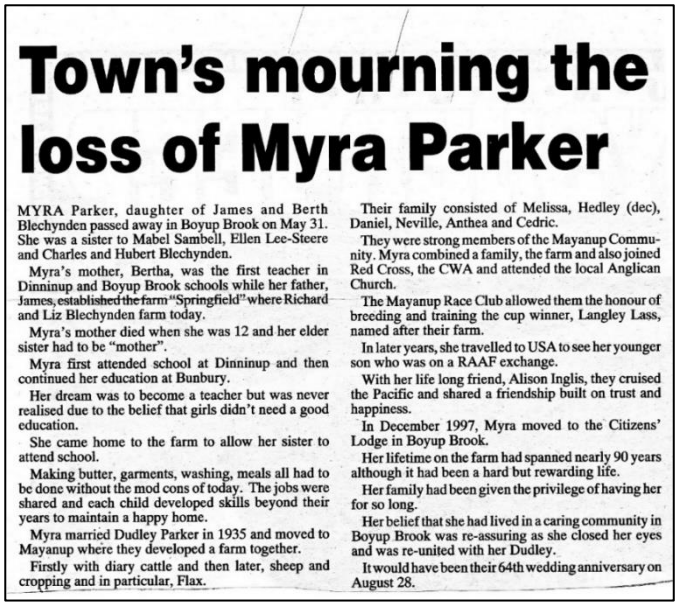

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4th CHILD OF JAMES BLECHYNDEN & BERTHA JOHNSON

4. BLECHYNDEN, CHARLES JAMES FREDERICK (1910-1989) was born 8 Jun 1910, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 73]. He remained single. Service Number - W70805, Place of enlistment - BOYUP BROOK, WA 1942: Next of Kin - BLECHYNDEN HUBERT. It appears Charles did not end up serving due to medical conditions. Charles died 9 Sep 1989, Boyup Brook, WA.

Baby *Hubert John and Charles James Blechynden, 1912.*

Electoral Roll:
1931, 1937, 1954, 1977, 1980 Charles Blechynden, Springfield, Dinninup, farmer. These electoral rolls show that Charles Blechynden farmed 'Springfield' for his whole life.

5th CHILD OF JAMES BLECHYNDEN & BERTHA JOHNSON

5. BLECHYNDEN, HUBERT JOHN (1912-1982) was born 2 Jul 1912, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 83]. He married **BEATRICE CLARE SWINEY (1911-2011)** 31 Aug 1940, Plantagenet District, WA [Reg. 75]. Service Number - W70806: WW11, Place of enlistment - DINNINUP WA. Hubert died 13 Aug 1982, Mount Gambier, SA.

Hubert John Blechynden aged 8 years, (before his mother died).

Back: *John Lee Steere and Hubert Blechynden*
Front: *seated James Lee Steere*

Note: Re this photo: John Lee-Steere was James's younger brother. James Lee-Steere married Hubert Blechynden's sister Ellen in 1932. John Lee-Steere was later killed in action in 1942, Kokoda track, Papua New Guinea – see James and John Lee-Steere's individual paragraphs.

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BEATRICE 'TRIXIE' CLARE SWINEY (1911-2011) was born 1 Nov 1911, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 114]. Her parents, **GEORGE JOHN ALEXANDER SWINEY 1870-1956)** and **MARY BEATRICE HILL (1879-1976**) were married 2 Jun 1898, Wyerston Cottage, Mount Benson, SA [Pg. 967 Vol. No. 195].

Trixie (Beatrice Clare) Swiney in the T Model Ford at Denninup Vale, 1915. It was the first car in the district, owned by her father George J.A. Swiney, manager of Denninup Vale for Winthrop Hackett. Courtesy Liz Blechynden.

The following pages contain information about Beatrice's Parents: George John Alexander Swiney 1870-1956) and Mary Beatrice Hill (1879-1976) and family.

GEORGE JOHN ALEXANDER SWINEY 1870-1956 Via Swiney Family Tree, Ancestry.

George John Alexander Swiney was born Oct 1870, Great Whelnetham, Suffolk, England. George John Alexander Swiney died 6 Jul 1956, Albany, Plantagenet District, WA [Reg. 70].

MARY BEATRICE HILL (1879-1976)

Mary Beatrice Hill was born 10 Feb 1879, Willunga, SA [Pg. 360 Vol. No. 215]. Parents: **RICHARD HILL (1851-1929)** and **ELIZABETH LOUD (1850-1926)** were married 8 Apr 1875, Adelaide, SA [Pg. 79 Vol. No. 103]. Mary Beatrice Swiney (nee Hill) died 30 May 1976, Albany, WA. She and George are both buried in the Albany, Cemetery.

CHILDREN OF GEORGE JOHN ALEXANDER SWINEY AND MARY BEATRICE HILL:

1. MARY ELIZABETH ADA SWINEY (1899-1922) was born 21 Jun 1899, Katanning, WA [Reg. 2519]. She married **JOSEPH EDMUND POLLARD (-1970)**, 1921, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 49]. Registered in 1921. Mary died 13 Sep 1922, Katanning, WA [Reg. 72]

2. GRACE ANNIE SWINEY (1900-2008) was born 1900, Katanning, WA [Reg. 2796]. She married **JOHN FRANCIS CAVANAGH (1900-)** 1923, Katanning, WA [Reg. 47]. Interesting note: Grace travelled to

England with her father and brother in 1912 and saw the "Titanic" moored in harbour ready for its first and fatal voyage!!)

3. GEORGE ALEXANDER SWINEY (1902-1990) born 4 Aug 1902, Katanning, WA [Reg No. 3124]. He married **DOROTHY ANTOINETTE EGERTON WARBURTON (1910-)** 9 Aug 1933, Plantagenet, WA [Reg. 49]. George died 17 Dec 1990, Cranbrook, WA.

4. EDITH M SWINEY (1910-) was born 1910, Sussex, WA [Reg. 30]. She married **RONALD GREY EGERTON WARBURTON (1914-2003)**, 1939, Plantagenet, WA [Reg. 44].

5. BEATRICE CLARE SWINEY (1911-2011) was born 1 Nov 1911, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 114]. For more details see above and following.

CHILDREN OF HUBERT JOHN BLECHYNDEN AND BEATRICE CLARE SWINEY:
Robert James (died in infancy), Richard John, Keith Timothy 'Tim', and Nicholas Roger Blechynden.

Hubert and Trixie's Blechyndens family: Richard, Hubert, Roger, Trixie & Tim.

EMBROIDERED NAMES – CUSHION COVER

Julie Birch wrote:

"My grandmother – Trixie's sister - used this embroidered chair covering to make a cushion cover many years ago. It was discovered under another cover on a very old cane chair. From memory it was made by a CWA group. Each lady (some men too) did their own name. It would have been done in the 1920s or 30 s when they were young farmers wives."

Below is an interesting article featuring Hubert in a school play:

***Nelson Advocate* (WA: 1926 - 1938), Fri 7 May 1926, pg 5**
07 May 1926 - Captain Soot (nla.gov.au)

Captain Soot
AND THE FAIRIES.
SPLENDID DINNINUP CANTATA.

A very successful and enjoyable function in the form of a children's concert organised by the teacher of the Dinninup school (Mrs. Williams) writes our correspondent, took place in the Dinninup Hall on Friday evening, April 23. Although the weather was somewhat inclement, a large number of people attended and one and all were highly pleased with the very creditable performance of the children on the whole, whilst in some instances the items were rendered in a manner that must have been very satisfactory to the teacher who, without a doubt

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for the efficient, manner in which the children trained.

Among the many items staged, the cantata "Soot and the Fairies," takes pride of place. The stage was artistically arranged as a woodland glen in Fairyland, and the dresses of the fairies themselves made an attractive and beautiful display.

Eileen Beatty made a very stately "Queen," and carried off her part to perfection, whilst ***Hubert Blechynden's impersonation of "Captain Soot" was highly enjoyable.*** *Prizes were awarded to the best all round performers and were won by the following: girls—Eileen Beatty 1st; Joan Dabbs 2nd. Boys Jack Herald 1st;* ***A. Blechynden*** *2nd. Miss Moira Lyons, of Bunbury, made a very efficient accompanist and with Miss. Gibbs, supplied the music for the dance which followed a most enjoyable evening.*

THE PROGRAMME

Following was the concert programme: Overture, Mrs. Williams; Prologue, Eileen Beatty and Walter B Gibbs: Recitation, "Peppermint," Allan Williams; Song, "There is music more melodious." Company; m Dialogue, "Pious," May Gibbs, Eileen Beatty, Gladys Draper; Recitation, "Selfishness," Colin Chidgzey; Song, "Granny," Cyril Beatty and company; Recitation, Joan Dabbs and Shirley Chidgzey; Dialogue, Crooked Answers," ***Hubert Blechynden and company;*** *Recitation, Joyce Chidgzey; Song "The Chinaman,"* ***A. Blechynden and company;*** *Recitation "Sixty Years Ago," Kathleen Beatty; Dialogue, "Turned Out." May Gibbs,* ***H. Blechynden*** *and W. Gibbs, Recitation, "What Smith Minor Thinks," Jack Herald; Recitation "Red Thread of Honour," Walter Gibbs; Song, "Whispering Hope," May Gibbs and Eileen Beatty; Recitation "Priest and the Mulberry Tree"* ***Hubert Blechynden****; Song, "Upon a Farm," Company; Recitation, "The Tea Party," Kathleen Beatty and company: Cantata, "Soot and the Fairies," Company; Epilogue, May Gibbs, and* ***Hubert Blechynden****; Finish "God Save the King," Company.*

Note: Hubert Blechynden was about 14 years old at this concert.

BOYUP BROOK SHIRE COUNCIL – PIONEERS DAY ADDRESS - GUEST SPEAKER: MR. HUBERT JOHN BLECHYNDEN

(Address was actually read by Mr. Richard Blechynden. Hubert and Trixie Blechynden were on an around Australian trip with friends so were unable to attend. Several paragraphs, applicable have been typed out from this article.

The first settler to arrive in the Dinninup District is considered to be Joseph Taylor, who selected land in 1880. . . The property was later taken over by Gerald "Paddy" Meagher and in 1917 was bought by Gerald Lovell and at present is owned by John Giles . . .

Joseph Taylor was followed closely by George Draper in 1882, coming from York . . .

JAMES BLECHYNDEN followed closely on George Draper. He was born at "Bridgedale", the Blechynden House in Bridgetown, and took up 3,000 acres and called the property "SPRINGFIELD". He later married Bertha Johnson, who was the first school- teacher in Boyup Brook. The property is now being farmed by the third generation of Blechyndens.

GEORGE AND EDWIN BLECHYNDEN came to help brother JAMES establish himself at Dinninup and later George took up property and named his place "BELLSIDE". "Denninup Hill", which is now called "Dinninup Hill", east of Dinninup, was another one of the early properties and was run by Edward Lilley, who later leased the place to George Nelson . . .

While on their trip around Australia Hubert and Trixie and their friends went up to the Mt. Gambier lookout over the lake. The effort of getting up there caused Hubert to suffer a heart attack and tragically he died on 13 Aug 1982.

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In 1940 he married Beatrice Clare Swiney, of Frankland, and the couple had four sons —Robert, who died in infancy, Richard, Timothy and Roger.

Mr Blechynden was a very popular and well respected resident of the Upper Blackwood district.

Keenly interested in all community activities, he was a great asset to the church, the agricultural society and local sporting clubs, and was a willing helper at local busy bees.

Many will remember seeing Mr Blechynden ride his horse Arizona at the Mayanup races.

Mr Blechynden, a worthy member of a pioneer family, had a lively sense of humour and was a good neighbour and friend to many.

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Mr Blechynden the youngest child of Bertha and James Blechynden, was born at "Springfield", Dinninup, 70 years ago. His life was spent at "Springfield".

In 1940 he married Beatrice Clare Swiney, of Frankland, and the couple had four sons – Robert, who died in infancy, Richard, Timothy and Roger.

Mr Blechynden was a very popular and well respected, resident of the Upper Blackwood district.

Keenly interested in all community activities, he was a great asset to the church, the agricultural society and local sporting clubs, and was a willing helper at local busy bees.

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Many thanks to Liz and Richard Blechynden for their valuable input into the chapter on James Blechynden and Berth May Godschall and their family. The book: "Memory Lane" by E Blechynden, was invaluable also in assisting with the chapters on Edwin Blechynden, George Harrison Blechynden and Ernest Blechynden.
Another excellent book on the Swiney Family is "Whither the Fates Call" by George Swiney. Edited by Roger Blechynden.

FIFTH CHILD OF JOHN BLECHYNDEN & ELIZABETH GREEN

5. BLECHYNDEN, CHARLOTTE JANE (1868-1869)

Life for John and Elizabeth Blechynden (nee Green) at their home at 'Bridgedale', Bridgetown, was hectic with four energetic sons: John William who had been born in 1861, George Harrison in 1862, Edwin in 1864 and James in 1866. Their father, John Blechynden was the eldest son and child of Harrison Blechynden and Charlotte Robus. Their mother, Elizabeth Jane Green was the third child of George Green and Jane Beacham. Both were from pioneering families who had emigrated to the new Swan River Colony from Kent, England. John Blechynden and Elizabeth Green were married on 23 Feb 1860 in St. George's Cathedral, Perth, WA. The story of this couple and their parents can be read in their individual chapters.

Expecting their fifth child, they were highly delighted with the birth of their first daughter Charlotte Jane Blechynden who was born on 2 Mar 1868, Geejelup (Geegeelup), WA. She was named after her grandmother Charlotte Robus, and Jane was her mother's second name.

She was a beautiful baby and the boys were in awe of this tiny addition to the family. John William was now aged almost 7 years, George 5 ½ years, Edwin 3 ½ and James almost 2 years. They adored their little sister and as she learned to walk, spent much time playing with her and making her laugh.

Elizabeth and John were devastated when their beautiful little daughter, Charlotte Jane Blechynden became ill and died on 17 Jun 1869 aged 15 months. The whole family mourned her loss and she was buried in Jun 1869 in the old Bridgetown Pioneer Cemetery, WA, now a park.

Charlotte is remembered along with her sister Ada and father John on her mother's headstone on the recently restored headstone located on her sister May's gravesite in the Bridgetown Cemetery.

SIXTH CHILD OF JOHN BLECHYNDEN & ELIZABETH GREEN

6. BLECHYNDEN, ARTHUR (1870-1941) & CHAPMAN, CLARA AGNES (1869-1961)

Arthur Blechynden was born in Bridgetown, WA, on 2 Apr 1870, [Reg. 12186]. He was baptised 20 Jul 1870 in Bridgetown. Elizabeth and John Blechynden now had five boys: John William almost 9 years, George aged 8 years, Edwin aged 6 years and James aged almost 4 years. He was never to know his sister Charlotte who was born in 1868 and died at the age of 15 months in 1869. By the time Arthur was almost thirteen years another seven children were added to the family: Alfred born in 1871, Ernest Charles born in 1873, Herbert Edward born in 1875, Amy born in 1877, Clarence Henry born in 1879, May born in 1881 and Ada Jane in 1883. The family now totalled 12 children. At this stage his oldest brother John William was aged 22 years. John William, George, Edwin and James were all away from home most of the time working and forming their own lives. Sadly, Ada died on 17 Oct 1888 at the age of 4½. What a sad day for the family when she joined her sister Charlotte and was buried in the Bridgetown Cemetery.

Arthur Blechynden

Arthur's grandparents Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden emigrated from Kent, England to the newly established Swan River Colony on the *Minstrel* 20 Jan 1830. Arthur's father, John Blechynden, was one of the first white settlers in Bridgetown. He came overland to the Blackwood River from Beverley with Aboriginal guides and in 1858 took up land which later became part of the town site. The story of his Beverley pioneering grandparents and his father John Blechynden and mother, Elizabeth Green can be read in their individual chapters.

Arthur was educated at the Bridgetown Primary School which was opened on 1 Feb 1870. Bridgetown grew steadily throughout the 1870s and by 1879 the town could boast several stores and public houses.

Arthur remembered the virgin forest around Bridgetown being so open that, in his boyhood, he could gallop through the forest at breakneck speed without any need to check his horse. Axes and cross-cut saws were used for clearing at this time. The ring-barked giant trees were left standing to die with the pasture growing around them, or they were stacked up and burnt. Arthur remembered watching, as a young boy, the red glow from the fires burning all around the hills of Bridgetown.

The *Blackwood Times* recorded a memory of one of Arthur's experiences at the age of thirteen years:

HARDSHIPS RECALLED

When relating his experiences of past years at the Bridgetown Road Board gathering of members and ex-members on Feb 6 Mr. Arthur Blechynden stated that when he was about 13 years of age his father wanted him to take a few sheep to Bunbury and he had to walk the distance. The first night he stayed with Mr. Alf Doust and eventually reached his destination.

ARTHUR BLECHYNDEN (2 Apr 1870 – 3 Oct 1941)

A brief work history compiled by Ken and Angela Blechynden in 1985 from earlier family history discussions they held with Arthur's sons Reuben John and Raymond Arthur Blechynden.

ARTHUR BLECHYNDEN was very much a "BRIDGETOWN" man. He did his schooling in Bridgetown and left at an early age to help his father John grow wool and some wheat at a 200-acre farm called "HILLFARM', 1 ½ miles south of Bridgetown towards Manjimup. While at "Hillfarm" they did a lot of contract carting of wool etc to Bunbury from Bridgetown with a six-horse wagon team. This was a three-day trip in the late 1880's and they usually stayed overnight at MULLALYUP and at TRIGWELLS INN in DONNYBROOK. "Hillfarm" was originally run by John. Arthur ran the farm for many years until it was taken over by another part of the family. During their stay at "Hillfarm" they built a small cottage on the farm about 2 ½ miles along the present South Western Highway. The only evidence of the house in 1985 was a solitary fruit tree. Arthur was very competent and experienced with horses and there was apparently more than one night he stayed up all night trying to cure an ill horse.

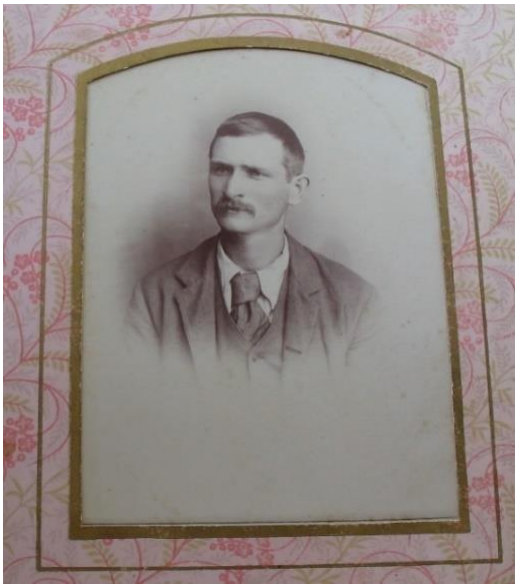
From 'HILLFARM' Arthur leased ALLNUTS farm "WESLINGTON" at BALINGUP for 3 years before moving to "LILLYDALE" farm, 5 miles out of Bridgetown towards Perth. After 6 years "LILLYDALE" was sold to Mr Knight and eventually ended up belonging to the Hesters after whom Hesters Hill was named. In 1901 Arthur opened a general store at the southern end of the main street of Bridgetown. This store and attached residence have since been demolished and a tyre outlet built in its place (opposite SCOTTS TAVERN). After leaving the general store, Arthur had a nearby hardware store for some time. Next Arthur moved to a house called "WOODCOTTAGE" which is one street back from the railway line behind St Paul's Church in Bridgetown. While at Woodcottage Arthur farmed at YERRAMINUP on the YERRIMINUP RIVER which is a western tributary of the PERUP RIVER.

At YERRAMINUP Arthur bred both cattle and horses on his 6,000-acre lease. He also tried to breed sheep at YERRAMINUP but this was a disaster. He bought 100 special sheep out to the farm but all except one, who hid under a log, were killed by dingoes. His children used to visit him at Yerraminup during school vacation.

Arthur left Yerraminup and leased a property called "Wetcop" on the Blackwood River at Maranup Ford for 5 years. This was a large farm of several thousand acres with 40 acres of orchards.

When he left "Wetcop" Arthur moved to "Lowlands". A house on the northern outskirts of Bridgetown. He spent the rest of his working life as a sleeper carter/timberman mainly in the Manjimup and Hester area. Arthur eventually retired to Woodcottage to grow vegetables (3000 onions on ½ an acre). After a twelve month stay in hospital, Arthur died from cancer on 3 Oct 1941. He is buried in Bridgetown.

ARTHUR BLECHYNDEN (1870-1941) married **CLARA AGNES CHAPMAN (1869-1961)** in 1891, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 225].



Arthur Blechynden

Clara Chapman

CHAPMAN, CLARA AGNES (1869-1961)

Clara Agnes Chapman was born 30 Nov 1869 at 'Hambledon', Preston in WA, tenth out of eleven children born to **THOMAS GEORGE CHAPMAN (1825-1897)** and **SELINA GARDINER (1829-1874)**. Clara Agnes Blechynden (nee Chapman) died at Knutsford Hospital, Claremont, WA, 19 May 1961.

The next two pages contain information about Clara's parents, Thomas George Chapman (1825-1897) and Selina Gardiner (1829-1874) and their family:

THOMAS GEORGE CHAPMAN (1825-1897) and **SELINA GARDINER (1829-1874)** were married 7 Jan 1849, Marshall Waller Clifton's Office, WA [Reg. No. 248].

THOMAS GEORGE CHAPMAN (1825-1897) was born 17 Mar 1825, Newington, Surrey, England, son of **THOMAS CHAPMAN (1786-1840)** and **ELIZABETH HARDING (1790-1833)**. He was baptised 6 Apr 1825 at St. Mary Newington, Southwark, Surrey, England. Both parents died, and Thomas became a ward of the Children's Friend Society. Ten-year-old Thomas Chapman emigrated from London, England and arrived at the Swan River Colony via the *Giraffe*, on 30 Dec 1835, the youngest of thirteen children (three girls and ten boys) sent to the colony by the Children's Friend Society. Thomas was indentured to Lieutenant Henry Bull at 'Ellen's Brook', Upper Swan.
Thomas George Chapman died 17 May 1897, Preston, WA [Reg. 2647].

GARDINER, SELINA (1829-1874) was born 10 Sep 1829, Bisley, Gloucestershire, England, daughter of **REUBEN GARDINER (1804-1876)** and **ANN BROWN (1810-1879)** who were married 30 May 1826, Gloucestershire, England. *The Emigration Gazette,* 6 Aug 1842, recorded the departure from Deptford, on the Thames River, on 30 Jul, of the Western Australian Company's chartered ship, *Trusty.* Reuben and Ann Gardiner arrived at Leschenault Inlet with their six children on 6 Dec 1842. Selina Chapman (nee Gardiner) died 11 Jan 1874, Preston, WA [Reg. 6883].

The story of Thomas George Chapman and Selina Gardiner can be read in ***PIONEERS OF THE PRESTON***: 2010, compiled by Dianne Black, Janet Holman and Jean Northover.

CHILDREN OF THOMAS GEORGE CHAPMAN (1825-1897) and **SELINA GARDINER (1829-1874):**

1. CHAPMAN, ELIZABETH (1850-1939) was born 27 May 1850, Australind, WA [Teg. No. 1465]. She married **HENRY JAMES DOUST (1846-1912),** 29 Mar 1872, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 3425]. Elizabeth died 15 Feb 1939, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 16].

2. CHAPMAN, JOSEPH JOHN (1851-1933) was born 6 December1851, Harvey River, WA [Reg. 1786]. He married 22 Aug 1883, **ELIZABETH GARDINER (1857-1921)**, Picton, WA [Reg. 5526]. Joseph and Elizabeth were third cousins. Joseph died 18 Sep 1933, Blackwood Rd, South Bunbury, WA [Reg. No. 120].

3. CHAPMAN, THOMAS (1853-1906) was born 25 Nov 1853, Korijekup, Harvey River, WA [Reg. 2197]. He married **LYDIA MARSH (1857-1940),** 1 Nov 1877, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 4406]. Thomas died 13 Jun 1906, Preston, WA [Reg. 82].

4. CHAPMAN, MARIA (1855-1929) was born 10 Oct 1855, Korijekup, Harvey River, WA [Reg. 2945]. She married **THOMAS JOHN ARMSTRONG (1854-1926),** 30 Jul 1888, Preston, WA [Reg. 207]. Maria died 27 Jun 1929, Donnybrook, WA [Reg. 78].

5. CHAPMAN, LUCY (1857-1918) was born 21 Aug 1857, Korijekup, Harvey River, WA [Reg. 3861]. She married **WALTER WILLIAM TRIGWELL (1853-1911),** 20 Jun 1877, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 4313]. Lucy died 23 May 1918, 'Careydale Farm', Donnybrook, WA [Reg. 43].

6. CHAPMAN, MARY MATILDA (1860-1943) was born 25 Jul 1860, Collie River, WA [Reg. 5271]. She married **ELIJAH HAMILTON WRIGHT (1855-1942)**, 18 Aug 1883, Minninup School, Preston River, WA [Reg. 5525]. Mary died 15 Jun 1943, Donnybrook, WA [Reg. 81].

7. CHAPMAN, EDWARD (1863-1947) was born 18 Apr 1863, 'Hambledon', Upper Preston, WA [Reg. 7048]. His first marriage was to **MARGARET LYONS (~1875-1898),** 29 Jul 1896, Residence of Mr W D J Scott Preston, WA [Reg. No 1025]. His second was to **EDITH ACKERY (~1874-1973),** 2 Oct 1906, Resident Clifton Watson, Clifton Street, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 60]. Edward died 24 Oct 1947, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 162].

8. CHAPMAN, ALFRED (1865-1905) was born 8 Mar 1865, 'Hambledon', Upper Preston, WA [Reg. 8377]. He married **MARY ANN GIBBS (1876-1909),** 24 Jan 1895, Arthur River, WA [Reg. 29]. Alfred died 1905, Dray Accident, 'Woodlands,' Lowden, WA [Reg. 2879].

9. CHAPMAN, GEORGE HAMBLEDON (1867-1941) was born 26 Jul 1867, 'Hambledon', Upper Preston, WA. married **SARAH JANE GIBBS (1868-1950),** 29 Aug 1893, Preston School Room, Preston, WA. George died 28 Nov 1941, Stirling Hospital, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 179]. He

10. CHAPMAN CLARA AGNES (1869-1961) was born 30 Nov 1869, 'Hambledon', Upper Preston, WA. She married **ARTHUR BLECHYNDEN (1870-1941)**, 20 May 1891, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 248]. Clara died 19 May 1961, Knutsford Hospital, Claremont, WA. More about Clara and Arthur in this, their own chapter.

11. CHAPMAN SELINA ELLEN (1873-1913) was born 31 Dec 1873, 'Hambledon', Upper Preston, WA [Reg. 14421]. She married **SAMUEL ALLEN CHANDLER (1859-1937),** 5 Apr 1889, Donnybrook, WA [Reg. 1594]. Selina died 21 Nov 1913, 'Rockhampton,' Upper Preston, WA [Reg. 163].

Arthur and Clara had seven children as follows. More details following in their own chapters.

Children of Clara and Arthur Blechynden c.1916: Raymond, Leslie, Gladys, Lila, Ivy, Reuben and Edith

1. BLECHYNDEN LILA ELIZABETH (1892-1981)
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4. BLECHYNDEN, IVY MAY (1900-1956)
5. BLECHYNDEN, GLADYS AGNES (1903-1993)
6. BLECHYNDEN, EDITH AMY (1908-2000)
7. RAYMOND, ARTHUR BLECHYNDEN (1912-1990), Busselton, WA.

ARTHUR and CLARA BLECHYNDEN:

Arthur Blechynden became a vestry member and with many others worked towards the funding and building and consecration of Paul's Anglican church in Bridgetown in which many members of our Blechynden family were christened, married and had their funeral service.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, BRIDGETOWN:

The laying of the Foundation Stone of St Paul's Church Bridgetown was held 26 Jan 1911**.** A meeting to discuss the building of St Paul's Church, Bridgetown, was held, in Jun 1911.The Consecration of the church was held in Aug 1911. The following articles give an indication of this momentous occasion for the Church of England parishioners of the town. For those interested follow the link below.

***Bunbury Herald* (WA: 1892 - 1919), Wed 1 Feb 1911, pg 3**
01 Feb 1911 - St. Paul's Church, Bridgetown. (nla.gov.au)

This article following signed by Arthur Blechynden Church Warden, shows members of the Blechynden family together with others from the community were involved in the church as wardens and vestrymen. Vestry man, Arthur Blechynden, retiring warden, was chosen to be a *Representative to the Ruri-Decanal Conference.* The summary of the year's meetings shows the affection the parishioners had for Rev Devlin offering a vote for sympathy to him following the death of his mother. *At the May meeting of the Vestry a letter was read from the Bishop asking the Rector to resign the living of Bridgetown, and offering him the living of Karridale.* Many letters were written to the Bishop asking that he remain at Bridgetown. Sadly, this was not meant to be.

***Blackwood Times* (Greenbushes, WA: 1905 - 1955), Fri 2 Jun 1911, pg 3**
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BRIDGETOWN.

The annual meeting of Parishioners was held on Saturday, 27th May, the Rector (Rev. G. H. Devlin) presiding, and a considerable number of Parishioners being present. After the usual preliminaries had been gone through the Rector presented his statistical report, which was followed by the Churchwardens' report and balance-sheet, presented by Messrs. E. W. Bolton and Arthur Blechynden (Wardens). After the reports and balance-sheet, with a report from the Auditors, had been received, the elections were proceeded with and resulted as follows :—

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Votes of Thanks.

The Rector had, in the conclusion of his report, thanked the Churchwardens and Vestry, and the lay readers and all helpers in Church work ; and votes of thanks were passed to the organists, the choir, the ladies who had collected for the parish funds, and the Auditors.

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The Rector replied briefly, thanking those present for their kind thoughts and feelings, and the meeting closed.

Wardens' Report.

The following report from the Wardens was read of the meetings for the year 1910-11 :—

At the annual parishioners' meeting Mr. E. W. Bolton was appointed Rector's Warden ; Mr. A. Blechynden was elected People's Warden ; and the following gentlemen were elected Vestrymen : Messrs. Maslin, Allnutt, Taylor, Haines, Hill, Rose, Fretwell, Mitchell, Forrest and Hester.

At the same meeting it was carried that a petition be signed by those parishioners who wished it, and afterwards forwarded to the Bishop requesting him to allow the Rector to remain.

At the May meeting of the Vestry a letter was read from the Bishop asking the Rector to resign the living of Bridgetown, and offering him the living of Karridale. At this stage the Rector left and it was carried unanimously that the Vestry has every confidence in the Rector and strongly hoped that the Bishop will not remove him from the Parish. It was also carried that the Vestry endorse Mr. Devlin's action in regard to the late Mrs. Galley's interment.

At the June meeting tenders were opened for the building of the new Church, but as the lowest was £1,436 it was decided not to accept any, but to re-open the question in September in better weather.

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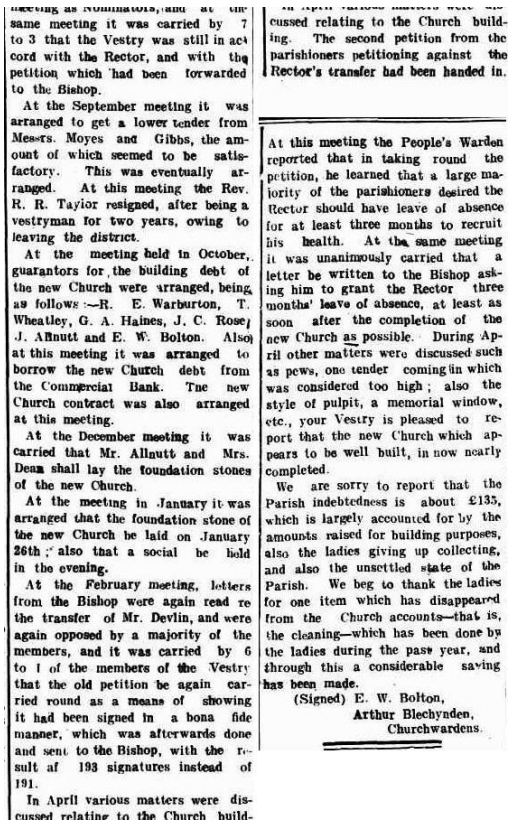
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At the February meeting, letters from the Bishop were again read re the transfer of Mr. Devlin, and were again opposed by a majority of the members, and it was carried by 6 to 1 of the members of the Vestry that the old petition be again carried round as a means of showing it had been signed in a bona fide manner, which was afterwards done and sent to the Bishop, with the result af 193 signatures instead of 191.

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We are sorry to report that the Parish indebtedness is about £135, which is largely accounted for by the amounts raised for building purposes, also the ladies giving up collecting, and also the unsettled state of the Parish. We beg to thank the ladies for one item which has disappeared from the Church accounts—that is, the cleaning—which has been done by the ladies during the past year, and through this a considerable saving has been made.

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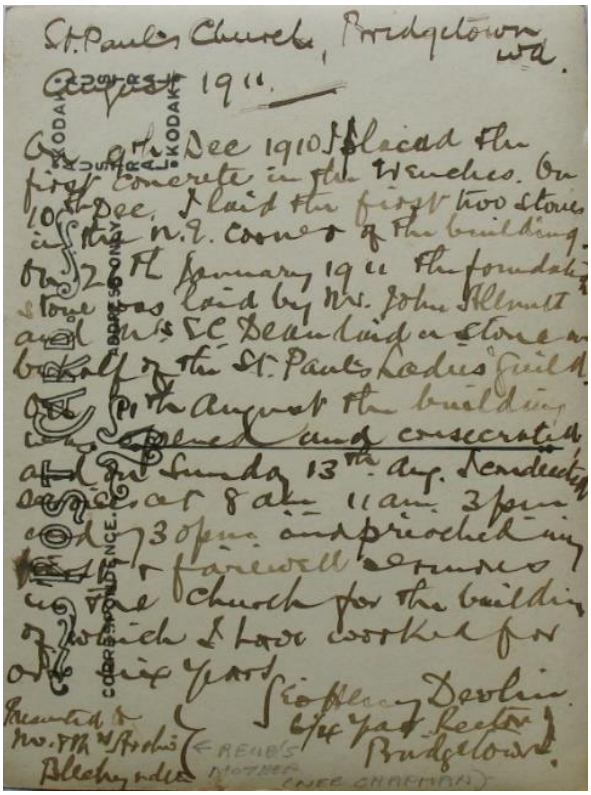
POST CARD SENT TO ARTHUR BLECHYNDEN BY THE REV. DEVLIN:
The following is a post card sent to Mr Arthur Blechynden by Rev. Geoffrey Devlin. Courtesy Jill Feutrill.

Post card showing St Paul's Church, Bridgetown, 1911



Back of the post card showing St Paul's Church, Bridgetown, 1911 with the words written by the Rev, Devlin to St Paul's Church by the Reverand Devlin. Courtesy Jill Feutrill (nee Blechynden)

Following is a transcription of the handwriting on the reverse of the St Paul's postcard:

TRANSCRIPTION

St, Paul's Church, Bridgetown W.A.
August 1911

"On 9th Dec 1910 I placed the first concrete in the trenches. On 10th Dec, I laid the first two stones in the N.E. corner of the building. On 26th January 1911 the foundation stone was laid by Mr John Allnutt and Mrs L.C. Dean laid a stone on behalf of the St. Paul's Ladies Guild. On 11th August the building was opened and consecrated and on Sunday 13th Aug. I conducted services at 8 am, 11 am, 3 pm and 7.30 pm and preached my first five and farewell sermons in the church for the building of which I have worked for over six years.

Presented on Nov. 8th to Mr. Arthur Blechynden). Geoffrey Devlin 6/4 Rector of Bridgetown."

Note: The pencilled arrow and printing were added by Jill Feutrill some years ago when Mr Arthur Blechynden was first deciphered as being Mrs Arthur Blechynden. Mr Arthur Blechynden was the 6th child of John and Elizabeth Blechynden builders of 'Bridgedale', Bridgetown.

Arthur Blechynden was a farmer between 1892 and 1895 in "Westlington", Balingup, WA. He resided at Lowlands in 1917 in Bridgetown, WA. Bridgetown store assistant, then farmer. Leased 'Westlington' from J. Allnutt for 3 years and returned to Bridgetown about 1898.

The story of this family can be read in more detail in *Pioneers of the Preston.*

WW1 AND WW2: Their sons joined up and went overseas: WW1 Leslie and Reuben, WW2 Raymond. The family was devastated when they heard that Leslie had been killed in action on 1 Jul 1917 in Belgium. His young life, so full of promise, had been cut short. For the rest of her life Clara always dressed in black. (More details can be read about Les and Reub in their individual chapters.)

Clara Agnes Blechynden (nee Chapman) and Arthur Blechynden celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in May 1941, just months before Arthur's death. After a twelve month stay in hospital, Arthur died on 3 Oct 1941. He was buried in the Anglican section of the cemetery in Bridgetown. He died without knowing whether his son Ray was still alive. On the day of Arthur's death news came that Ray was a prisoner of war. Ray's brother Reuben had received a card saying he was in a temporary prison camp; well and unwounded. The official records reveal that on 4 June 1941 he was listed as missing and his name transferred to an x list. Four days later he was 'Believed to be a POW'. On 19 February 1942 he was officially reported as a prisoner of war whose place of detention was Stalag 8b in Germany and his mother was notified.

***Bridgetown Advocate* (WA: 1938 - 1950), Fri 3 Oct 1941, pg. 6.**
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ECHO OF OLD DAYS

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Prior to the funeral a service was held at St. Pauls Church, the service being conducted by Canon E. H. Strugnell, who feelingly referred to the passing of the late Mr. Blechynden and the good life that he had led.

The funeral was largely attended. The carriers were Messrs G. Thomson, T. E. Bolton, G. E. Warburton, and W. G. Meares. The pall-bearers were Messrs T. E. Smith, R. E. Doust, H. J. Smith, W. K. Waltr and H. M. Browne.

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GRANDFATHER ARTHUR BLECHYNDEN AS I REMEMBER HIM

By his Granddaughter Jill (Blechynden) Feutrill

Arthur Blechynden fifth son of John Blechynden and Elizabeth Blechynden nee Green.

Arthur Blechynden was born 2 Apr 1870 in Bridgetown and grew up at Bridgedale, the home established on the banks of the Blackwood River on land chosen by his father John Blechynden first settler in the area.

Grandfather Arthur Blechynden and his granddaughter Jill Blechynden in the orchard at Dororeu ca 1939

Arthur married Clara Agnes (Chapman) Blechynden 20 May 1891 at Bridgetown. Seven children were born to Arthur and Clara, three sons and four daughters: Lila, Reuben, Leslie, Ivy, Gladys, Edith, Raymond.

Arthur was a kind man, warm hearted and good humoured. He was ready always to help anyone in need of assistance. He never spoke ill of another person. He loved his wife and children dearly and that love extended to all his grandchildren. Arthur was a farmer, and a good one. Starting out when very young by helping his father John Blechynden on John's property 'Hillside,' he went on later to lease a number of properties including a large area of land at Perup River south of Bridgetown.

Arthur was skilled at handling livestock, particularly horses, animals that he had a special liking for and an affinity with; he excelled at nursing them when they were sick or injured and was wonderful at gentling them; it might even be said he was the 'horse whisperer' of his day. His own horses were loved pets as well as working farm animals.

Grandpa Blechynden as I called him, was close to seventy and used a walking stick by the time I knew him. He came over from Bridgetown quite often to stay at Dororeu, his son Reuben's Mullalyup farming property close to Balingup. Grandpa still liked to help my father here and there if and when he could.

I still picture him sitting in front of the open fire with my parents of a winter evening when he was staying with us and how he used to chuckle when I kissed him goodnight on the bald patch on top of his head to 'make the hair grow.'

Another memory I love is of how Grandpa, leaning on his walking stick, used to appear in the kitchen just before mealtimes where he headed for the Metters wood stove to crack open the oven door or peep under the lids of pots simmering on the stove top to see what was in store for lunch or dinner.

'Now, now, off you go, Nosey Parker,' my mother Dorothy would say, laughing and pretending to shoo him away and off Grandpa would go chuckling to himself in his endearing way. He enjoyed my mother's cooking
and considered her a very good cook which indeed she was.

Grandpa also stayed with us for a time during his illness with cancer. We were fortunate in having a fully qualified nursing sister able to come, live in and help care for him when he became bedridden and needed constant attention.

Sister, as we called her, was dedicated to her work and very kind. Every day she dressed in her white uniform and white veil, adding a bright red nurse's cape if the day were cold.
A nursing sister also cared for Grandpa Blechynden at Lucieville, the Yornup home of Dad's sister Lila, where Grandpa was staying before he later died in Bridgetown Hospital.

The last memory I have of Grandpa is from his last days at Lucieville during which a special family occasion took place. The occasion was the Christening of Lynden Shadbolt, the small son of Grandpa's daughter Edith and her husband Harry Shadbolt.

Grandpa was too ill by then to attend church so the Christening took place in his bedroom at Lucieville with all the family around him. I can still see him lying back and, ill though he was, chuckling his old loving chuckle when Lynden cried when his head became wet during the ceremony.

I believe the Christening font was brought especially for the occasion from St Paul's Anglican Church in Bridgetown, the church Grandpa supported all his life.

Arthur Blechynden died 3 Oct 1941 aged 71. He is buried at Bridgetown.

Deeply loved, Grandfather Arthur Blechynden will be remembered always with love and respect.

Following Arthur's death Clara lived for another 19 years. She missed her soul mate but was surrounded and embraced by her loving family.

Four generations: Lesley Doust (nee Pearce), Lila Pearce (nee Blechynden) and Clara Blechynden (nee Chapman) holding baby Valerie 1943. Courtesy Pam Sounness

Clara Blechynden passed away at the Knutsford Hospital in Claremont 19 May 1961. She was ninety-two years of age. Her funeral was held 22 May 1961 at St Paul's Church, Bridgetown. She was buried next to her husband in the Church of England section of the Bridgetown cemetery.

Obituary in *Blackwood Times* May 1961:

Bridgetown Pioneer

BRIDGETOWN: A member of an old pioneering family of the Bridgetown district, Clara Agnes Blechynden, died at the Knutsford Hospital, Claremont, on May 19, at the age of 92.

The late Mrs Blechynden was born at the "Preston" on 30 November 1869.She was the fifth daughter of the late Thomas George and Selina Chapman who were very early settlers in that district.

She was always ready to talk of old times a favourite story was that as a child she used to walk 11 miles along a "bush" track for the mail with her dog for protection and company and that one day it killed a dingo that was too venturesome.
She went to Bridgetown 75 years ago to live with her brother in-law and sister, the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Doust, who at that time owned the hotel now known as Scott's Hotel.

In her early married life she was a keen horsewoman and liked to ride as far as Donnybrook and the Preston to visit her relations and friends.

Mrs Blechynden was an active member of the Bridgetown Agricultural Society and a life member at the time of her death. She was also a keen worker for her church, the Red Cross Society and other bodies.

The annual show, races and picnics were the main social events in the early days.
The opening of the bridge across the Blackwood River and later the coming of the railway were great events in her life.

In 1891 she married Arthur Blechynden the fifth son of the late John and Elizabeth Blechynden, the first settlers in the town of Bridgetown proper.

John Blechynden came across country from Beverley with native guides more than 100 years ago. He selected land on the Blackwood River, built a house, which is still standing between the old and new traffic bridges and then brought his wife to it.

After their marriage, Arthur and Clara Blechynden lived at Weslington, near Balingup for several years, leasing the property from the late John Alnutt. Their two eldest children were born there. Later they lived at Lillydale.

In 1899 they gave up farming and for some years had a general store in Bridgetown, so their children could attend school.

There were three sons and four daughters of the marriage (two sons and three daughters are still living) 16 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

Mrs Blechynden survived her husband by 19 years and was the late survivor of the Chapman family of that generation.

There are still some people who remember Mrs Blechynden for her kindness in the early days; she was always one of the first to give a helping hand in sickness or trouble.

The funeral took place at St Paul's Church Bridgetown, on Tuesday May 22.

Headstones of Arthur Blechynden and Clara Agnes Blechynden (nee Chapman), Bridgetown Cemetery

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF CLARA AGNES
WIFE OF
ARTHUR BLECHYNDEN
1809-1962 (sic)
REMEMBERED BY FAMILY

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
ARTHUR BLECHYNDEN
1890-1941
ERECTED BY HIS WIFE
AND CHILDREN

Note: Clara died 19 May 1961.

CHILDREN OF ARTHUR BLECHYNDEN (1870-1941) AND CLARA AGNES CHAPMAN (1869-1961) IN MORE DETAIL:

Note. In addition to family members a lot of the following information and images for these 7 children of Arthur and Clara Blechynden has been sourced from the history book *PIONEERS OF THE PRESTON*: 2010, compiled by Dianne Black, Janet Holman and Jean Northover.

1st CHILD OF ARTHUR BLECHYNDEN & CLARA AGNES CHAPMAN

1. BLECHYNDEN, LILA ELIZABETH (1892-1981)
Lila Elizabeth Blechynden was born on the 13 Aug 1892, at 'Weslington', Blackwood, WA [Reg. 1632]. Lila Elizabeth Blechynden died 9 Feb 1981, Blackwood, WA.

Lila Blechynden

Lila Elizabeth Blechynden was the first child of the seven born to Clara Chapman and Arthur Blechynden. Lila was christened by the Reverend John Brand on 18 Sep 1892.

The Blechynden children attended Bridgetown School. Being the eldest child Lila was of great assistance to her mother, helping to look after her brothers and sisters. At 20 years of age Lila was the at-home midwife when her youngest sibling Raymond was born on the kitchen table in 1912.
Lila was a good musician. She learnt to play the piano and the harmonium from Lucy Pearce at the Pearce farm 'Lucieville' located 5 miles south of Bridgetown. It was there that she met Frank Hayward Pearce whom she later married.

LILA married **FRANK HAYWOOD PEARCE (1882-1939)**, on the 30 Aug 1916, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 26] in St Paul's Anglican Church in Bridgetown. Together they had four children: **Lesley Lucy, Haywood Astley, Elva Lila and Desmond**

Wedding photo Frank Pearce and Lila Blechynden

Frank was born 5 Aug 1882 in Ballarat, VIC [Reg. 13526]. He was the third of five children of **JAMES PEARCE** and **LUCY JANE JAMES**. Frank died 28 Aug 1939 in Bridgetown Hospital, WA [Reg. 51].

JAMES PEARCE (1850-1906) and **LUCY JANE JAMES (1854-1910)** were married in Ballarat, VIC [Ref. No. 4122] in Dec 1877. In 1904 Frank, with brothers Walter and Edwin, travelled across Australia to join their eldest brother, Harold Pearce, to take up land and settle in Bridgetown, WA. Their sister Lucy Ann followed soon after to join her brothers on their farm. Following the death of their father, James, and their maternal grandmother, Lucy, their mother (also called Lucy) joined her children on their family farm in 1907. The Pearce's called the Bridgetown property 'Lucieville' after their former Melbourne home which had been named after the three Lucy's in the family.

'Lucieville' in the 1920's

Lila, Des, Lel, Haywood, Elva and Frank at 'Lucieville', 1939. Taken just before Frank's death.

New Grasshopper Chev car, Haywood, Lila, Elva, Lesley with Des in front.

Frank Pearce died on the 28 Aug 1939 in Bridgetown Hospital from a stroke. He was buried in the Bridgetown Cemetery. After Frank's death, Lila and her four children continued to run 'Lucieville'. Later it became the property of Lila's youngest son, Desmond.

During World War II, Haywood left to join the Air Force in 1942. Before de-mobbing, Flight Sergeant Haywood Pearce, Service Number 43611, flew over 'Lucieville' in a Beaufort and took aerial shots of the farm and Bridgetown.

Aerial photo of 'Lucieville' in 1945, taken by Lila and Frank's son Flight Sergeant Haywood Pearce Hayward during his flight near the end of WW2.

Lesley, Haywood, Elva and Desmond married and had children of their own. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren made their appearance and the family tree continues to grow.

'Lucieville' was a fine property with magnificent gardens, a well-used tennis court and many outbuildings. Like most mixed farming properties in the 1900's, apples were produced and packed on the property. It had a dairy herd and was self-sufficient in most things. Lila left Lucieville in 1948 in the capable hands of her son Desmond and his wife Stella. Lila lived with her daughter Elva for most of the rest of her life with many visits to the rest of her family. People who knew her remember her as an extremely kind and gentle lady. She was an active member of the Red Cross for 65 years and participated in many charitable works. She was also a keen exhibitor and great worker for the local Agricultural Society Show.

In later years when, Lila and Frank's grandson Michael took over the property, 'Lucieville' Farm Chalets and farm stays was developed and a grand reception centre established in the old homestead. International visitors are frequent and the business is still well respected and run by the family.

Lucieville Farm Chalets https://www.lucieville.com.au/

Lila Elizabeth Pearce (nee Blechynden) died on the 9 Feb 1981 in Bridgetown. She was buried next to her husband Frank Pearce in the Bridgetown cemetery.

Headstone of Frank Haywood and Lila Elizabeth Pearce (nee Blechynden), Bridgetown Cemetery,

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2. BLECHYNDEN, REUBEN JOHN (1895-1981)

2nd CHILD OF ARTHUR BLECHYNDEN & CLARA AGNES CHAPMAN

Written and compiled by Jill Feutrill, his daughter

REUBEN JOHN BLECHYNDEN
1895-1981

DOROTHY HOPE MUNYARD
1897-1979

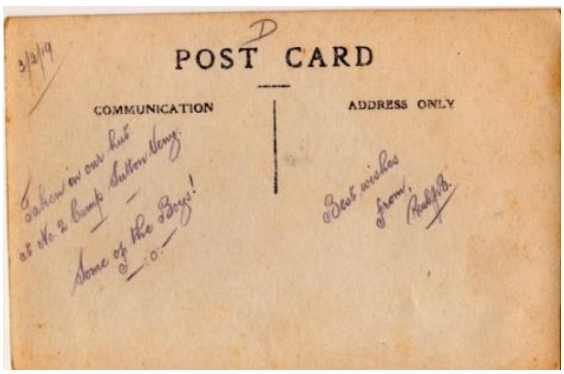
Reuben John Blechynden (1895-1981) was the eldest son of Arthur Blechynden and his wife Clara (Chapman) Blechynden of Bridgetown. Arthur was the fifth son of Elizabeth (nee Green) and John Blechynden first settlers in Bridgetown, John having followed the Blackwood River from the source near Beverley to the area that became Bridgetown. Clara was the penultimate daughter of Selina (nee Gardiner) and Thomas Chapman of the Preston.

Reuben John Blechynden was born on 20 Feb 1895 at Weslington, a Balingup property his father Arthur Blechynden was leasing at the time from a Mr Allnutt. Arthur and Clara later moved back to farming at Bridgetown, around the time Reuben was three years old.

Reub, as he was known, attended the Bridgetown State School and finished his education in Perth. On leaving school he was first employed in the Bridgetown office of the law firm then known as Messrs Stanley Money and Walker. Later he served for eight years on the staff of the W.A. Bank at Perth and Fremantle. His enlistment into the Australian Armed Forces at the outbreak of World War One interrupted his years at the bank until his return home.

Reub enlisted in 1916 and served first in the 10th Light Horse and then with the Imperial Camel Corps.

Reuben John Blechynden, 10th Light Horse,



Above: *World War One*: *Reub Blechynden seated on floor extreme right, legs and arms crossed, another soldier's hands on Reub's shoulders. The photo was taken at No. 2 camp Sutton Veny, England, 3 Mar 1919. (See note in Reub's writing on back of postcard photograph below*

At the Second Battle of Gaza 19, Apr 1917, he was captured by the Turks and held in a POW camp at Yarbaschi Turkey where he was compelled to work breaking stones on the railway. Later he was appointed food controller and eventually appointed auditor for a German company building the Bagdad railway.

During his captivity as a P.O.W. Reub and two others managed to escape but unfortunately, when nearing the British lines at Damascus they were recaptured.

After his release at the end of the war Reub was first sent to Britain and nursed back to health at a camp hospital at Sutton Veny, England, arriving home in WA in March 1919. He received his discharge in July 1919.

Left: *Reuben John Blechynden near Gaza WW1 on the camel he called Ray.*

Reub met his future wife Dorothy Hope Munyard before leaving to serve overseas during World War One and they became engaged when he returned home.

Dorothy Hope Munyard was the eldest daughter of Arthur Stephen Munyard and Edith (nee Biggin) Munyard of Hensman Road Subiaco. Dorothy, addressed sometimes as Dot, was the eldest of nine children. She was educated at Subiaco State School and at Stott's Business College in Perth.

After Dorothy and Reub became engaged, Reub resigned from the bank and bought a South West orchard and farming property at Mullalyup, close to Balingup. The property, bought from a Mr Poole, Reub named 'Dororeu', a compilation of the names Dorothy and Reuben. It became the couple's home soon after the wedding.

The marriage took place on Jan 24, 1923, at St. Mary's Anglican Church West Perth. Dorothy's sister Clarice (Claire) and Reub's sister Gladys were Dorothy's bridesmaids; Dr Cyril Carlin was Reub's best man, Mr Cecil Saunders groomsman. The marriage celebrant was the Rev. C.O.L. Riley, afterwards Bishop Riley.

Reub and Dorothy Blechynden on their wedding day, 24 Jan 1923.

Bridesmaids at Dorothy and Reub Blechynden's wedding. Left Clarice Munyard, sitting right: Gladys Blechynden.

In World War One Reub and his future best man, Dr Cyril Carlin, both enlisted in the 10th Light Horse on 1st March 1916. Reub's number was 2812, Cyril's was 2813.

Reub ran sheep and cattle on Dororeu and grew a large orchard producing apples, nectarines, peaches and pears. He was a good farmer and orchardist who took pride in his work. Dororeu was a productive property and a district show place.

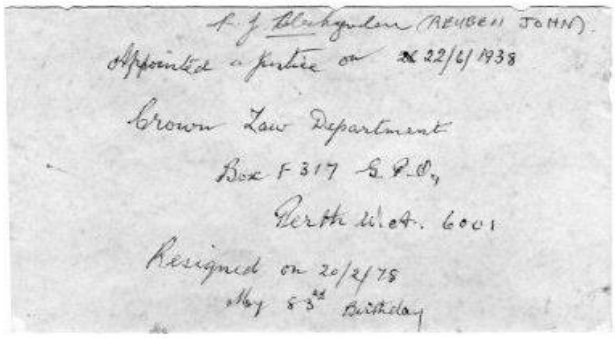
Dorothy was a good cook, famous for her hot scones. Like most countrywomen she preserved fruit, made jams, chutneys and other preserves – her ripe tomato chutney was renowned.

Reub and Dorothy always had the welfare of the South West at heart. Active in the communities of both Mullalyup and Balingup they were members of the golf and tennis clubs, exhibited flowers, produce and other items in the annual agricultural shows and supported the community in a great many ways that increased over the years.

Reub was a member of the Balingup Road Board from 1942 and became Chairman in 1946, holding the position for nine years. He was president of the Balingup Primary Producers Association for many years, also president of the Balingup golf and tennis clubs. He was a patron and member of the Balingup bowling club, patron of the girls' hockey club and a member of the Institute for the Blind.

Reub was appointed a Justice of the Peace on 22 Jun 1938, remaining a J.P. until his resignation on his eighty-third birthday 20 Feb 1978, three years before he died in 1981 at the age of 86. He was also a member of the Justices Association.

The details of Reub's Justice service in his own handwriting appear below with a transcription by his daughter Jill who also later added the words at the top i.e., R. J. Blechynden (Reuben John).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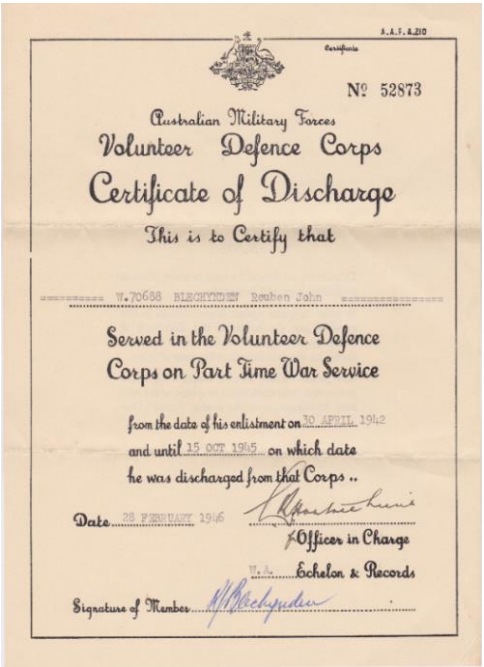
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and until 15 OCT 1945 on which date
he was discharged from that Corps ..
Date 28 FEBRUARY 1946
Officer in Charge
V.A. Echelon & Records
Signature of Member H. Blechynden

During the Second World War Reub was a member of the Voluntary Defence Force (V.D.C.) in which he played a prominent role.

Left: *is a photo of R.J. Blechynden's certificate of discharge from the V.D.C. in WW2*

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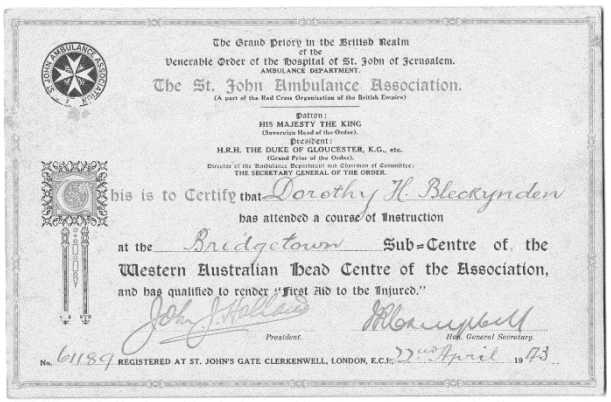
She was a member of the St John Ambulance Association and also supported Reub in all his undertakings.


The Grand Priory in the British Realm of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.
AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT.
The St. John Ambulance Association.
(A part of the Red Cross Organisation of the British Empire)
Patron: HIS MAJESTY THE KING (Sovereign Head of the Order).
President: H.R.H. THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, K.G., etc. (Grand Prior of the Order).
Director of the Ambulance Department and Chairman of Committee: THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ORDER.
This is to Certify that Dorothy H. Blechynden has attended a course of Instruction at the Bridgetown Sub-Centre of the Western Australian Head Centre of the Association, and has qualified to render "First Aid to the Injured."
President. Hon. General Secretary.
No. 61189 REGISTERED AT ST. JOHN'S GATE CLERKENWELL, LONDON, E.C.1. 22nd April 1943

Right: *Dorothy Blechynden's certificate of qualification to render first aid.*

The Dororeu home when Reub and Dorothy came as newly- weds was a modest weatherboard house of four rooms with a steep corrugated iron roof and short verandas front and back.

Dororeu when Dorothy came as a bride in 1923.

The farm had an apple orchard but much of the surrounding acreage was uncleared. Arthur Blechynden, Reub's father, helped in the early days in the clearing of more land for pasture and in extending the orchards, also assisting Reub in other farm undertakings.

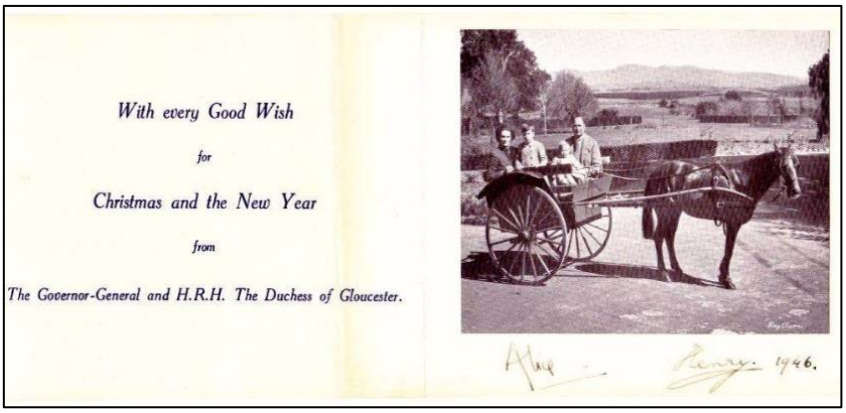
Arthur Blechynden, Reub's father, helping Reub mark lambs. Dororeu 1920's. The two younger helpers are unknown. One in light hat may be Reub's young brother Raymond.

Just before the outbreak of World War Two alterations and additions were carried out on the Dororeu home, extending the verandas and lining the weatherboard rooms making them lighter and more comfortable. The extended verandas enabled the catching of cool breezes right around the house in the hot summer months.

Dororeu from late 1930s to late 1990's.

Dorothy supported Reub in all his endeavours including the carrying out of his duties as Chairman of the Balingup Road Board. In 1946 they had the privilege, accompanied by other officials, of welcoming to Balingup their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester during a post WW2 victory tour of Australia when H.R.H. the Duke was Governor General. A community reception was held for the royal visitors on a prepared area outside the Balingup Town Hall. A large crowd attended to greet and cheer the Royal couple, including Balingup school children who received a holiday from school next day as a gift from the Duke. The Duchess spoke to many of the children including Jill, the daughter of Reub and Dorothy, who had the honour of presenting a bouquet of flowers to the Duchess.

Following the visit Reub and Dorothy received a Christmas Greeting card from the Duke and Duchess with a photograph of the couple with their sons William and Richard. [See following].



The card reads:

With every Good Wish for Christmas and the New Year from The Governor-General and H.R.H. The Duchess of Gloucester.

Beneath the photograph are the signatures Alice and Henry and the date 1946.

In the 1950's Reub Blechynden appeared in a 'This Week's Personality' feature published in the Bridgetown newspaper the Blackwood Times, issue of 24 Mar 1950. A copy of the cutting from the newspaper is below. A transcription of the interview content is as follows:

MR R.J. BLECHYNDEN
Welfare Of South-West At Heart

The Blackwood Times

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY MORNING.
BRIDGETOWN, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Vol. XLI—No. 45. Friday, March 24, 1950. Price 3d.

This Week's Personality

MR. R. J. BLECHYNDEN

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S-W People Who Will Receive The Queen

BUSSELTON, Tues: Every local authority from Harvey to Augusta and Margaret River has been invited to send two representatives to Busselton to form the official party to meet Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

The only people outside the official local bodies to be included in the party will be the district's only VC winner, Mr. Cliff Sadlier, and his wife.

The Royal party will visit Busselton on March 30, 1954.

Twelve South-West road board chairmen and their wives, and the Mayor and Mayoress of Bunbury have been invited.

The road boards invited are Harvey, Dardanup, Capel, Augusta - Margaret River, Nannup, Manjimup, Bridgetown, Balingup, Preston, Greenbushes, Collie and Upper Blackwood.

All Members

All members of the Busselton Road Board, their wives and the board's secretary will be there.

Because of the rigid time-table, no other invitations will be issued.

It has been suggested to the Busselton Road Board's organising committee that other South-West boards may wish to share in the purchase of souvenir pennants that the Busselton board will distribute to Busselton schoolchildren on the day.

That would mean other boards could give local schoolchildren pennants.

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Busselton is the only town in the South-West, apart from Albany, on the Royal itinerary.

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Reub and Dorothy Blechynden were also privileged to receive an invitation, as did other South West Road Board Chairmen and their wives, to meet Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh at a Civic Reception on 30 Mar 1954 at Busselton W.A., one of the South West centres on the itinerary of the Royal Visit to Australia in that year.

A rehearsal for the reception was held a day or two before the visit to ensure that everything went smoothly and that everyone involved in the occasion knew what to do and how to address the Queen and Prince Phillip.

The Australian Army was involved in security for the occasion including the forming of a guard of honour in front of the enormous crowds lining the roads of the royal procession from the Busselton Airport (then located off what became Queen Elizabeth Avenue) to the town centre.

Douglas Feutrill, husband of Jill Feutrill who wrote this dedication, in training at the time with the C.M.F. (Citizen Military Forces) was privileged to take part in the guard of honour.

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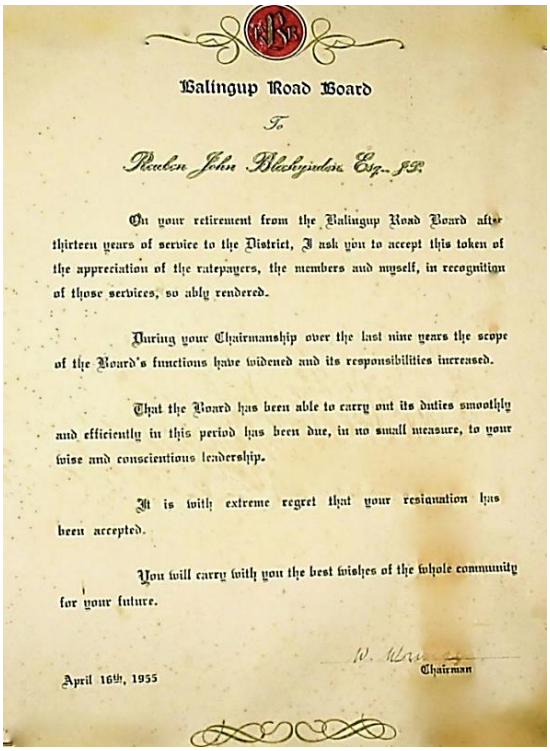
*Primary Producers' Association. In the 1950's while Reub was chairman of the Road Board he and Dorothy, on behalf of the Balingup community, hosted a reception at Balingup when Dame Patty and Sir Robert Menzies visited the town. The photograph provides a memory of the occasion.

Dame Patty Menzies (in white gloves, 2nd right, 3rd from left) and Dorothy Blechynden (extreme right beside Dame Patty) at a Balingup reception for Sir Robert & Dame Patty during the Menzies visit to W.A. c 1950's.

Reub retired from the Balingup Road Board in 1955; he was Chairman of the Board from 1946; on his retirement he was presented with an illuminated address in recognition of his service to the board and to the community. Mr W. Wringe, the new Board Chairman made the presentation on behalf of all the board members.

Unfortunately, the parchment colouring has blurred over the years and the lettering faded.



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That the Board has been able to carry out its duties smoothly and efficiently in this period has been due, in no small measure, to your wise and conscientious leadership.

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'Dororeu Busselton.' Photo taken mid to late 1970s

Reub and Dorothy Blechynden on the front porch of 'Dororeu Busselton' circa mid 1970's.

Their four grandchildren, all of whom Reub and Dorothy loved dearly, have many happy childhood memories of staying with them in the charming home.

1950's, Reub and Dorothy Blechynden photographed in Perth city centre

Reub and Dorothy Blechynden will be remembered by many for their positive outlook on life and their generous help and friendliness to others. Dorothy Hope Blechynden died at Busselton on 14 May 1979. Reuben John Blechynden died at Busselton on 30 Jun 1981.

An obituary for Reuben John Blechynden, some passages similar in content to the Blackwood Times interview with him in 1950, appeared in the Busselton Margaret Times, the South Western Times and the Warren Blackwood Times; three newspapers of the South West districts of where Reub Blechynden was respected and known so well.

First settler's grandson dies

THE grandson of the first settler in Bridgetown died at Busselton recently (30/6/1981)

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It is important to note that the senior male line of the WA born family of Blechynden is that of John Blechynden the eldest son of Harrison Blechynden and his wife Charlotte (nee Robus) Blechynden who emigrated from England to the colony of WA in 1830 aboard the ship *Minstrel*.

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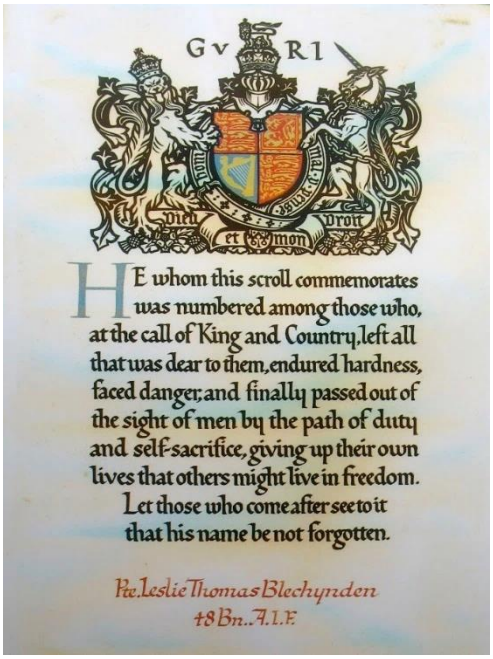
3. BLECHYNDEN, LESLIE THOMAS (1897-1917)

3rd CHILD OF ARTHUR BLECHYNDEN & CLARA AGNES CHAPMAN

LESLIE THOMAS BLECHYNDEN (1897-1917)
A tribute by Jill Feutrill (nee Blechynden) for her Uncle Leslie Thomas Blechynden

Pte L.T. Blechynden A.I.F. WW1
Pte 2882 48th Bn., Australian Infantry, A.I.F. WW1
Died of wounds near Ypres Belgium on 1st July 1917, age 19
Buried at Underhill Farm Cemetery Belgium

Leslie Blechynden



Commemoration Scroll of Leslie Thomas Blechynden

A framed life size enlargement of the above photograph of my Uncle Les had pride of place on a dining room wall in the home of my parents Dorothy and Reuben Blechynden. Uncle Les, my father's brother, was therefore part of my life from the very beginning. Although I never knew his personal physical presence, I have always felt his spiritual presence and the goodness about him. I have loved and will always love him very dearly as I know others do and others will continue to do in years to come through the treasured memories passed down by those who knew him as he was long ago.

Leslie Thomas Blechynden circa 1910-11

Leslie Thomas Blechynden, WW1

Leslie Thomas Blechynden was born 28 Oct 1897, 'Lilydale', Blackwood, WA [Reg. 69]. He was the third child, one of seven born to Arthur Blechynden and Clara Chapman.

Family of Clara and Arthur Blechynden. From left: *Raymond, Leslie, Gladys, Lila (eldest), Ivy, Reuben (eldest son), Edith.*

Leslie's early education was at Bridgetown State School where he showed much scholastic promise.

Leslie Thomas Blechynden in middle row (4th from either side) Bridgetown Primary School

He won a scholarship to Perth Modern School and was an inaugural student of the school, studying there from 1 Feb 1911 until the end of 1914.

He became a prefect and was a member of the PMS cadet corps winners of the State Cadet Championship in 1912.

Perth Modern School Cadet Corps winners of State Cadet Championship in 1912; Leslie Thomas Blechynden seated cross-legged front row second from right, 5th from left.

Pictured below is Leslie Blechynden's Sphinx badge. The Sphinx was the Perth Modern School emblem. The PMS motto was Savoir C'est Pouvoir (Knowledge is Power). The sphinx was chosen as the school emblem because the Sphinx was said to represent knowledge and wisdom.

Front of Leslie Blechynden's Sphinx Badge

Back of Sphinx Badge

Leslie's Sphinx badge was made in the first batch produced for PMS students by Perth jeweller J.C. Taylor. The reverse of Leslie's badge has the jeweller's name J.C. Taylor and the word sterling inscribed and a scratched number 147 at one side. It is thought the number may mean the 147th badge made. The reverse of Leslie Blechynden's PMS Sphinx badge. It appears to be for wearing attached to a hat. Unfortunately, one attachment pin is missing.

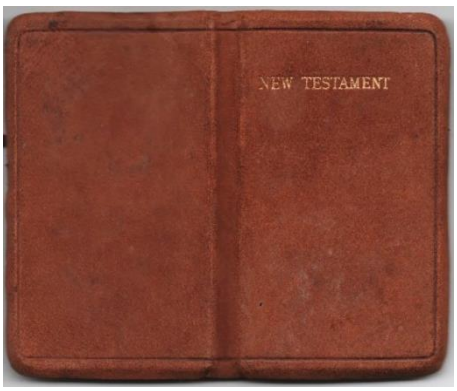
Leslie Thomas Blechynden extreme left 2nd row between two boys left front row. Perth Modern School W.A.

Leslie completed his schooling and left Perth Modern School at the end of 1914. He was then employed as a clerk for the firm Hatch Bros, Perth stockbrokers. His lodging address was given as: Miss Hatch 143 Monger Street West Leederville. This address, apart from the addition of what is presumably the property name, is the same address as that of Leslie's older brother Reuben Blechynden who had the address 'Merlinleigh' 143 Monger Street West Leederville printed on small personal cards in 1915.

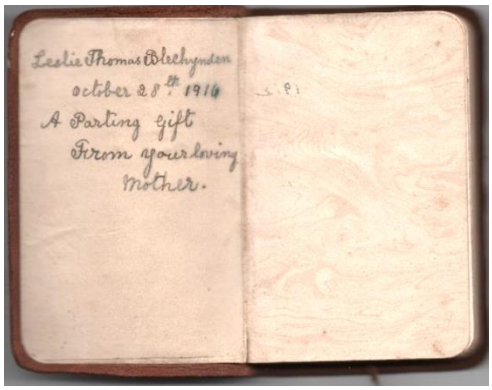
On 1 Sep 1916 Leslie Blechynden enlisted in the Australian Armed Forces to serve overseas in World War One. At the time of enlistment Leslie was serving in 86th Infantry, a Militia unit, probably in E Company that was based in Leederville. After he enlisted for war service, he was assigned to the 48th Battalion, a unit that grew out of the 16th Battalion when the size of the AIF was doubled in 1916. When Leslie joined the 48th Battalion it formed part of the 4th Division.

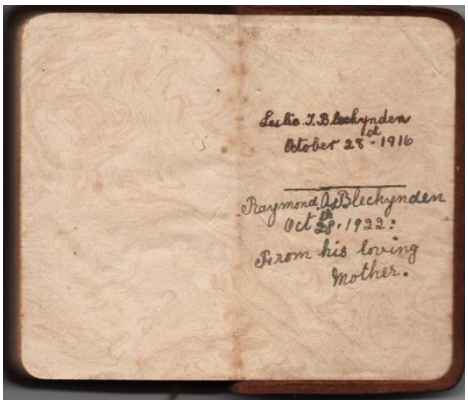
Leslie's parents Clara and Arthur Blechynden considered Leslie too young to enlist as his elder brother Reuben had done. Leslie's reply was, 'Surely you know I would not let old Reub go to war on his own.'

On 28 Oct 1916, a fortnight before Leslie sailed away to war, his mother Clara gave him a small and beautiful book of the New Testament. Leslie carried this with him overseas. After Leslie was killed in action on 1 Jul 1917 the Testament was returned to Arthur and Clara with Leslie's other Effects. On 28 Oct 1922 Clara passed the Testament gift on to her youngest son Raymond Arthur Blechynden.

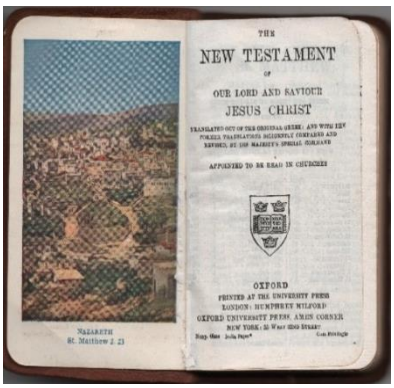


Four images of the small and lovely New Testament given to her son Leslie Blechynden by his mother Clara as a parting gift before he sailed away to serve in World War One.





These four images are courtesy of Raymond Blechynden's son Ken in whose possession the Testament now rests.

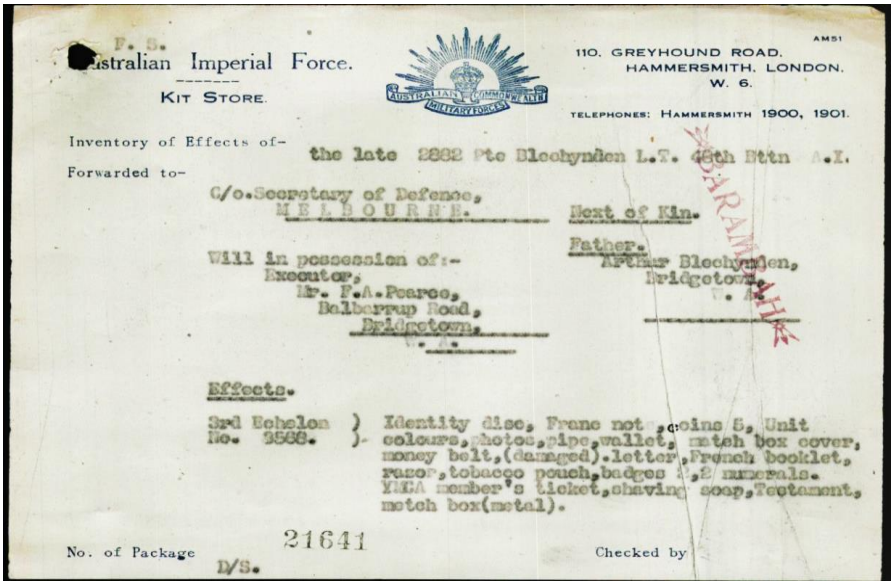


So, Leslie sailed away on 9 Nov 1916 aboard the troopship Argyllshire. But he and Reuben were not together at the front as they may have hoped. Reub was with the 10th Light Horse and the Imperial Camel Corps in the Middle East and Leslie was posted to the Western Front in Europe.

He disembarked the Argyllshire at Devonshire U.K. 10 Jan 1917, marched to training at Codford U.K. 11 Jan 1917 and was in France taken on strength of 48th Battalion by 21 Jun 1917. Tragically, he died of wounds received in action at Hill 63 Belgium on 1 Jul 1917.

The War Diary for July 1917 shows that Leslie, with the 48th battalion was based at Ploegsteert, Belgium, 16 kms south of Ypres on 1 Jul 1917. The diary states that '. . . on 1 Jul 1917 'Shelling fairly heavy during the night and early morning . . . '

Leslie was severely wounded by a bursting shell just after taking up gas guard duty on Hill 63 near Ploegsteert Wood. He was taken to a nearby dressing station for treatment but died soon after. Like many before him and many after him who lost their lives in war, Leslie was only nineteen.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Inventory of The Effects of Leslie Thomas Blechynden.

A transcript of the inventory following:

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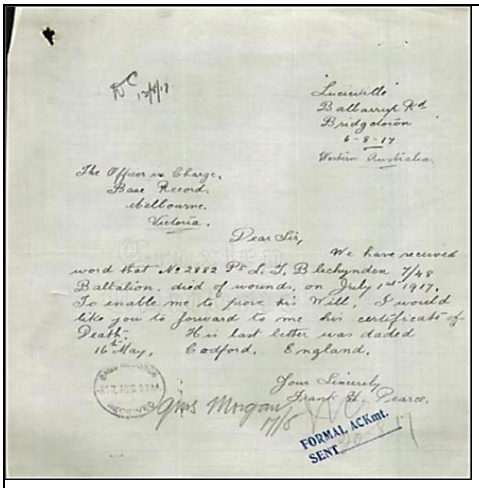
The Testament listed would be the small and beautiful New Testament, Leslie's gift from his mother Clara.

Nobody in the family could have known when Raymond received the Testament from his mother, Clara, that World War One 'The War to End All Wars' would be followed very soon by World War Two and that Raymond would also leave home to fight overseas. Very happily, Raymond in WW2, like his oldest brother Reuben in WW1, returned home safely when peace ensued.

Frank Pearce, husband of Leslie's oldest sister Lila (nee Blechynden) Pearce, had the sad duty of writing to Australian military authorities to forward Leslie's certificate of death in order for Frank to prove Leslie's will. A copy and translation of the Frank Pearce letter follow.



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Ballarrup Rd
Bridgetown
6-8-17
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The Officer in Charge,
Base Record,
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Victoria.

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Yours Sincerely
Frank H. Pearce.

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The post card following is as it was in Leslie's brother Reub's keepsakes. It seems an attempt was made at the time the card was received to remove the official note pasted over what Leslie had written, but only a little can be deciphered. The date in the top left corner says: 'Taken 3rd (March or May)? 1917.' The tiny part of the message to be seen says, 'With best love from Les.'

The front of the postcard has the photograph of Leslie shown at the beginning of this tribute. It is a much-loved photograph of Uncle Les copied for, received by, and treasured by many members of the Blechynden families.

Left: *The heart breaking, post card forwarded by the authorities after his death to Leslie Blechynden's parents Clara and Arthur Blechynden of Bridgetown, the last communication from their son.*

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE GRAVE OF LESLIE THOMAS BLECHYNDEN

The wooden cross first marker for Leslie Thomas Blechynden's grave Underhill Farm Cemetery, Belgium.

Note: The missing 'n' after the 'y' in Blechynden.

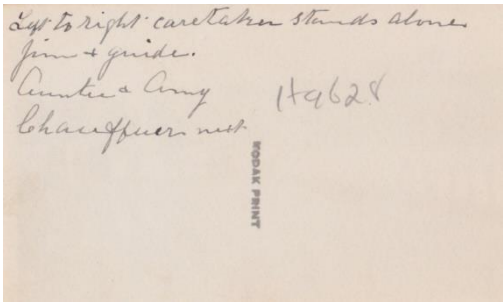
Permanent marker for Leslie Blechynden's grave, Underhill Farm Cemetery Belgium. c 1920s.

The missing 'n' after the 'y' in Blechynden was corrected in the spelling of Blechynden on the permanent gravestone for Leslie at the written request of his mother Clara Blechynden.

Leslie Thomas Blechynden's grave, c 1920s, with Aunt Sarah Green's wreath.

The grave of Leslie Thomas Blechynden in 2007 at the time of a visit by his great nephew Brian Feutrill, the rosebush planted by Brian at left.

Left: *Underhill Farm Cemetery Belgium c 1920s, identity of those in the photo is in the image reverse shown below.*



Above right: Reverse of Underhill Farm Cemetery Belgium c 1920s, identifying those in the photograph above. Auntie is Great Aunt Sarah Green, sister of Elizabeth Blechynden, Amy may be Sarah's niece Amy Blechynden, but also could be another niece Amy Halliday who is known to have accompanied Sarah Green on her trips.

Tree planted in Leslie Blechynden's honour, Kings Park

The tree for Leslie Thomas Blechynden planted by his mother Clara Agnes Blechynden in the Western Australian King's Park Avenue of trees for soldiers who did not return from the First World War.

The tree is shown as it was when still young and reasonably soon after being planted. A plaque with Leslie's name and indicating the tree planted by his mother can be seen at the foot of the tree.

Leslie's tree can be visited at number L 315 Lovekin Drive in Kings Park. (The plaque and a new tree have been moved to the other end of Lovekin Drive to allow for progress in the park).

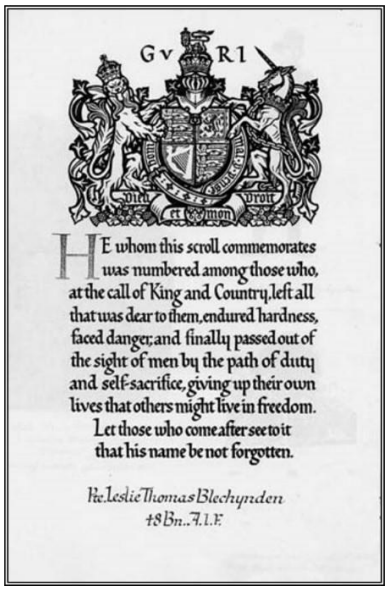
The following is added from the book *Pioneers of the Preston* courtesy of Dianne Black Chapter: 'Third Child of Clara Agnes Chapman and Arthur Blechynden - Leslie Thomas Blechynden' p 303-307. Pioneers of the Preston was researched and compiled by Dianne Black, Janet Holman and Jean Northover. The book has further information and many copies of letters and newspaper articles. Some of the information and copies of photographs and other items concerning Leslie are included below for the above tribute to Leslie by his niece Jill Feutrill.

EXCERPTS from PIONEERS OF THE PRESTON:

Leslie Thomas Blechynden is on the Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, Memorial Panel: 145.

For the rest of her life his sister Edith kept a number of cherished items relating to Les, including two memorial pamphlets and an epaulet from his jacket. These have recently been given to the Bridgetown RSL and are currently on display. Leslie's mother, Clara, had the badge from his uniform framed and presented it to '*Lila Pearce with love from Mother.'* Lila shared this memory of Leslie with her sister Edith.

Scroll on display with the Bridgetown RSL



Memorial scroll, also on display

Badge from Leslie's uniform

His sister Lila kept a photo of Leslie in uniform in her album for the rest of her life following his death during the war.

Leslie Blechynden's name is engraved in the Kings Park War Memorial and on the War Memorial in Bridgetown.

Photo of Leslie sprinkled with petals

Ken's grandsons, sixth generation Blechynden descendants from Harrison and Charlotte, Justin and Jackson, looking proud. Photo courtesy Melanie Blechynden

4th CHILD OF ARTHUR BLECHYNDEN & CLARA AGNES CHAPMAN

4. BLECHYNDEN, IVY MAY (1900-1956) was born on the 19 Jun 1900, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 90]. Ivy May Blechynden died 6 Mar 1956, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 115]. Sadly, she was crossing Canning Highway near Canning Bridge when she was knocked down by a utility, receiving massive injuries.

Ivy May Blechynden

Ivy was raised in Bridgetown and regularly attended Sunday School at St Paul's Anglican Church in Bridgetown, then became a teacher herself. It was at one of the dances held at the Yornup Hall located eight miles south of Bridgetown where Ivy met her future husband 'Archie' Hyder.

Ivy was married on the 5 Jun 1929 to WILLIAM ARCHIBALD HYDER, 'ARCHIE', Blackwood, WA [Reg. 27]. They were married in St Paul's Anglican Church in Bridgetown and settled on the Hyder family farm 'Exeter' in Yornup.

Wedding photo William Archibald Hyder and Ivy May Blechynden

WILLIAM ARCHIBALD HYDER (1894-1980)

William Archibald Hyder was born on the 4 Feb 1894 at Wintersell, Longfield, Surrey, England, Parents **WILLIAM EXETER HYDER** and **ELLEN EADE FELDWICK**. William Archibald Hyder died on the 16 Feb 1980 at the Quadriplegic Centre, Shenton Park, WA.

William Archibald Hyder served in WW1: Service Number - 5781: Place of Birth - Eden Bridge England: Place of Enlistment - Blackboy Hill WA: Next of Kin - (Father) HYDER William (mother) FELDWICK Ellen Eadie. 'Archie' was a signaller which usually meant he was close to the frontline. His war record is well recorded in "Pioneers of the Preston".

'Archie' seated on the right, the person standing is unknown.

Archie and Ivy began their married life on 'Exeter' and eventually took over the Hyder family farm, at Yornup. They had two children. Their first child, Geoffrey, only lived two days. Their next child was a girl and they named her Norma.

Norma and Ivy

Ivy, having learned many skills from her mother, quickly adapted to being a farmer's wife, working alongside her husband to help run the farm. This included establishing a large flower and vegetable garden. Ivy used fruit from the orchard to make jams and preserves. From the dairy came milk, cream and homemade butter.

Archie Hyder with a load of wool bales on his truck on 'Exeter'.

Ivy and 'Archie' became strong members of the Yornup community serving on many committees and helping with a range of community activities. Their daughter Norma attended the Yornup School which was eventually closed down in 1995.

In 1949 Archie and Ivy sold their farm and moved to Perth where Archie became a supervisor with the Land Settlement Scheme for Returned Service Men from World War 11. Ivy continued with her charity in Perth. In 1955 Archie became paralysed from the waist down. The cause of the paralysis was never discovered. One year later Ivy died tragically being hit by a vehicle while crossing the Canning Highway near Canning Bridge. The accident was witnessed by Archie and Norma. This was a sad and distressing time for the family.

Following rehab, Archie became very talented at painting crockery, pottery-making and other crafts. Archie was featured in a number of newspaper articles.
William Archibald Hyder 'Archie' (Bill) passed away on 18 Feb 1980 at the Quadriplegic Centre, Shenton Park. Ivy and Archie are buried together at the Fremantle Cemetery.

CHILDREN OF IVY MAY BLECHYNDEN AND WILLIAM ARCHIBALD HYDER:

1. Geoffrey William Hyder (1934-1934) born 2 Jun 1934, died aged 2 days**.**

2. Norma Shirley Exeter Hyder.

5th CHILD OF ARTHUR BLECHYNDEN & CLARA AGNES CHAPMAN

5. BLECHYNDEN, GLADYS AGNES (1903-1993)
Gladys Agnes Blechynden was born on the 22 Nov 1903, Bridgetown, WA, registered in 1904, [Reg. 88]. Gladys Agnes Chapman (nee Blechynden) died 8 Mar 1993, at Craigleigh Nursing home, Berwick St, Kensington, Perth, WA.

Gladys was christened at St Paul's Church, Bridgetown, 27 Dec 1903. Her father Arthur was a storekeeper in Bridgetown at the time. Gladys was five years old when her little sister Edith arrived in 1908 and eight years old when Raymond, the last child in the family, was born in 1912.

As many countries in Europe became involved in World War I, the ominous threat of war became closer to home. Many young men in the district signed up to join the services; among them were 'Glad's' brothers, Reub and Les. During this time Glad, with her mother and sisters, worked for the Red Cross making parcels to send to servicemen overseas. In 1916, on Aug 30, Gladys and her sister Ivy were proud to be attendants at the wedding of their sister Lila to Frank Pearce.

Gladys and Edith (seated)

Everyone became very concerned when Reub was reported missing and it became known he was a prisoner of war. Gladys was fourteen years old when her brother Leslie was killed in action overseas on 1 Jul 1917. It was a very sad and worrying time for the family. Close bonds between Lila, Ivy, Gladys and Edith were formed in their childhood and continued all during their lives, adding joy in times of happiness, sustaining them in times of sadness.

For a time, Gladys worked as a secretary and cashier in one of the main stores, Lakes, in Bridgetown which was situated on the corner of the main street (opposite where the town hall is today). She worked in an office on a mezzanine floor at the back of the shop. The money was sent to her from the front of the shop by placing it in a container which then was sent whizzing along a wire erected above head height. She then sent the change back.

In Jan 1923 Gladys Chapman, seated, (sister of the groom) and Claire Munyard (sister of the bride) looked lovely as they acted as bridesmaids at Reuben Blechynden's wedding to Dorothy Munyard. Gladys seated.

After her sister Ivy married Archie Hyder in June 1929, Gladys took Ivy's place working for their Uncle Joe Chapman in Bunbury. It was while there that Gladys Blechynden was courted by Joe's nephew Allen Chapman. Allen grew up on his father's farm 'Woodland' Preston. His early life is told in detail in other family projects. It is highly likely that Allen and Glad knew one another from childhood, meeting at family gatherings and weddings.

GLADYS AGNES BLECHYNDEN was married on the 16 Jul 1932 to **ALLEN JAMES CHAPMAN**, Wellington, WA [Reg. 92].

ALLEN JAMES CHAPMAN (1909-1987)

Allen James Chapman was born 6 Feb 1909, Preston, WA [Reg. 106], son of Thomas George Hambledon Chapman (1867-1941) and Sarah Jane Gibbs (1868-1850). Allen James Chapman died on the 26 Apr 1987, Pinjarra, WA.

George and Sarah Chapman and Arthur and Clara Blechynden gave their blessing for Gladys Agnes Chapman to marry Allen James Chapman in the Roeland's Church on the 16 Jul 1932. Allen Chapman and Gladys Blechynden were cousins. After their marriage Gladys and Allen lived with Allen's parents at 'Woodland', Preston, for a number of years. Allen continued to work on the farm and off farm as a contract shearer.

The family later left 'Woodland' and moved to a small hut on 'Exeter' at Yornup, the property owned by Archie Hyder and his wife Ivy, Glad's sister. While there, Jean and Leslie attended the Yornup School. The family then moved to Sawyers farm, also at Yornup, prior to moving to Hampton Street in Bridgetown. Allen Chapman was a farming contractor and shearer and was often away for long lengths of time. Glad found much support and love from her family and friends who lived nearby. Jean, Les and Neville then attended school in Bridgetown.

Allen developed a love for fishing and he and the family enjoyed many a holiday at Dunsborough. As the children grew up Allen and Gladys began thinking of the future and the decision was made to move to Dunsborough where they built a new home overlooking Geographe Bay.

Allen and Glad, proud grandparents.

Relatives remember visiting the Chapman family at their home in Dunsborough where they lived for many years and being made most welcome.

Allen Chapman was an excellent shearer and, with a large team over many years, travelled to many different areas of the state from Narembeen to the Murchison and Pilbara. He was a keen gardener and kept a large vegetable garden both in Bridgetown and Dunsborough.

Glad and Allen sold their home in Dunsborough and moved to a duplex in Cooper Street in Mandurah where they spent many happy years.

Their next move was to a villa in the retirement home at Pinjarra. Allen James Chapman died 26 Apr 1987 at Pinjarra, aged seventy-eight years. He was cremated at the Fremantle Cemetery (Anglican Section CN4 No 22).

Glad remained in her villa for a short time but then moved to the Craigleigh Nursing Home in Perth where she was closer to family. Gladys Agnes Chapman (nee Blechynden) died on 8 Mar 1993 at the Craigleigh Nursing Home, Kensington, Perth, aged eighty-nine years. She was cremated 12 Mar 1993 at the Fremantle Cemetery, (With Allen at Fremantle Cremation Section CN4 No 22, Anglican).

Family Bible belonging to Allen and Glad Chapman. (Records of the Blechynden family tree were written in the bible)

6th CHILD OF ARTHUR BLECHYNDEN & CLARA AGNES CHAPMAN

6. BLECHYNDEN, EDITH AMY (1908-2000)

Edith Amy Blechynden was born on the 16 Feb 1908, Bridgetown, (Blackwood), WA [Reg. 36]. Edith Amy Blechynden died on the 28 Dec 2000, Mukinbudin, WA.

Edith was christened in St Paul's Anglican Church in Bridgetown on 8 Apr 1908. Edith attended school in Bridgetown and became a very accomplished piano player.

Edith Blechynden

When she left school, Edith became a governess/teacher beginning in Bridgetown then working Collie, Mardella (between Mundijong and Serpentine), Bilbarrin (16 kilometres NE of Corrigin) then eventually at North Mukinbudin. It was in Mukinbudin where she met her future husband "Harry" Shadbolt.

Edith with some of her students at Mukinbudin.

Photos for Edith's section. Courtesy of Edith's daughter Margaret and 'Pioneers of the Preston'.

EDITH AMY BLECHYNDEN married **JAMES HENRY SHADBOLT, 'HARRY'**, Perth, WA [Reg. 1506] in 1934.

JAMES HENRY SHADBOLT (1903-1983)

James Henry Shadbolt was born on the 1 Apr 1903, in Neilborough, Bendigo, VIC. He was the son of **EDWARD WILLIAM SHADBOLT (1864-1953)** and **EMILY CHARLOTTE STRUGNELL (1875-1951).** James Henry Shadbolt died on the 25 Jun 1983, Mukinbudin, WA.

Edith Blechynden

Harry Shadbolt

Edith and Harry settled on the Shadbolt farm "Wattoning" which Harry had established. "Wattoning" was located about 15 kilometres north of Mukinbudin and is a historically significant area.
The extended Shadbolt family have extensive farming interests throughout the Mukinbudin area.

Later on in their farming days, Harry and Edith moved to "Cleomine" located 11 kilometres north of Mukinbudin. A big benefit of the move there was that scheme water was available. "Cleomine" is also of historical significance and there was a small school on the property which Edith and Harry's children attended for a period of time. The old homestead is now in ruins and the school has gone.

Harry and Edith with their horse team at "Wattoning"

Edith Shadbolt (nee Blechynden)

CHILDREN OF EDITH AMY BLECHYNDEN and JAMES HENRY SHADBOLT: Barbara Jean, Margaret Joan, Lynden John and Noela Lila Shadbolt

There is much more information about **Edith Shadbolt nee Blechynden** and her life with Harry Shadbolt on pages 316-322 in the magnificent book 'Pioneers of the Preston'. Prints are still available via Di Black. Many members of Arthur and Clara's family have a copy of if you want more information.

Harry and Edith at their daughter Margaret's wedding in 1958.

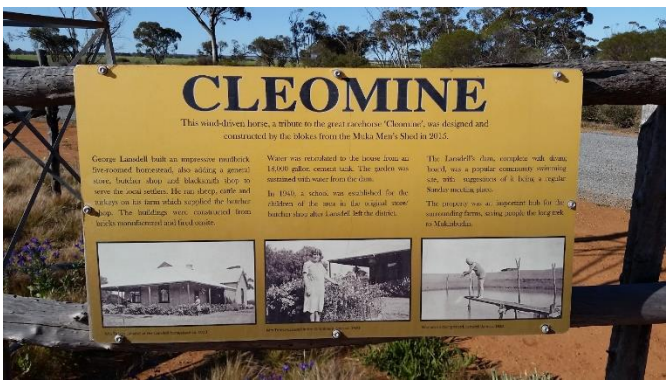
Edith with her older sister Lila

Edith and Harry Shadbolt, proud grandparent

Other than Margaret and her family the other children have moved on from Mukinbudin but there is an extremely large number of other Shadbolts in the Mukinbudin district.

Cleomine: http://inherit.stateheritage.wa.gov.au/Public/Inventory/PrintSingleRecord/3e69ec39-7ebf-4678-b28e-000c3669ba18

Cleomine has significant associations with George Lansdell and his activities associated with horses and the development of a settlement. It also has associations with generations of Mukinbudin settlers, and soldier settlers, as a social and recreational venue, as well as a place for the purchase of stores. Associations with Harry Shadbolt and the introduction of the school on the site are significant.



Cleomine, Inherit our heritage places

Harry and Edith Shadbolt (nee Blechynden are buried in the Mukinbudin cemetery.

7th CHILD OF ARTHUR BLECHYNDEN & CLARA AGNES CHAPMAN

7. BLECHYNDEN, RAYMOND ARTHUR (1912-1990)

Written and compiled by his son Ken Blechynden

Raymond Blechynden

Raymond Arthur Blechynden was born on the 6 Jul 1912, at 'Lowlands', Bridgetown, (Blackwood), WA, [Reg. 92]. He was the seventh child of Arthur and Clara Blechynden nee Chapman. Raymond Arthur Blechynden died on the 18 May 1990, at Busselton, WA.

Ray was born on the kitchen table at 'Lowlands' and his oldest sister Lila was the midwife. Ray did all his schooling at the Bridgetown School. Ray helped his mother Clara in the garden and became a keen gardener himself. He was also a very keen cyclist and did many very long-distance bike rides on unsealed roads.

Ray and his mother Clara Blechynden in the garden at 'Lowlands'.

Ray was a keen cyclist

After leaving school he worked for his sister, Lila, and her husband Frank Pearce on their property 'Lucieville' located five miles south of Bridgetown. Below is the small hut he lived in while there. Frank and Eddie Pearce had adjoining properties and Ray purchased part of Eddie's farm. Ray named his newly acquired 160-acre property 'LERL CRAIG' after the first initial of his parents and siblings. It was named long before he met his future wife Thelma Joan Marshall. 'LERL CRAIG' is located on the South Western Highway about two miles (three kilometres) north of Yornup and contained the old "Springside" school site which by then had been relocated to Yornup.

Name of farm sign, LERL CRAIG

Small hut he lived in while at 'Lucieville'

RAYMOND ARTHUR BLECHYNDEN was in the 2/11TH BATTALION, AIF during WW2 and served in Palestine, Egypt, Tripoli, Greece and Crete. Ray was a skilled Bren Gunner but became a prisoner of war when the Germans captured Crete. He was detained at Stalag V111B located in German

occupied land at Lamsdorf, Poland near the border of Germany. He escaped several times and on one occasion he was handcuffed for 67 days as punishment.

Raymond Arthur Blechynden in uniform

After the war **RAYMOND ARTHUR BLECHYNDEN** married **THELMA "JOAN" MARSHALL**, on 25 May 1946 in Claremont, WA [Reg. 1360]. They had met before the war when Joan was living in Bridgetown with her parents.

Wedding photo of Raymond Arthur Blechynden and Thelma Joan Marshall

THELMA JOAN MARSHALL (1916-2004)

Thelma Joan Marshall was born on the 8 Aug 1916, in Cue, WA [Reg. 64]. Joan was the daughter of James Henry and Irene May Marshall, nee Baron. Joan had two sisters, Stella (Nicholls) and Beryl (Cartwright). Thelma Joan Marshall died 23 Mar 2004, Bridgetown, WA.

LERL CRAIG was developed and run as a dairy farm for many years. When Ray's war caused injuries, which were caused from service in World War II, prevented him from doing everything which had to be done to run a busy mixed farm, he and Joan decided to set up a commercial fruit packing shed on the property. The trigger to diversify finally came when Ray could no longer bend down to put the milking machine cups on his milking cow herd.

This enterprise was very successful packing and exporting fruit for up to 23 local orchardists and employed up to 14 people in the season. It did require a huge amount of work for them and their family

In about 1963 a 1000 acre mainly undeveloped property was purchased and named LANGURA, meaning emu. This farm, located 5 miles south of LERL CRAIG also on South Western Highway, was gradually developed and mainly used as a successful sheep farming property.

Ray and Joan had three children: Arthur James dec, Kenneth John and Peter Graeme Blechynden, all of whom married and had children. Son Peter and wife Donna still run LERL CRAIG which has changed significantly over the years.

LERL CRAIG

LERL CRAIG has changed significantly over the years.

Ray and Joan eventually retired to Busselton. Two of their sons Arthur (dec) and Peter took over the farms. Ken and his wife Angela, nee Jones, have helped Di Black put this Blechynden project together.

Ray and Joan at their retirement property in Busselton.

Ray and Joan were cremated and their ashes spread in the memorial garden at the historic St Mary's Anglican Church in Busselton. See story about Harrison's cousin George Blechynden for more about the significance of that church.

Memorial plaque, Raymond Arthur Blechynden and Thelma Joan nee Marshall,
St Mary's Anglican Church, Busselton

SEVENTH CHILD OF JOHN BLECHYNDEN & ELIZABETH GREEN

7. BLECHYNDEN, ALFRED 'ALTY' (1871-1941) & BOVELL, MARY ELLEN (1872-1946)

Alty Blechynden was born on 13 Nov 1871 in Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 13491]. He was the seventh child to be born to John Blechynden and Elizabeth Green. His oldest brother John was aged 10 years, George, 9; Edwin, 7; James, 5; and Arthur, 1 year 7 months. He was never to know his sister Charlotte who had died, the year before he was born, at the age of 15 months. It was a busy household, his five older brothers full of mischief and energy. By the time he was four years of age, two more boys; Ernest, born in 1873, and Herbert, born in Jan 1875, had been added to the family.

Alfred Blechynden

The two older boys, John William and George, were now earning their keep, working with their father on the farm and with their knowledge of handling horses becoming involved in the transport of goods and mail between Bridgetown and the surrounding districts. Edwin, James, Arthur, and Alfred attended the Bridgetown School which had been established on 1 Feb 1870. They were encouraged to do chores around the house and helped look after the younger ones.

There was great excitement in the Blechynden home when their mother gave birth to another daughter, who was named Amy. The boys all adored their little sister as she developed and grew. By the time Alfred was 12 years in 1883, three more children had been added to the family, another brother and two sisters: Clarence, May and Ada. The family now consisted of nine boys and three girls.

Alfred's older brothers were by now all working. John aged 22; George, 20; Edwin, 18; James. 16; and Arthur, 14. Alfred, by this time able to ride a horse, began working with his father on the farm and helping his brothers in the transport business. It was a very, sad, time for the whole family when their sister Ada died in 1888 at the age of almost five years.

ALFRED 'ALTY' BLECHYNDEN (1871-1941) married **MARY ELLEN BOVELL (1872-1946)** in 1893 in Greenbushes, WA [Reg. 249], daughter of **JOHN BOVELL** and **MARY ANN LIVINGSTON.**

BOVELL, MARY ELLEN (1872-1946) was born 1 Jan 1872, Albany, WA [Reg. 13845], father, **JOHN BOVELL (1844-1900)** and mother, **MARY ANN LIVINGSTON** (**1847-1917)** who were married 21 Sep 1866, in County Antrim, Ireland. [FHL Film No. 101496 Ref. ID: pg170 cn47]. Note: According to family tree records Mary Ann Livingston was born Stephenson.

The following two pages contain information about Mary Ellen Bovell's parents John Bovell (1844-1900) and Mary Ann Livingston (1847-1917) and family:

BOVELL, JOHN (1844-1900) (Via Spence Sparrow, Kendal Family Tree) was born 1844, Cullybackey, County Antrim, Ireland, son of **JAMES BOVELL (1800-)** and **ELIZA SPENCE (1800-)**. He died 25 Dec 1900 at his residence at Mullalyup, WA [Reg. 26]. Registered in 1901.

Emigration: John Bovell arrived on the *Palestine*, Perth, WA, with his wife Mary, 05 Aug 1868.
LIVINGSTON, MARY ANN (1847-1917)

Mary Ann Livingston was born about 1847, County Antrim, Northern Ireland.
Mary Ann Bovell, Livingston, (nee Stephenson) died 10 Apr 1917, at her residence in Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 6].

CHILDREN OF JOHN BOVELL (1844-1900) AND MARY ANN LIVINGSTON (1847-1917):
Spence/Sparrow/Kendall/Peterson/Howarth/Carey/Watman Family tree.

1. WILLIAM JAMES BOVELL (1867-1945)

William James Bovell was born 21 Aug 1867, Galgorm, Antrim, Ireland.
William James Bovell died 11 Sep 1945, Bunbury District Hospital, WA [Reg. 136].

WILLIAM JAMES BOVELL (1867-1945) married **MARY WATERS (1862-1955)**, 1889, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 184].

2. ELIZABETH GREENWOD BOVELL (1869-1939)

Elizabeth Bovell was born 1869, Albany, WA [Reg. 11837].
Elizabeth Wright (nee Bovell) died 6 Apr 1939, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 583].

ELIZABETH GREENWOOD BOVELL (1869-1939) married **EDWARD FRANKLIN WRIGHT (1863-1952)**, 1898, Balingup, WA [Reg. 13].

3. MARY ELLEN BOVELL (1872-1946)

Mary Ellen Bovell was born 1872, Albany, WA [Reg. 13845].
Mary Ellen Bovell died 9 Apr 1946, Northam, WA [Reg. 45].

MARY ELLEN BOVELL (1872-1946) married **ALFRED BLECHYNDEN (1871-1941)**, 21 Aug 1893, Greenbushes, WA [Reg. 149].

4. AGNES JANE BOVELL (1874-1958)

Agnes Jane Bovell was born 1874, Albany, WA [Reg. 15985]. Registered under Jane.
Agnes Jane Bovell died 12 Mar 1958, Perth, WA [Reg. 672]. Buried Pinjarra Cemetery.

AGNES JANE BOVELL (1874-1958) married **ERNEST JAMES FERGUSON CAMPBELL (1870-1932)**, 1902, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 1954].

5. JOSEPH SPENCE BOVELL (1878-1937)

Joseph Spence Bovell was born 1878, Busselton, WA [Reg. 18891].
Joseph Spence Bovell died 1 Feb 1937, Bunbury Hospital, Wellington, WA [Reg. 24]. Mother's surname written as Stevenson instead of Livingston.

JOSEPH SPENCE BOVELL (1878-1937) married **HELENA LUCRETIA EDWARDS (1888-1956)**, 25 Sep 1909, Mullalyup, WA [Reg. 24].

6. JOHN THOMAS BOVELL (1880-1924)

John Thomas Bovell was born 1880, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 21266].
John Thomas Bovell died 23 Jul 1924, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 46].

JOHN THOMAS BOVELL (1880-1924) married **ETHEL MARY BARRON (1894-1980)**, 1918, Wellington, WA [Reg. 21].

7. DAVID ALBERT BOVELL (1887-1951)

David Albert Bovell was born 1887, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 532].
David Albert Bovell died 12 Apr 1951, Busselton Hospital, Busselton, WA [Reg. 19]. Buried, 14 Apr 1951, Busselton Cemetery.

Military 10 Apr 1916-1918, Private Service Number 6472, Series No B2455. NOK Mary Ann Bovell. AIF-11 Infantry Battalion – 13 to 23 Reinforcements. Medically discharged 18 Feb 1918, due to severe gunshot wounds.

DAVID ALBERT BOVELL (1887-1951) married **m.2 HELENA 'LENA' LUCRETIA BOVELL (1888-1956)**, 1941, Wellington, WA [Reg. 30].

Note: It appears David Albert Bovell married his deceased brother Joseph's wife Helena. Joseph died in 1937 then Helena married David in 1941

JOHN BOVELL AND MARY ANN LIVINGSTON AND FAMILY OF THE MULLALYUP INN, MULLALYUP, WA. Excerpt taken from Register of Heritage Places - Interim Entry Blackwood Inn, Mullalyup Heritage Council of WA. See http://inherit.stateheritage.wa.gov.au/Admin/api/file/8485c104-f64f-63da-7b13-62b5bec636d6

The Ship Inn or the Blackwood Inn

The Blackwood Inn *is located on the South Western Highway in the small township of Mullalyup, situated halfway between Kirup and Balingup, approximately 200 kilometres south-east of Perth. The* Blackwood Inn *was built as one of the first staging inns on the road linking Bunbury to Bridgetown. As a staging inn, it played an important role in an era before the railway and motor car linked the towns of the south-west by providing a place where travellers could rest their horses, enjoy refreshments and take shelter overnight.*
There, is some uncertainty as to the actual date of construction of Blackwood Inn*. The first contract to transport the colony's mail between Bunbury and Bridgetown was let on 4 April 1864. Staging inns were established at Donnybrook, around 1862, and another at Balingup to accommodate travellers. The existence of outbuildings in close proximity to* Blackwood Inn*, and originally on the same title, suggest that inn might originally have been a farm homestead and that it accommodated the travellers on this service.*

The style of the building, a late rendition of the Old Colonial Georgian, also suggests a date of construction in the mid-nineteenth century. The construction of the building has been attributed to John Coverley but is more likely to have been his father William who is listed as the grantee for Nelson Location 23 in which Blackwood Inn *is sited. On 13 Sep 1873, Thomas Maslin, described as a farmer, is cited as the owner on the first certificate of title issued under the Transfer of Land Act. The next transfer is, in 1889, to John Bovell.*

John Bovell was born in Ireland, in 1847, and arrived in WA aboard the Palestine *on 5 Aug 1868, with his wife Mary.*

John Bovell

He proceeded to settle at Mullalyup where he took up a land grant. In 1882, he was Lance Corporal (Police) and Bailiff at the local Bridgetown Court. He was due to be transferred to Victoria Plains in

1889, but retired instead and, according to Erikson, "became licensee of the Blackwood Arms *at Mullalyup where he had established a farm".*

On 19 Jun 1889, Nelson Location 23 was officially transferred to John Bovell, cited as "of the Blackwood Hotel Keeper" and a 'Wayside Houses Licence' was issued to John Bovell, in the same month.

A short description of John Bovell, in a book published in 1895, provides a contemporary picture of his activities:

"Mr. John Bovell., the present proprietor of the "Blackwood Inn" and surrounding farm lands, was born in 1846 in County Antrim, Ireland, and landed in WA in 1869, when he immediately joined the police in which he remained until 1889, and on retiring took over the "Blackwood Inn" and farm, which consists of 340 acres freehold, and 15,000 acres leasehold, and is admirably adapted for fruit, wheat, potatoes and oats. There are a number of cattle on the estate, which are apparently doing well, but Mr. Bovell is justly proud of his potato crops, which surpass most others grown in the district. The hotel is pleasantly situated on the Blackwood Road, and one can obtain food and refreshment of the best, provided by a genial host. Mr. Bovell, in the course of his police career, aided in the capture of some of the greatest scoundrels of the day, and relates with gusto some of his varied and trying experiences."

Bovell died in December 1900, and his wife and sons continued to run the Inn. 10 Jan 1901, probate of Bovell's will was granted to his son, William James, and Alfred Blechynden. An advertisement in a journal printed by the Morning Herald *(c. 1908) paints a glowing picture of the attractions of the* Blackwood Inn *and the district.*

Blackwood Inn, Mullalyup, WA.

The caption below a photograph of the Blackwood Inn *reads as follows: "Oldest Hotel in the district. Licensed for over 20 years. Favourite Resort of Visitors from all over the State. Horses and vehicles on hire. Post Office and Telephone on the premises. Table of the best - Fruit from our own Orchard and Dairy Produce from our own Cows. Ideal Climate, Beautiful Scenery, Comfortable Home, Reasonable Tariff and the Best Liquors".*

In May 1909, the property was leased to John Edward Hawes for a period of five years. At the expiration of this, the property was leased to William Henry Oliver, for a further period of five years. In October 1919, the property was transferred to Joseph Spencer Bovell who owned it until July 1927, when the property was transferred to William Ramsey and Kenneth Griffin, and passed out of Bovell family ownership.

ALFRED 'ALTY' BLECHYNDEN (1871-1941) and **MARY ELLEN BOVELL (1872-1946)** had nine children as below. More details re each child follow at the end of the chapter.

1. BLECHYNDEN, GERTRUDE AGNES (1894-1974)
2. BLECHYNDEN, MINNA ELIZABETH (1895-1967)
3. BLECHYNDEN ALFRED JOHN (1899-1952)
4. BLECHYNDEN, NOEL NORMAN (1905-1970)

TAYLOR, FREDA (1906-1991) Brought up by Alfred and Mary Blechynden.

5. BLECHYNDEN, NICHOLAS EDWIN (1907-1985)
6. BLECHYNDEN, ALICE LILIAN (1910-1998)
7. BLECHYNDEN, WILLIAM 'BILL' RAYMOND (1912-1980)
8. BLECHYNDEN, MAURICE GREEN 'POPE' (1915-1987)
9. BLECHYNDEN, COLIN BOVELL (1917-1999)

1917, before Bridgetown Show: Alfred Blechynden and family
Back Row: Noel, Minna and Alfred John
Middle Row: Maurice, sitting on his father (Alfred Blechynden's) knee, Alice, Mary Ellen (mother), nursing Colin, and Freda
Front row – sitting: Nicholas and William.

Note: Gertrude Agnes was absent. (It was known she was away nursing at this time). She was inserted digitally into a copy of this photo in a frame, which can be viewed in the chapter on Bridgedale.

ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS FOR MAIL SERVICES, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

IT is hereby notified for public information that tenders as shown hereunder have been accepted for the conveyance of mails:—

NOTE.—In addition to accepted tenders the list includes particulars of current contracts.

No. of Service.	Contractor's Name and Address.	Particulars of Service.	Approximate Distance.	Frequency of Service.	Mode of Conveyance.	Annual Subsidy.	Date of Termination of Contract.	Inspectorial District in which Service is Located.
			Miles.			£ s. d.		
3	William Carter, Gablaish, Albany	Albany–King and Kalgan Rivers	R.T.50	Twice weekly	Horseback ..	114 0 0	31.12.25	Narrogin
4	Michael James Brady, Albany	Albany Post Office–Railway Station–Jetty	..	As required	Spring vehicle	65 0 0	31.12.24	"
5	Mrs. Frances Lester, Baandee	Baandee–Totadgin–Mindabooka	20	Weekly	" "	41 12 0	"	Kalgoorlie
6	William George Dawson, Balbarrup	Balbarrup–Chungarrup	R.T. 14	"	" "	36 0 0	31.12.25	Bunbury
7	Francis Auley Manger, Balingup	Balingup–Blacketts ..	R.T. 20	"	Horseback	45 0 0	31.12.24	"
8	J. F. Wallace and G. White, Balingup	Balingup–Barabup ..	64	Twice weekly	Motor Car	235 0 0	31.12.25	"
10	William Hewison, Pickering Brook	Barton's Mill–Pickering Brook	R.T. 13	Thrice weekly	Spring vehicle	36 0 0	31.12.24	Perth
11	James William Dicks, Bayswater	Bayswater Letter Delivery Post Office–Rly. Stn.	R.T. 15	As required	Horseback ..	286 0 0	31.12.25	"
12	A. Dmitrieff, Bedfordale ..	Armadale–Bedfordale–Canningdale School	14	Daily ..	Spring vehicle	120 0 0	31.12.24	"
13	Mrs. Alice Rule, Beverley ..	Beverley–Bally Bally–Morbinning	R.T. 57	Weekly	" "	65 0 0	31.12.24	Narrogin
14	Mrs. Alice Rule, Beverley ..	Beverley–Jelcobine ..	R.T. 71	"	" "	96 0 0	"	"
15	Thos. Stephen Dickson, Nannup	Nannup–Biddellia ..	18	"	Horseback	30 0 0	31.12.25	Bunbury
16	Alfred William Gladwell, Moora	Moora–Bindy Bindy ..	24	Twice weekly	Motor car ..	132 0 0	31.12.25	Geraldton
23	Herbert Edward and Clarence Henry Blechynden, Bridgetown	Bridgetown–Manjimup..	23	"	" " ..	184 0 0	"	Bunbury
24	Alfred Blechynden, Bridgetown	Bridgetown Post Office–Railway Station	..	Twice daily; oftener if required	Spring vehicle	65 0 0	31.12.24	"

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A number of newspaper articles, almost identical. Second one transcribed on next pg, via *Trove* and cuttings from May Blechynden's Album.

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COUNTRY SPECIAL

A READER RECALLS:

Mail coach made a day to remember

MANY settlers will recall the days of the mail coach, of which the late Mr Alfred Blechynden, of Bridgetown, was contractor for many years.

The coach was a double-seated vehicle, and carried mail and passengers.

Thirty years ago it left Bridgetown at 7am serving the settlers en route, mostly by placing the mail in boxes at the roadside, through Yornup, Wilgarup, Balbarrup, to Manjimup Post Office and then on to Jarnadup, as Jardee was then called.

About 28 or 30 years ago, when the railway came through, many settlers took up land in this locality, mostly coming from Eastern States and England.

Novel box

Then mail days were the most eagerly looked-forward-to days of the week, and how novel to those people from England was our box at "Cosy Creek."

It was almost a district box, in the form of a kerosene case with part of one side open and nailed to a huge jarrah tree which still stands at the entrance to Beith Road on the Balbarrup Road.

Judging by the quantity of mail delivered there at that time, it was almost a post office – in addition to the settlers, a number of sleeper cutters were camped in the vicinity.

Soon after 9.30am folk would begin to assemble at the box. Some of the settlers lived from three to five miles East from Balbarrup, and all looked forward to a friendly chat while waiting, as this was their best opportunity to meet.

Usually, punctually at 10am, we would hear the "trot-trot" of the horses coming over the hill. Soon they would be drawn up and a cheery "Good morning" greeted us all.

At that time Dave Bovell was driver (Alfred Blechynden's brother-in-law). Dave later enlisted for service in the Great War. Mr Alty Blechynden, who took Dave's place, was succeeded by his son, Alfred.

Orders

When the mail had been handed out, numerous and various were the orders given for articles to be brought out from Manjimup on the return journey, but whatever it may have been, very seldom was anything forgotten.

Dealing with letters and stamps necessitated the driver's hands being without gloves and during winter we often had driving cold winds, hail and rain, but even though the drivers were wet and shivering the mail had to come through just the same.

During the very hot or very cold weather, there would be a relay of horses kept at Mr Arthur Reeves' place, to be changed on both the outward and return journeys.

About the year 1917, Mr Blechynden replaced the horse-drawn coach with a motor car for the run.

By this time quite a number of the sleeper cutters had enlisted, so although there was not the same excitement on mail day, there was anxiety more than ever for letters and papers bringing news of the war and our men.

Through all those years the feeling and good fellowship existed, not only between mailmen and settlers but also among everyone in general.

THE BOVELL'S LIVED AT MULLALYUP & RAN THE BLACKWOOD INN.
ALFRED MET MARY THERE.

Beginners

There were lots of beginners, none of us wealthy, but we were always prepared to help each other.

In earlier days the mail was brought right from Bunbury to the old Balbarrup Post Office.

Since Palgarup Mill opened and the mail is sent to Manjimup and sidings by train, we no longer have a roadside mail, excepting from Bridgetown to Palgarup on the Balbarrup Road for those settlers not near to a post office.

It behoves us all to place on record the brave work of our pioneer mailmen and their good service to our district. – **C SHAW**

Mail coach made a day to remember

***Manjimup Mail and Jardee-Pemberton-Northcliffe Press* (WA: 1927 - 1950), Thu 6 Feb 1941, pg 1**:
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article251159441.txt
The Passing of the Mail Coach: (Contributed by Mrs. C. Shaw).

Days of the mail coach recalled

Two newspaper cuttings, almost identical.

Blechynden History

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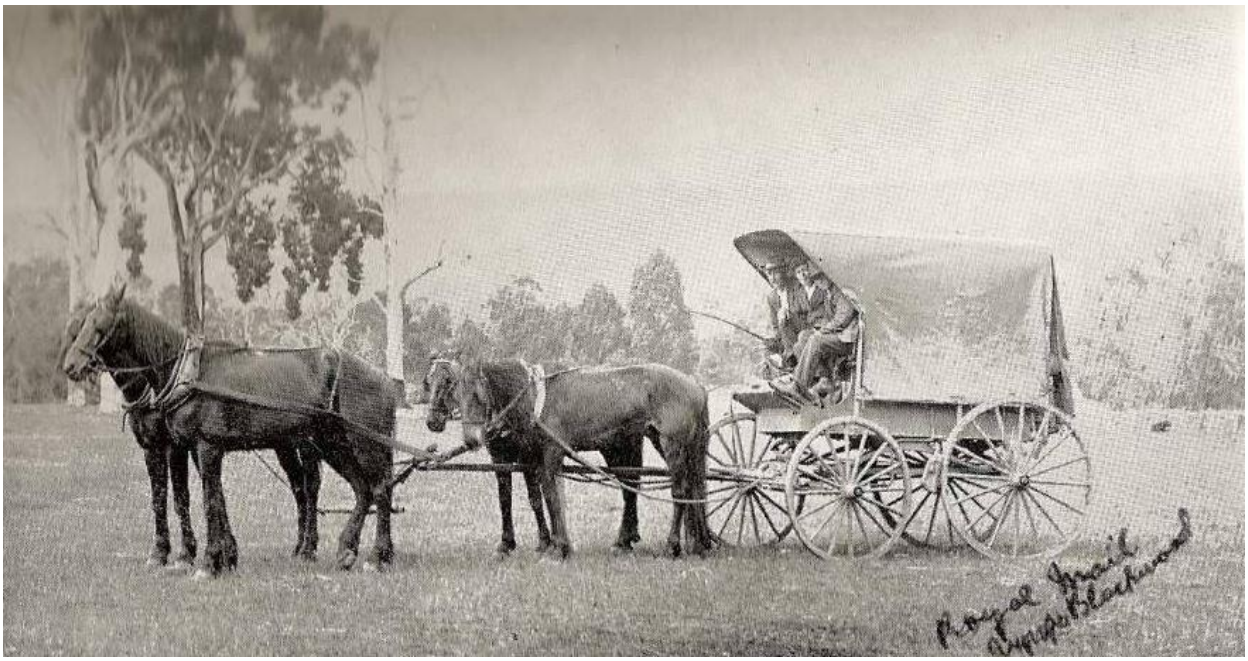

1900-1925, Mr A. Blechynden took over the mail run. Courtesy Barbara Pursell.

Mail coach driven by Alty Blechynden at a Bridgetown farm. Courtesy Barbara Pursell

Sunday Times **(Perth, WA: 1902 - 1954), Sun 19 Oct 1930, pg 30**
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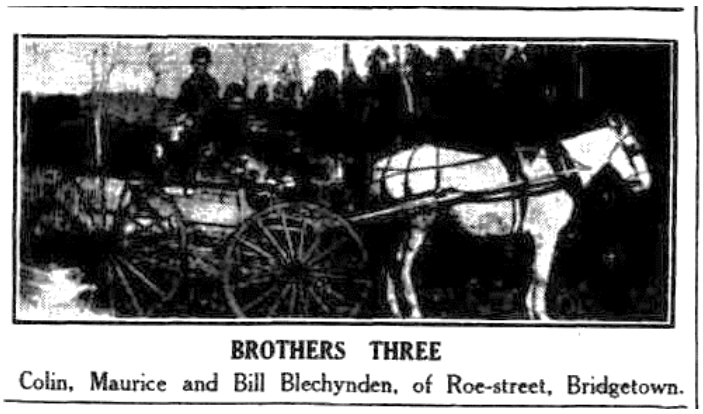

BROTHERS THREE
Colin, Maurice and Bill Blechynden, of Roe-street, Bridgetown.

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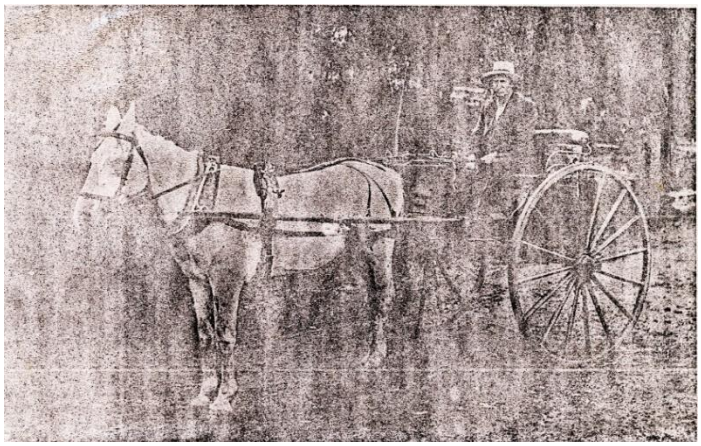

Alfred Blechynden, 1901, available from the Battye Library (344P)

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The following article is an interesting one which is transcribed for easier reading, about the delivery of mail and the first Post Office at Boyup Brook during this time:

Boyup Brook Bulletin **(WA: 1930 - 1950), Thu 27 Aug 1931, pg 1**
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Public Institutions.

Boyup Brook Post Office.

They're off! Look at 'em! Coming up the straight. Crash! Over she goes!

Letters, parcels, mail-bags litter the trail, two frantic, kicking horses kicking free of the wreckage of the Royal Mail and continue their mad stampede with broken traces and harness dangling and flapping about their legs.

This happened about 30 years ago at shields' cross-roads, about six miles out of Boyup. The driver on that occasion was Mr Powers, from Bridgetown. Something had frightened the horses at one of the 10 gates which had to be opened and shut along the mail route. Powers walked on to Jayes, and securing a turnout, returned to the wreckage, gathered up the littered mail and continued on his journey.

In those days the mail contractor was Mr Alty Blechynden and the route he followed was as hereunder.—

Bi-weekly service (1) From Bridgetown to Dwalganup, Nix, Jayes, Dinninup, Condinup, Dickson's, Abel's, Greenfields, Bridgetown. (2) Bridgetown to Greenfields, Abel's, Dickson's, Condinup, Dinninup, Jayes, Nix, Dwalganup, Bridgetown.

From Dwalganup the mail was taken on horseback by Mr Ted Forrest to Moulton's, Sinnott's, Maslin's, Norlup, Johnson's, Landerdale, Spencer's, Davies', Dwalganup. The Kojonup mail met the Bridgetown mail at Dinninup. Later other routes were opened, run by Mr E. Blechynden, Butterly Bros, and others. Mr Alty Blechynden commenced on the Upper Blackwood route about 1901 for six years prior to that the mail am. was carried on horseback by Mr Jack May. Often in winter, when the river was flooded, riders swam their horse across the icy waters to post and receive their letters. They do such "heroic" things to-day. Too cold!

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Letters, parcels, mail-bags litter the track, two frantic, kicking horses kick free of the wreckage of the Royal Mail and continue their mad stampede, with broken traces and harness dangling and flapping about their legs.

This happened about 30 years ago at Shields' cross-roads, about six miles out of Boyup. The driver on that occasion was Mr Powers, from Bridgetown. Something had frightened the horses at one of the 40 gates which had to be opened and shut along the mail route. Powers walked on to Jayes, and securing a turnout, returned to the wreckage, gathered up the littered mail and continued on his journey.

In those days the mail contractor was Mr Alty Blechynden and the route he followed was as hereunder:—

Bi-weekly service (1) From Bridgetown to Dwalganup, Nix, Jayes, Dinninup, Condinup, Dickson's, Abel's, Greenfields, Bridgetown. (2) Bridgetown to Greenfields, Abel's, Dickson's, Condinup, Dinninup, Jayes, Nix, Dwalganup, Bridgetown.

From Dwalganup the mail was taken on horseback by Mr Ted Forrest to Moulton's, Sinnott's, Maslin's, Norlup, Johnson's, Landerdale, Spencer's, Davies', Dwalganup. The Kojonup mail met the Bridgetown mail at Dinninup. Later other routes were opened, run by Mr E. Blechynden, Butterly Bros. and others.

Mr Alty Blechynden commenced on the Upper Blackwood route about 1901 for six years prior to that the mail am. was carried on horseback by Mr Jack May. Often in winter, when the river was flooded, riders swam their horse across the icy waters to post and receive their letters. They do such "heroic" things today. Too cold!

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Photo: Boyup 'Pioneers' museum, Alfred Blechynden mail contractor, James Boddington passenger. Courtesy Ken Blechynden

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West Australian **(Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Mon 16 Nov 1936, pg 17**
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Manjimup and Warren Times **(WA: 1927 - 1954), Thu 27 Jan 1938, pg 3**
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Six horses started in the Encourage Stakes and during the preliminary Padlock endeavoured to jump a damp patch in the track and came down, fortunately without injury. Mari Heather was late off the mark and was not able to make up the ground lost. Rowa Stretta set up a good pace with Fay Merton and Padlock with Melladonis commencing to pick up ground. Running for the bell the four horses were well bunched and in the run home Rowa Stretta had about two yards to spare at the post. Meladonnis was fourth while Lord Windsor pulled up.

The field of four were away smartly in the Manjimup Handicap the position over the first three laps being Robert Grey, Lord George, Fay Merton and Simple Patch. Simple Patch did not settle into his usual swinging stride and broke on several occasions to drop back. Commencing the final lap Lord George was almost on even terms with Robert Grey, Johnny Fayette being 40 yards back. With a quarter of a lap to go Lord George broke and dropped back and was 15 yards behind the winner at the post.

In the Balingup Handicap Meladonnis was the only one late in getting away but the field settled down quickly with Rowa Stretta, Padlock, Meladonnis, Hilton Medlow and Robert Grey in that order. The horses were well bunched at the end of the second lap with Meladonnis in second position and Robert Grey in third place. Starting the final lap Robert Grey had his head in front of Rowa Stretta and Padlock. Meladonnis was handy but broke and dropped out. Robert Grey went on to beat Rowa Stretta by five yards with Padlock 40 yards back. Hilton Medlow was fourth.

The best field of the night, nine horses, went on their marks for the Haggerty Cup, no less than four horses being racked down to 2's. Lelaine and Tarabon caused trouble at the start. Lelaine came down on the track and it was sometime before a start could be made. Lucky Boy was late in getting away and dropped to the rear of the field. Toddling Heather and Bob's Fancy set a merry pace at the head of the field followed by Alf Fayette, Tarabon and Hilton Derby, Simple Patch, Ostenette and Lucky Boy being well back. In next lap Hilton Derby and Tarabon commenced to make a run and drew up quickly on the leaders; the former continued his run to go to the head of the field and hold that position to the close. Toddling Heather dropped back to fourth position, places being filled by Bob's Fancy and Tarabon.

Four horses went on their marks in the Harvey Handicap with Robert

Via Lori M Blechynden*:* " My father and 3 uncles were/are all into harness racing and later Thoroughbreds too. Pope Blechynden (mentioned above and my Dad's Uncle) had the Capel Pub and was also into racing. Rogan Josh spent time in the paddock next door (as a tourist attraction of sorts) after winning the Melbourne Cup in 1999, thanks to Pope's son Terry. Rogan Josh is now living out his years at Living Legends in Melbourne. Fun fact, my partner was his veterinarian in Perth before he went to be trained by Bart Cummings.

Mary Ellen and Alfred Blechynden. Courtesy of Sally Turner

Alfred Blechynden died 17 Jan 1941 in Bridgetown Hospital, WA. The funeral was held, 20 Jan 1941, at a service at St Paul's Church, Bridgetown, WA, burial at the Bridgetown Cemetery.

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Headstone: Alfred and Mary Ellen Blechynden, Bridgetown Cemetery, WA, photo courtesy Sally Turner

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The funeral, which was largely attended, took place in the Church of England portion of the Bridgetown cemetery on Monday afternoon, the last sad rites being performed by the Rev. T. O. Hurst. Pall bearers were Messrs. C. V. Draper, J. H. Smith, M. J. Crowd, M. H. Campbell, W. J. Giblett and D. McClure; carriers were Messrs. K. Walter, V. A. Doust, Jack McAlinden and Jack May. Messrs. W. Moyes and Son, funeral directors, carried out the arrangements.

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Obituary
MARY ELLEN BLECHYNDEN (1872-1946)

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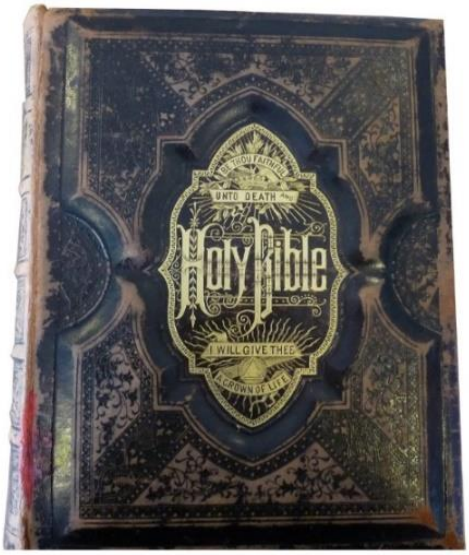

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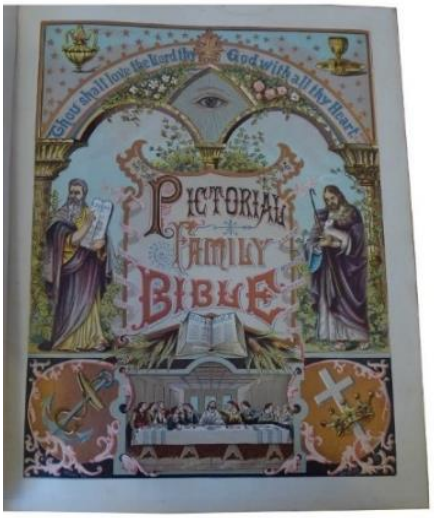

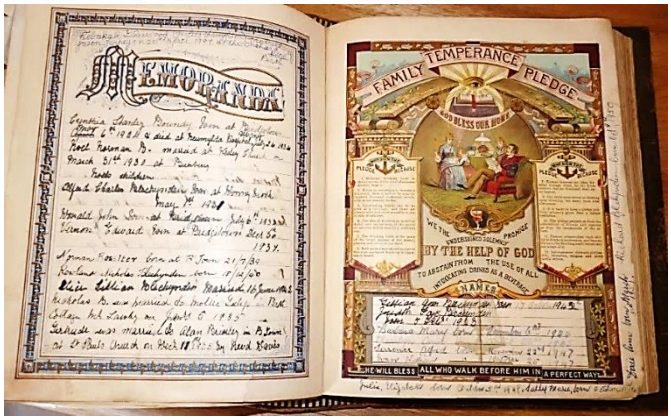

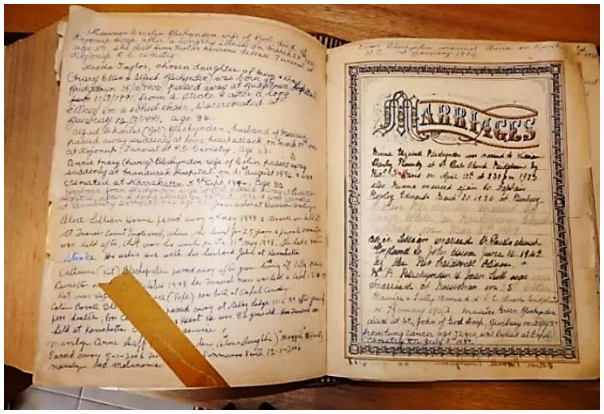

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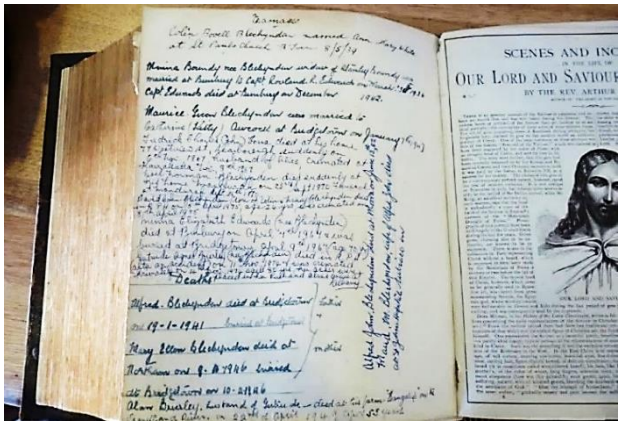

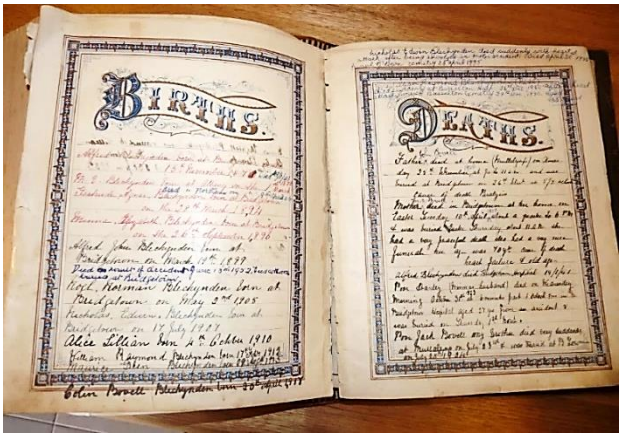

1st CHILD OF ALFRED BLECHYNDEN & MARY ELLEN BOVELL

1. BLECHYNDEN, GERTRUDE AGNES (1894-1974)

Gertrude Agnes Blechynden was born 28 Mar 1894, Bridgedale, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 1186F].

Gertrude Agnes Brierley (nee Blechynden) died 11 Nov 1974 in Perth, WA. Run over by a car, corner Beaufort St and Walcott St, Perth.

Gertie Blechynden

The following is a letter written by Gertrude, at the age of 14 years, in 1908, to Aunt Mary, when taking part in a writing competition.

Western Mail **(Perth, WA: 1885 - 1954), Sat 18 Jul 1908, pg 43**
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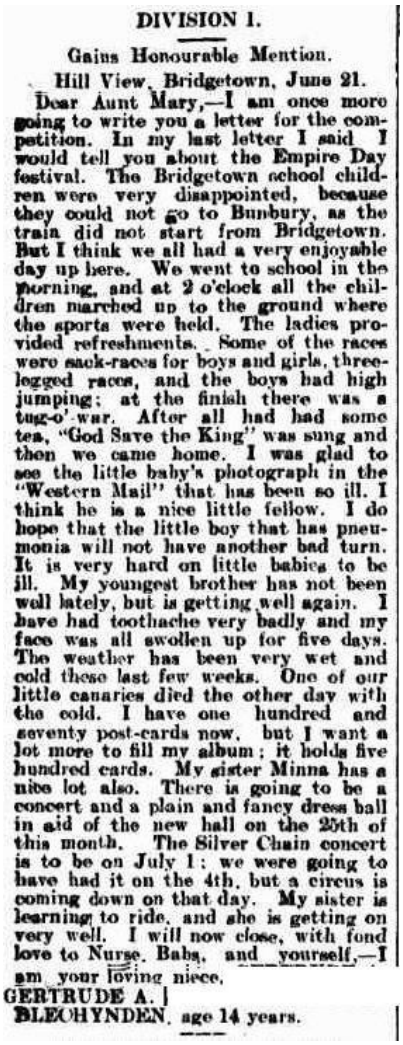

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Western Mail **(Perth, WA: 1885 - 1954), Sat 6 Aug 1910, pg 29**
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GOLD MEDAL AWARDED TO GERTRUDE BLECHYNDEN, OF BRIDGETOWN.
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Photo by Ruskin Studio, Hay Street.

GERTRUDE AGNES BLECHYNDEN (1894-1974) married **ALAN BRIERLEY (1894-1949).** 11 Dec 1935, [Reg. 58], Blackwood, WA.

BRIERLEY, ALAN (1894-1949) (via Brierley Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 20 Mar 1894, Rochdale, Lancashire, England. Parents: **BENJAMIN CHARLES BRIERLEY (1857-1920) and JANET GUILD (1864-1948)** who were married 24 Jun 1891, Wardleworth, St Mary, Lancashire, England. Alan Brierley died 22 Apr 1949, Plantagenet, WA [Reg. 49].

Manjimup Mail and Jardee-Pemberton-Northcliffe Press **(WA: 1927 - 1950), Fri 3 Jan 1936, pg. 1**
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The ceremony was performed by the Rev, F. Davis and the church was very prettily decorated by the sisters and friends of the bride, with an archway of pink roses and canterbury bells, from which was suspended a good luck horse shoe, and a big wedding bell was also suspended in the doorway of the church. Each pew on the aisle side was also decorated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore an attractive frock of Alice blue Crepe Kateka with plain well cut skirt and cowl effects at the neck, the long full sleeves being finished at the wrist with silver buttons. With this was worn a smart navy blue straw hat with feather to match the frock, and navy blue shoes. A lovely bouquet of pink carnations and fern tied with silver, (kindly made by Miss Clarice Hill) was carried by the bride.

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Following are details about Alan Brierly's parents: Benjamin Charles Brierley (1857-1920) and Janet Guild (1864-1948) and Family:

BENJAMIN CHARLES BRIERLEY (1857-1920) was born 1857, Rochdale, Lancashire, England. Benjamin Charles Brierley died 30 May 1920, Albany, WA. Buried Memorial Park Cemetery, Albany. **Emigrated:** Arrival 19 Oct 1911 in Albany via the ship *Runic,* via Cape Town South Africa with wife Janet and children.

Alan's father, Benjamin Brierley, photo from 'What We Were"
compiled and written by Nancy Jellico.

JANET GUILD (1864-1948) was born 1864, Rochdale, Lancashire, England. Janet Brierley (nee Guild) died 18 Jun 1948, Albany, WA [Reg. 55]. Buried Memorial Park Cemetery, Albany. She emigrated with her husband and children to WA in 1911 - see above.

BENJAMIN and JANET GUILD had six children all of whom emigrated with their parents from England via Cape Town, South Africa to Albany, WA via the ship the *Runic* in 1911. Via Gilchrest – Cameron Family Tree, Ancestry.

Back *Alan and his mother, Janet Brierley (nee Guild) with baby Peggy (nickname for Margaret).*
Front: *Janet (Nan), Kathleen (Kitty), Barbara and Nora.* Photo from 'What We Were' by Nancy Jellico.

1. ALAN BRIERLEY (1894-1949) was born 20 Mar 1894, Rochdale, Lancashire, England. Alan Brierley died 22 Apr 1949, Plantagenet, WA [Reg. 49]. More details on Alan in this chapter.

2. NORA BRIERLEY (1895-1951) was born 1895, Rochdale, Lancashire, England. Nora Brierley died 1 May 1951, Plantagenet, Albany, WA [Reg. 49].

3. JANET C BRIERLEY (1897-1948) was born 1897, Rochdale, Lancashire, England. Janet Brierley died 18 Jun 1981, Albany, WA.

4. KATHLEEN CONNAUGHTON BRIERLEY (1903-1979) was born 1903, Rochdale, Lancashire, England. Kathleen Connaughton Brierley died 5 Dec 1978, Albany, WA.

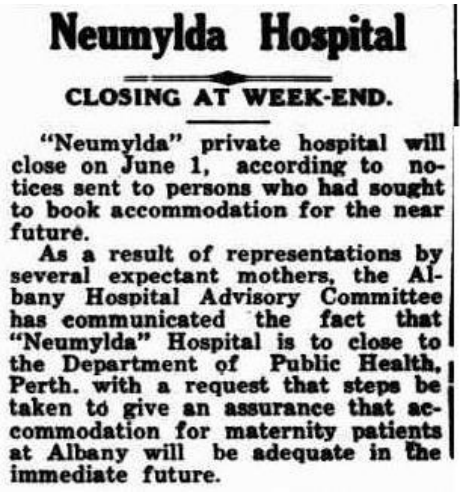
5. BARBARA BRIERLEY (1906-1978) was born 1906, Rochdale, Lancashire, England. Barbara Brierley died 4 Sep 1978, Albany, WA.

6. MARGARET 'PEGGY' GUILD BRIERLEY (1906-) was born 22 Jul 1906, Rochdale, Lancashire, England. Baptised 2 Sep 1906, Wardleworth, St. Mary, Lancashire, England.

Gertrude Agnes Blechynden and Alan Brierley had no children. Gertrude spent most of her life in the Nursing profession. She worked with her sister Minna at Neumylda Hospital in Albany for 10 years. She became matron of Neumylda and was first matron at the Boyup Brook Hospital.

WA Nurses 1919-1949: https://www.carnamah.com.au/WA-nurses?search=Blechynden

Neumylda Private Hospital, Grey St, West, Albany, next to "the rocks")



Neumylda Hospital

CLOSING AT WEEK-END.

"Neumylda" private hospital will close on June 1, according to notices sent to persons who had sought to book accommodation for the near future.

As a result of representations by several expectant mothers, the Albany Hospital Advisory Committee has communicated the fact that "Neumylda" Hospital is to close to the Department of Public Health, Perth, with a request that steps be taken to give an assurance that accommodation for maternity patients at Albany will be adequate in the immediate future.

Albany Advertiser (WA: 1897 - 1954), Thu 30 May 1940, pg 1

Gertrude Agnes Brierley (nee Blechynden), Matron of Neumylda Hospital and first Matron of Boyup Brook Hospital. Courtesy Ken Blechynden

Nursing Sister / Matron, Gertrude Agnes Brierley (née Blechynden) with her niece Cynthia Boundy. Courtesy Barbara Trigwell.

Gertrude Brierly (nee Blechynden) Courtesy Ros and Bev Blechynden

***Blackwood Times* 29 Apr 1949**
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Floral tributes were received from: Gertrude; Nora, Nannie, Kitty, Barbara and Peggy; Aunt May; Sisters-in-law; Brothers-in-law; Leah Farrant and family; Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Ick; Dr. and Mrs. Hanrahan; Mr. and Mrs. Walters and Lionel; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Rust, Bob and Jean; Forrie, Agnes and Dawn; Mrs. Birchenall and family; Mt. Barker Anglican Ladies' Guild; Mrs. and Miss C. Robinson; Mr. and Mrs. Manley, Elsie and family; The Principals of the Albany Transport; Mr. Denny Hobbs; Gordon and Margaret Orton and family; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sampson and family; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Edgerton-Warburton; Mr. and Mrs. Westgate; The Squire Family; Mr. and Mrs. George Toovey; Mr. and Mrs. Gittins and family; Mr. and Mrs. G. Georges and Family; Glen and Twins; Mr. Walter Wheeldon and Vi; Mrs. Forte; Mr. and Mrs. Peart and daughters; Mr. and Mrs. Wise and family; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Goodman; Mr. and Mrs. Rowsell; Mr. and Mrs. Doran; Mr. and Mrs. Pullen and Joan; Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Dawson; Doreen, Claude and Lerlene; John, Hilda and boys; Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Lange; Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Halloran; Eileen and Clayton; B. and E. Heap; Harold, Eileen, Bill, Betty, Geoff, Margaret and John; Homer, Ethel and family; Mrs. A. E. Elverd, Snr., and family.

The funeral arrangements were conducted by H. C. Prior & Son.

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Floral tributes were received, from: Gertrude; Nora, Nannie, Kitty, Barbara and Peggy; Aunt May; Sisters-in-law; Brothers-in law; Leah Farrant and family; Mr. and Mrs. F. H. lck; Dr. and Mrs. Hanrahan; Mr. and Mrs. Walters and Lionel; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Rust, Bob and Jean; Forrie, Agnes and Dawn; Mrs. Birchenall and family; Mt. Barker Anglican Ladies' Guild; Mrs. and Miss C. Robinson; Mr. and Mrs. Manley, Elsie and family; The Principals of the Albany Transport; Mr. Denny Hobbs; Gordon and Margaret Orton and family; Mr. and Mis. W. J. Sampson and family; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Edgerton Warburton; Mr. and Mrs. Westgate; The Squire Family; Mr. and Mrs. George Toovey; Mr. and Mrs. Gittins and family; Mr. and Mrs. G. Georges and Family; Glen and Twins; Mr. Walter Wheeldon and Vi; Mrs. Forte; Mr. and Mrs. Peart and daughters; Mr. and Mrs. Wise and family; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Goodman; Mr. and Mrs. Rowsell; Mr. and Mrs. Doran; Mr. and Mrs. Pullen and Joan; Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Dawson; Doreen, Claude and Lerlene; John, Hilda and boys; Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Lange; Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Halioran; Eileen and Clayton; B. and E. Heap; Harold, Eileen, Bill, Betty, Geoff, Margaret and John; Homer, Ethel and family; Mrs. A. E. Elverd, Snr., and family.

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2nd CHILD OF ALFRED BLECHYNDEN & MARY ELLEN BOVELL

2. BLECHYNDEN, MINNA ELIZABETH (1895-1967)
Minna Elizabeth Blechynden was born 26 Sep 1895, Bridgetown, WA. Registered in 1896, [Reg. 61]. Minna Elizabeth Edwards, Boundy, (nee Blechynden) died 7 Apr 1967 in Bunbury, WA.

Minna Elizabeth Blechynden

m.1 MINNA ELIZABETH BLECHYNDEN married **WILLIAM STANLEY BOUNDY**, 1923, Blackwood, WA [Reg. No 22].

WILLIAM STANLEY BOUNDY (1896-1923) (Via Boundy Family Tree) was born 1896, Bunbury, WA [Reg.2525], father, WILLIAM THOMAS BOUNDY (1861-1929), mother, ELIZABETH JANE HEYSED. He died 31 Oct 1923, Blackwood, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 39]. (WW1 revolver). WW1: Military: 24 Feb 1916 to 15 Jan 1919, France. Lieutenant. Boundy William Stanley: SERN LIEUT 4384: POB Bunbury WA: POE Blackboy Hill WA: NOK F Boundy William Thomas.

Following are details of William Stanley Boundy's parents William Thomas Boundy and Elizabeth Jane Heysed and family:

WILLIAM THOMAS BOUNDY (1861-1929) was born 31 Jul 1861, Kooringa, SA [Pg. 19, Vol. 23]. He died 27 Mar 1929, Victoria Park, WA [Reg. 536].

ELIZABETH JANE HEYSED (1865-1951) Via Batty/Heysed-D's Cop Family Tree, Ancestry. Elizabeth Jane Heysed was born 18 Dec 1865, Willunga, Onkaparinga, SA [Pg. No 47, Vol. 41], father, SAMUEL

HEYSED (1836-1925), mother, CHARLOTTE WERE NURCOMBE (1838-1926) who were married 28 Aug, Wiveliscombe, Somerset, England. Elizabeth Jane Boundy (nee Heysed) died 1951, WA [Reg. 1949].

WILLIAM THOMAS BOUNDY (1861-1929) married ELIZABETH JANE HEYSED (1865-1951), 16 Sep 1884, BC Manse, Adelaide, SA [Pg. 1098, Vol. 140]. They had four children as follows:

1. GERTRUDE EDITH BOUNDY (1891-1891) was born 1891, Albany, WA [Reg. 1197]. She died in 1891, WA [Reg. 544] aged 8 days.

2. WILLIAM STANLEY BOUNDY (1896-1923) was born 1896, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 2525]. He died 1923, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 39].

3. LILY BOUNDY (1887-) was born 1887, Perth, WA [Reg. 337]. She married ERNEST R SMITH, 1910, E Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 20].

4. GRETA CECILIA BOUNDY (1898-) was born 1898, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 4780]. Greta married VICTOR CLAYTON, 1926, Perth, WA [Reg. 502].

CONTINUING THE STORY OF MINNA ELIZABETH BLECHYNDEN (1895-1967) AND WILLIAM STANLEY BOUNDY (1896-1923)

***South Western Times* (Bunbury, WA: 1917 - 1929), Sat 21 Apr 1923, pg. 6**
21 Apr 1923 - BOUNDY - BLECHYNDEN. (nla.gov.au)

BOUNDY BLECHYNDEN.

On Thursday the 12th inst., the marriage was solemnised in St. Paul's Church, Bridgetown, of William Stanley, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Boundy, and Minna Elizabeth, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Blechynden, both of Bridgetown. The church was beautifully decorated by the friends of the bride, and suspended from one of the three arches, where the bridal couple stood, was a handsome wedding bell that was greatly admired. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Rev. Fred Davis. The bride entered the church on her fathers arm, the choir singing "The Voice that Breathed O'er Eden," and as the couple moved up to the altar the hymn "Lead us Heavenly Father" was sung.
The bride was dressed in white satin, the left side of the skirt, and the latest long loose sleeves being carried out in radium lace and finishings of silver beads; the bridal veil was prettily embroidered and fell to the ground forming a train; a bouquet of white dahlias, cosmos, and asparagus fern, and streamers of white satin ribbon completed a becoming toilet. The bride was attended by her two younger sisters, who were attired in simple frocks of lemon crepe de chene respectively embroidered in mauve and French blue, wearing Leghorn hats with lining of bands of narrow ribbon to match, the embroidery on their frocks, and finished with hand made yellow roses; they carried bouquets of prettily tinged yellow dahlias with narrow streamers of mauve and blue ribbon, and wearing plain gold bangles (the gift of the bridegroom) Mr. Cecil Campbell capably carried out the duties of best man.
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MINNA ELIZABETH BLECHYNDEN (1895-1967) AND WILLIAM STANLEY BOUNDY (1896-1923) HAD ONE CHILD:

BOUNDY, CYNTHIA STANLEY (1924-1934) (via Gilchrist Cameron Family Tree in Ancestry).

Cynthia Stanley Boundy was born 27 May 1924, Bridgetown (Blackwood) WA [107]. Sadly, Cynthia died 26 Jul in 1934, at the age of 10 years, Plantagenet, WA [Reg. 54] of influenza.

Minna Elizabeth Boundy (née Blechynden) with her daughter Cynthia. Courtesy Barbara Trigwell.

***Nelson Advocate* (WA: 1926 - 1938), Fri 3 Aug 1934, pg 1**
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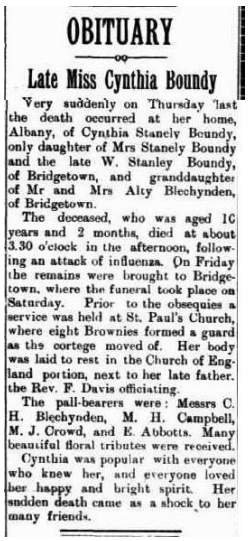

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RALPH ROWLAND EDWARDS (1864-1940) also known as Rowley, (via Gilchrest – Cameron Family Tree (Ancestry) was born 27 Aug 1864, Ballyboggan, Meath, Ireland. Indentured to the Royal Merchant Navy 12 May 1880, Liverpool, England for four years. Promoted to First Mate 10 Jun 1886, Douglass, Isle of Mann. Arrival to Sydney NSW, 14 Dec 1894, "Ralph was a ships mate." Master Mariner and Stevedore, Bunbury, WA.

m. 1 RALPH ROWLAND EDWARDS (1864-1940) married **ESTHER DIXON (1861-1913)** 1889, Sydney, NSW [Ref No. 858].
m. 2 RALPH ROWLAND EDWARDS (1864-1940) married **MARY ALICE MEADOWCROFT (1872-1931)** 5 May 1913, Bunbury, WA.
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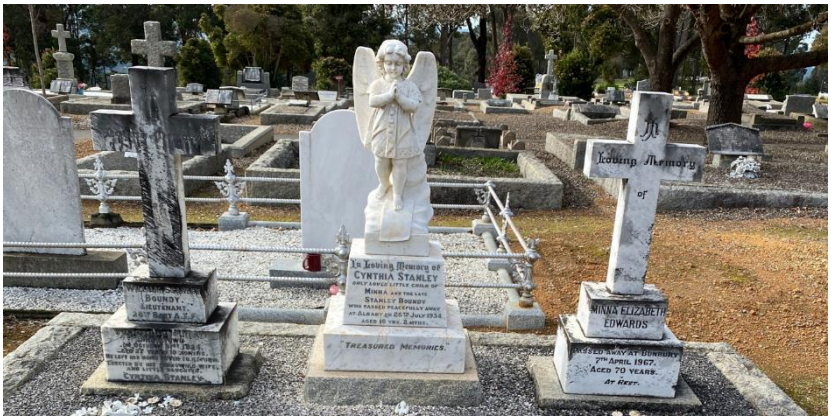
Ralph Rowland Edwards died 7 Dec 1940, Bunbury, (Wellington) WA [Reg. 202].

Minna Elizabeth Edwards, Boundy, (nee Blechynden) died 7 Apr 1967 in Bunbury, WA aged 71.



Headstone for Minna Elizabeth Edwards nee Boundy, nee BLECHYNDEN.

This combined headstone has
L – R: Minna's first husband William Stanley Boundy, their daughter Cynthia Stanley and Minna Elizabeth

Sadly, Minna was 7 months pregnant with Cynthia when he died.

The faint inscription for William reads:

"WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE AT BRIDGETOWN ON OCT 31ST 1923
AGED 27 YEARS AND 10 MONTHS
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ERECTED BY HIS SORROWING WIFE
AND LITTLE DAUGHTER
CYNTHIA STANLEY

3rd CHILD OF ALFRED BLECHYNDEN & MARY ELLEN BOVELL

3. BLECHYNDEN, ALFRED JOHN 'JONNO' (1899-1952)
Alfred John Blechynden was born 19 Mar 1899, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 62]. Residence 1922 Derby, WA. Station Hand. Alfred John Blechynden died 14 Jun 1952, Moora, WA [Reg. 19]. Died in a road accident, details - see further on. Jonno married **MAUD MINARD BARNES (1892-1958)** 22 May 1935, Derby, Kimberley, WA [Reg. 4]. Farmed at 'Balarang', Moora.

Alfred John Blechynden with his mother, Mary Ellen Blechynden (nee Bovell)

BARNES, MAUD MINARD (1892-1958) Via Ancestry, Cameron, Gilchrist Family Tree.

Maud Minard Barnes was born 1892, Casino, NSW [Reg. 10312]. Baptism, 30 Jul, 1892, Casino, NSW. Father **ROBERT RICHMOND BARNES**, mother, **EMILY FRANCIS CROMMELIN**. Residence 1925, 'Narrimar Downs', Derby, WA. Maude Minard Blechynden (nee Barnes) died 11 Feb 1958, Victoria Park, [Reg. 422]. Cremated Karrakatta Cemetery, WA.

In the next section are details of Maud Minard Barnes' parents, Robert Richmond Barnes (1863-1944) and Emily Francis Crommelin (1871-1934)

ROBERT RICHMOND BARNES (1863-1944) married **EMILY FRANCIS CROMMELIN (1871-1934)** 29 Jul 1890, Registered Casino, NSW [Reg. 3025]. Australian newspaper Vital Notices, Sydney, NSW.

ROBERT RICHMOND BARNES (1863-1944) (via Webber and Ley Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 26 Sep 1863, Dryaaba, NSW [Film No. 993721]. (Near Lismore). Baptised 20 May 1864, Clarence River, Grafton, NSW. Parents: **HENRY BARNES (1818-1896)** and **GRACE ISABELLA HINDMARSH (1837-1925)** who were married 3 Aug 1857, Grafton, NSW [Reg. 1809]. Robert Richmond Barnes died 12 Sep 1944, Lismore, NSW [Reg. 25174].
EMILY FRANCIS CROMMELIN (1871-1934) was born 11 Feb 1871, Braidwood, NSW [Reg. 7980]. Emily died 27 Sep 1934, Casino, NSW [Reg. 11486].
CHILDREN OF ROBERT RICHMOND BARNES (1863-1944) AND EMILY FRANCIS CROMMELIN (1871-1934): Worked out via Search Ancestry: There are quite likely other children.

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2. KATHLEEN BARNES (1897-) was born 1897, Casino, NSW [Reg. 11322].
3. ENID B BARNES (1899-) was born 1899, Casino, NSW [Reg. 11122].
4. WALTER BARNES (1901-1948) was born 1901, Tenterfield, NSW [Reg. 26981].
5. CHARLES E BARNES (1903-) was born 1903, Casino, NSW [Reg. 11231].

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m.1 MAUD MINARD NUNARA HEATHCOTE BARNES married **HENRY HEATHCOTE BARNES (1893-1985)** 1916, Casino, NSW. Divorced.

Note. Maud Barnes married her cousin Henry Barnes, hence the same surname.

HENRY HEATHCOTE BARNES (1893-1985)

Henry Heathcote Barnes was born 6 Mar 1893, Casino, NSW [Reg. 10409]. Baptism, 18 Aug 1893, Casino, NSW. Military: 10 Mar 1916. Enlisted at Casino NSW Army, #3021, Private, 5th Light Horse Regiment / 22 Reinforcement, left Brisbane on A43 *Barunga* on 28 Oct 1916, returned to Australia 27

Jun 1919. Address: Tabulam Station, Tabulam, Casino, NSW. NOK: Maude Minard Heathcote Barnes. Moved to the Kimberley, from QLD to work as graziers. Divorced. Henry Heathcote Barnes died 29 Apr 1985, Warwick, QLD, Australia. Burial Eden Gardens Memorial Park, QLD.

954) / Thu 15 Sep 1932 / Page 18 / DIVORCE COURT.

Cruelty.

Maud Minard Barnes petitioned for divorce from Henry Heathcote Barnes, manager at Jubilee Downs Station, Fitzroy Crossing, in the Kimberley district, on the ground of cruelty. Petitioner, who was represented by Mr. Gordon James (instructed by Messrs. Stone, James and Co.), said that respondent was her cousin and became her husband in 1916, in New South Wales. In 1920, they came to Western Australia. They went to the Kimberley district where respondent obtained work as a stockman and kangaroo hunter. Petitioner used to help him in his work. Subsequently he obtained an interest in a pastoral property and became manager of Jubilee Downs Station. In 1926 he commenced drinking heavily and began treating her in a brutal way. He used to thrash her and had threatened to kill her. In May of this year she became so frightened that she left him. A decree nisi, returnable in six months, was granted.

Following her divorce from Henry Heathcote Barnes, Maud Minard married again.

m2. MAUD MINARD BARNES (1892-1958) married **ALFRED JOHN BLECHYNDEN (1899-1952)**
22 May 1935, Derby, Kimberley, WA [Reg. 4]. Farmed at 'Balarang', Moora.

ALFRED JOHN BLECHYNDEN DROVING UP NORTH:
The following article shows Alfred John Blechynden droving up north for the Subrigin Pastoral Co, in 1923.

***South Western Times* (Bunbury, WA: 1917 - 1929), Tue 20 Nov 1923, pg 2.**
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PERSONAL

Mr Alf Blechynden, junr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alty Blechynden, of Bridgetown, who has been in the far North, droving and stock-keeping for the Subrigin Pastoral Co., is coming home for a holiday by the s.s. Charon, leaving Derby on November 20. His many experiences will greatly interest and half an hour in his company will convince many that the far North holds good to those who are hard toilers.

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This is a section of the item 'TWO YOUNG ADVENTURERS' in Pope Blechynden's section further on. It explains when Pope and a mate met up with Johno near Derby:

"……*Next day they went by mail on their way to the station, Jublee Downs* (sic. Jubilee Downs) *being met half way by Johnno Blechynden who was on his way into Derby droving. They got off the mail coach here and were put on to help drove straight away. Both thought this was a great life but Bob said he was a bit stiff and was looking for a mantlepiece the next morning. Of course, "Pope" was more used to riding and did not feel it quite so much. They are rather sorry they did not have their voices trained before they left as they were put on as night watchman for two hours at a time (watching the bullocks) and had to walk round these bullocks singing all the time. …..*

ALFRED JOHN BLECHYNDEN (1899-1952) AND MAUD MINARD BARNES (1892-1958):

Following their marriage 22 May 1935, Alfred and Maud continued to live up north. In the next article written in 1937, we see Alfred and Maud paying his parents a visit in Bridgetown.

***Nelson Advocate* (WA: 1926 - 1938), Fri 19 Feb 1937, pg 1.**
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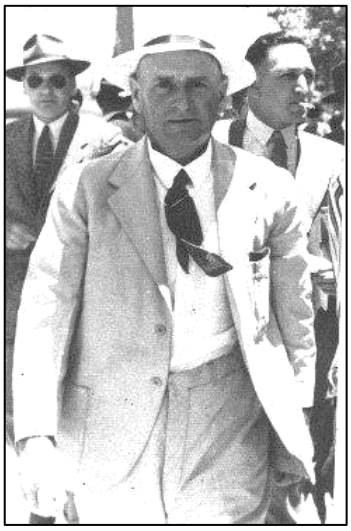
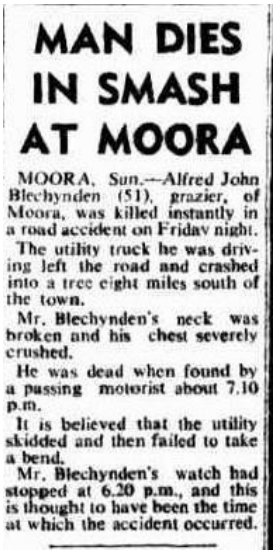


During the second world was Alfred served in the No 11 NW Battalion Volunteer Defence Force: BLECHYNDEN ALFRED JOHN: Service Number - W88896: Date of birth - 19 Mar 1899: Place of birth - BRIDGETOWN WA: Place of enlistment - DERBY WA: Next of Kin - BLECHYNDEN A. No 11 NW Battalion Volunteer Defence Force: served 1 year and 125 days. Attested at Derby, 27 Aug 1943, Citizen Military Forces, at that time a Motel manager. Discharge certificate: 3 Jan 1945 Port Hedland, 29 Dec 1944.

By 1949 Alfred and Maud had moved to Moora where they farmed on a property called 'Balarang".

Electoral Roll:
1922, 1936, 1937 **Alfred John Blechynden**, Derby, station hand.
1949, **Alfred John Blechynden**, Moora, farmer, 'Balarang' **Maud Minard**, home duties.

Tragically Maud's happiness was shattered when Alfred was killed in a car crash.



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***West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Mon 16 Jun 1952, pg 10**
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***Blackwood Times* (Greenbushes, WA: 1905 - 1955), Fri 27 Jun 1952, pg. 1**
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DEATH OF MR. A. J. BLECHYNDEN

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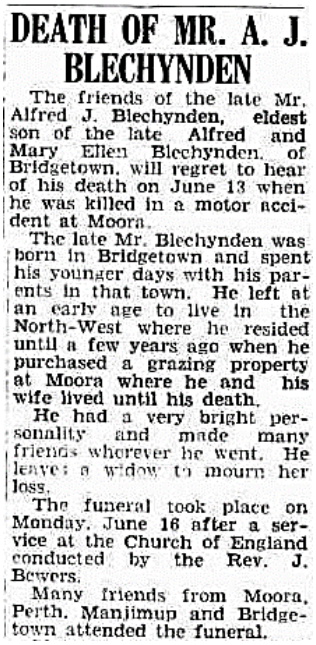

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He had a very bright personality and made many friends wherever he went. He leaves a widow to mourn her loss.

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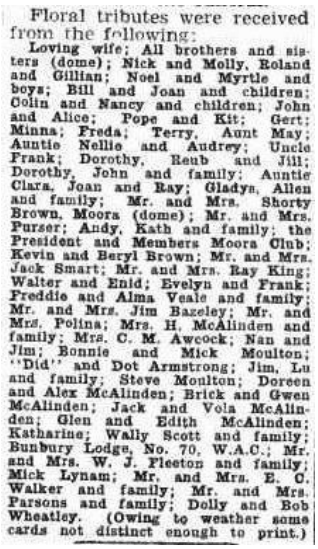
Many friends from Moora, Perth, Manjimup and Bridgetown attended the funeral.



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He had a very bright personality and made many friends wherever he went. He leaves a widow to mourn her loss.

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Maud Minard Blechynden (nee Barnes) died 11 Feb 1958, Victoria Park, [Reg. 422]. Cremated Karrakatta Cemetery, WA.

Headstone in the Bridgetown Cemetery:
Alfred John Blechynden born in Bridgetown,
died in Moora aged 58 years and
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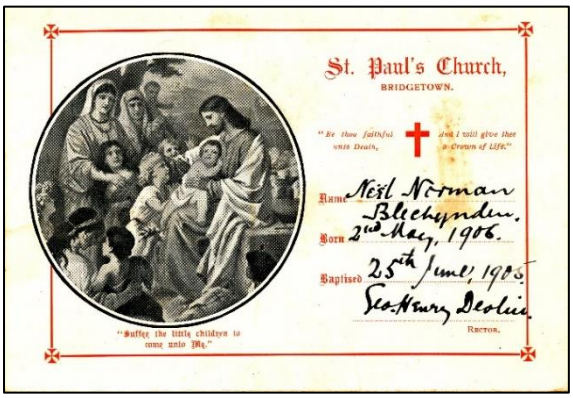
died at Perth in 1958,
cremated at Karrakatta.

4th CHILD OF ALFRED BLECHYNDEN & MARY ELLEN BOVELL

4. BLECHYNDEN, NOEL NORMAN (1905-1970) was born 2 May 1905, Safety Bay, WA [Reg No. 135]. Baptised 25 June, 1905, St Paul's Church, Bridgetown.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Geo. Henry Deane
Rector.
"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

Noel Norman Blechynden died 23 Sep 1970, aged 65 years. Buried Mandurah General cemetery.

Noel Norman Blechynden

Copy of Baptism certificate.
Courtesy Ross and Bev Blechynden.

NOEL NORMAN BLECHYNDEN (1905-1970) married **IRIS MYRTLE PIGGOTT (1911-2004)** 31 Mar 1930, Wellington, WA [Reg. 37].

In the next section are details of Iris Myrtle Piggott's parents: Frederick Charles Piggott (1884-1971), and Elizabeth Gertrude Rossiter (1886-1938) and family.

PIGGOTT, IRIS 'MYRTLE' (1911-2004)
Iris Myrtle Piggott was born 25 Sep 1911, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 112], father, **FREDERICK CHARLES PIGGOTT (1884-1971)**, mother, **ELIZABETH GERTRUDE ROSSITER (1886-1938)** who were married 1907, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 9].

Iris Myrtle Blechynden (nee Piggott)

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FREDERICK CHARLES PIGGOTT (1884-1971) was born 18 Jul 1884, Clarendon, SA [Pg. 229, Vol. 333]. Parents **STEPHEN PIGGOTT (1844-1910)** and **SARAH ANN BREALEY (1845-1908)** who were married 29 Jan 1880, Clarendon, SA. Frederick Charles Piggott died 15 Aug 1971, Perth, WA.

ELIZABETH GERTRUDE ROSSITER (1886-1938) was born 30 Aug 1886, Woodville, SA [Pg. 194, Vol. 382]. Elizabeth Gertrude Piggott (nee Rossiter) died 26 Dec 1938, Donnybrook, WA. Parents **THOMAS ROSSITER (1854-1914)** and **ELIZABETH BERTHA ROSSITER (1861-1930)** were married 29 Jun 1881, Residence of Samuel Rossiter, Woodville, Adelaide, SA [Pg. 1225, Vol. 127]. Note: Both had the surname Rossiter.

ELIZABETH BERTHA ROSSITER (1861-1930) was born 19 Jun 1861, Penrice, Angaston, SA [Pg. 439, Vol. 22]. Parents: **SAMUEL ROSSITER (1832-1900)** from Devon, England and **ELIZABETH GRACE TINKHAM (1829-1900)** from Staverton, Devon, England who were married 13 Oct 1852, Registry Office, Totness, Devon, England. Elizabeth Bertha Rossiter died 20 Jul 1930, Perth, WA [Reg. 1926].

THOMAS ROSSITER (1854-1914) was born 10 Jan 1854, Adelaide, SA [Pg. 278, Vol. 4]. Parents: father, **DAVID ROSSITER (1835-1878)** and mother, **ANN TYRIE (1826-1860)** who were married 8 Apr 1853, Piries, Registered in Adelaide, SA [Pg. 328, Vol. 16]. Thomas Rossiter died 26 Jul 1914, Northam, WA [Reg. 92].

CHILDREN OF FREDERICK CHARLES PIGGOTT AND ELIZABETH GERTRUDE ROSSITER:
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Iris Myrtle Piggott was born 1911, Blackwood, **2. IRIS MYRTLE PIGGOTT (1911-2004)**
WA [Reg. 112].

Noel and Iris Blechynden had a dairy farm on the Boyup Brook Road near the Jayes Road turnoff for many years until they retired.

Noel originally worked on Giblett's property 'Hillfarm' located on South Western Highway about two miles south of Bridgetown. This is the property Noel's grandfather John Blechynden first had then it was farmed by Noel's uncle Arthur Blechynden for many years. Arthur eventually moved off the property then it seems the Giblett's purchased it. See Arthur's section for more details but it seems John or Arthur built a small building for accommodation and a dairy. When Noel lived there the Giblett's built a house for Noel and his family to live in while running the dairy farm. The cottage, house and large barn style shed have all since gone, the main house demolished for a highway realignment.

In about 1946 - 1948 Noel left 'Hillfarm' and the family moved to Moora for about two years to help his brother 'Johnno' who became ill. While in Moora, the property mentioned in the article below came on the market. It was purchased by Pope Blechynden on Noel's behalf.

***Blackwood Times* (Greenbushes, WA: 1905 - 1955), Fri 13 Aug 1948, pg 11**
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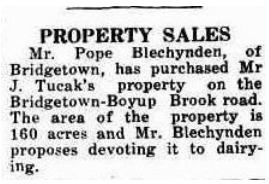
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When Noel and family left Moora, they moved back south onto the above property which they named "LANSDOWN". It is here they raised their family and lived there for the rest of their working life. This farm was at the Bridgetown/Boyup Brook shire boundary and the back of the farm extended down to Jayes Road.

CHILDREN OF NOEL NORMAN BLECHYNDEN AND IRIS MYRTLE PIGGOTT:
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Brothers: Ross, Vern, Don, Bob Blechynden, Courtesy Ross and Bev Blechynden

On the back written: At the Kalgan *Noel, Violet, Cynthia and Mick Crowd. Crowd family mentioned in the Eulogy. Photo courtesy Ross and Bev Blechynden.*

Noel Blechynden at the wedding of his brother Nick's daughter Gillian

Noel Blechynden (with hat on) playing bowls, Adelaide, 1976. Courtesy Ross and Bev Blechynden

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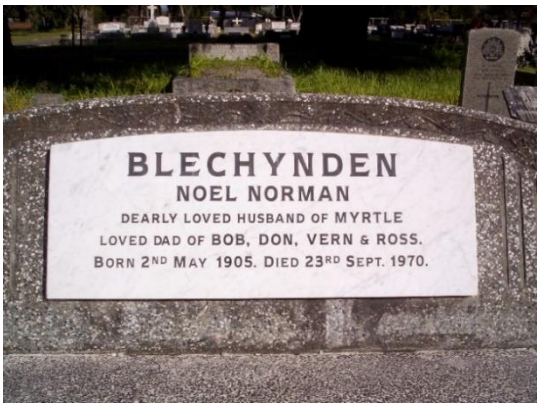
EULOGY FOR IRIS MYRTLE BLECHYNDEN (NEE PIGGOTT):

Iris Myrtle Blechynden second eldest child of Frederick Charles & Elizabeth Gertrude Piggott. Born 25/09/1911 at Bridgetown. Myrtle spent most of her school years at Donnybrook and after leaving school she worked as a housekeeper for the Crowd family. During this period of time she met and married Noel (Bricky) Blechynden. They started their family on the 1st of May 1930 with their first of four boys, with the birth of Alfred Charles (Bob) Followed on the 6th of July by Donald. During this time Myrtle & Bricky lived in an old stone house belonging to the Moulton family. Later moving to a house on the Gibletts farm where Bricky was working. It was here that Vernon was born on the 31/12/1937 and Ross on the 21/07/1939. After about 7 years the family went to Moora to look after Bricky's brother's farm for twelve months. Returning to live on their own farm half between Bridgetown and Boyup Brook. They farmed this property until March 1964 when they sold to the next door neighbors and moved to 48 Gibson Street Mandurah.
It was while living here that Myrtle lost Bricky after a heart attack in September 1970. She continued to live at Gibson street until November 1995 when she moved to Randell Street and finally to Wearne house in April 1999.

Copy of 'Myrtle's eulogy, presented by her son Ross at her funeral.



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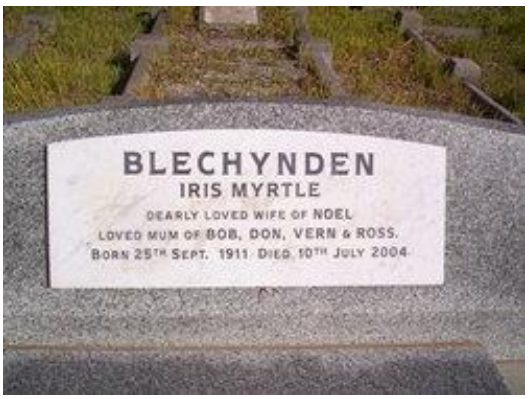

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BROUGHT UP BY ALFRED BLECHYNDEN & MARY ELLEN BOVELL

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Freda Taylor, courtesy, Barbara Trigwell

The following Fancy-Dress article, 1919, contains many familiar names including that of Freda Taylor and her Blechynden 'brothers and sisters'.

***Bunbury Herald* (WA: 1892 - 1919), Sat 12 Jul 1919, pg 8**
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Freda worked all her life in a lawyer's office and lived in Bridgetown. Her residence was at 8 Philip St Bridgetown. She was a foundation member of and long-time supporter of the Bridgetown Ladies

Hockey Club. A respected life member of the Bridgetown Golf Club and a supporter and tireless worker for the Bridgetown Lawn Tennis Club.

Bridgetown Country Hockey team. Courtesy Barbara Trigwell.

Back row: *4th from right is Alice Lillian Blechynden, married name Horne; (shorter girl)*
7th from right is Freda Taylor
Front row: *4th from right Catherine "Kitty" Awcock, married name Blechynden.*
Front *row: 3rd from right Brenda Frances Campbell, married name Trigwell*.

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Electoral Roll:
1958, 1963, 1980, **Freda Taylor**, Phillip St, Bridgetown, Clerk.

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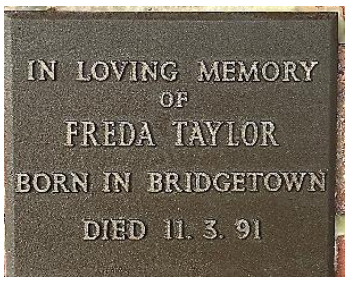

Plaque in memory of Freda Taylor
in the Bridgetown Cemetery

5th CHILD OF ALFRED BLECHYNDEN & MARY ELLEN BOVELL

5. BLECHYNDEN, NICHOLAS 'NICK' EDWIN (1907-1985)

Nicholas Edwin Blechynden was born 17 Jul 1907, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 86]. He died 20 Apr 1985, Bridgetown, WA aged 76 years. Nick married **MOLLIE TULIP (1910-2004)** 5 Jan 1935, Perth, WA [Reg. 137].

Wedding photo, Nicholas Edwin Blechynden (Nick) and Mollie Tulip:
1935, photo courtesy of Gillian Carter (nee Blechynden)

Wedding photo: Nicholas Edwin Blechynden (Nick) and Mollie (nee Tulip), 1935: L-R: Best man, William "Bill"; Groom, Nicholas Blechynden, "Nick"; Bride, Mollie (Tulip); and Matron of honour, Alice (nee Horne). Three of them are children of Alfred and Mary Ellen Blechynden Bridgetown. The Veale twins are nieces of Mollies.
Photo courtesy of Gillian Carter (nee Blechynden)

***Western Mail* (Perth, WA: 1885 - 1954), Thu 17 Jan 1935, pg 32**
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WEDDINGS.
South Perth
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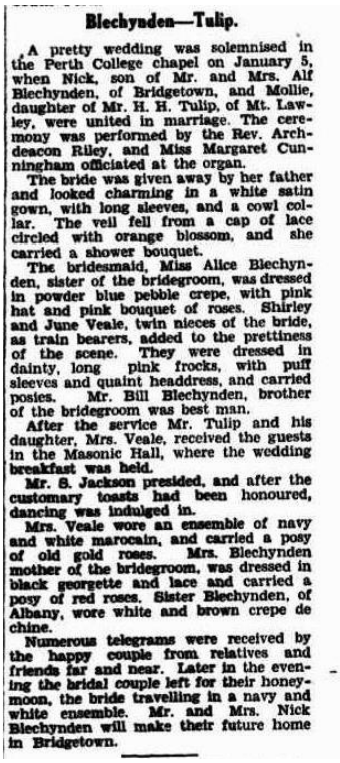
The bride was given away by her father and looked charming in a white satin gown, with long sleeves, and a cowl collar. The veil fell from a cap of lace circled with orange blossom, and she carried a shower bouquet.

The bridesmaid, Miss Alice Blechynden, sister of the bridegroom, was dressed in powder blue pebble crepe, with pink hat and pink bouquet of roses. Shirley and June Veale, twin nieces of the bride, as train bearers, added to the prettiness of the scene. They were dressed in dainty, long pink frocks, with puff sleeves and quaint headdress, and carried posies. Mr. Bill Blechynden, brother of the bridegroom was best man.



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After the service Mr. Tulip and his daughter, Mrs. Veale, received the guests in the Masonic Hall, where the wedding breakfast was held.

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Mollie Tulip was born 6 Oct 1910, Subiaco, WA [Reg. 275], parents: **HERBERT HENRY TULIP (1876-1946)** and **HENRIETTA CLARK (1878-1928)** who were married 1900, VIC [Reg. 7600], recorded under Herbt Hy Tulip and Hetta Clark.

Following are details of Mollie Tulip's parents: Herbert Henry Tulip (1876-1946) and Henrietta Clark (1878-1928):

HERBERT HENRY TULIP (1876-1946)

Herbert Henry Tulip was born 1876, Melbourne, VIC. There is a record under Henry Herbert Tulip, born 1875, NSW, father John Tulip and mother Mary Ann Tulip, [Reg. 13906]. Is this him, names reversed? Herbert died on 3 Feb 1946, Mt Lawley, WA. [Reg. 272].

HENRIETTA CLARK (1878-1928)

Henrietta Clark was born 1878, Melbourne, VIC.
Henrietta Tulip (nee Clark) died 12 Apr 1928, Mount Lawley, WA [Reg. 575]..

CHILDREN OF HERBERT HENRY TULIP (1876-1946) AND HENRIETTA CLARK (1878-1928):

1. IRENE JANET TULIP (1901-1984)

Irene Janet Tulip was born 1901, Hotham, VIC [Reg. 27621].
IRENE JANET TULIP (1901-1984) married **JOSEPH HUME BALFOUR GILCHRIST (1899-1974)**, 1925, VIC [Reg. 13]. Irene Janet Gilchrest (nee Tulip) died 1984, Springvale, VIC [Reg. 14836].

2. ALMA DORIS TULIP (1903-1968)

Alma Doris Tulip was born 1903, Hamilton, NSW [Reg. 21550].
ALMA DORIS TULIP (1903-1968) married **FREDERICK A VEALE**, Perth WA [Reg. 745]. Alma, a teacher, taught in Bridgetown meeting Fred whilst boarding at his mother's house.
Alma Doris Veale died 21 Oct 1968, Fremantle, WA.

3. MOLLIE TULIP (1910-2004) was born 6 Oct 1910, Subiaco, WA [Reg. 275]. See other details in this section.
Following the death of their mother Henrietta who died in 1928, Perth WA [Reg. 575], their father married again: **m.2 HERBERT HENRY TULIP (1876-1946)** married **JOHANNA BIERMANN**, 1934, Perth, WA [Reg. 134].

Electoral Roll:
1916 Herbert Henry Tulip and Henrietta, "Preston", 37 Walcott St, North Perth, married, Insurance superintendent.
1943 Herbert Henry Tulip and Henrietta, "Preston", 37 Walcott St, North Perth. Joan Vera Doris, home duties.

CHILDREN OF NICHOLAS EDWIN BLECHYNDEN AND MOLLIE TULIP: **Roland and Gillian Ann Blechynden**

Courtesy Ross Blechynden
Five brothers and one brother-in-law at the wedding of Nick's daughter Gillian.
L-R: Gillian, Noel, Frederick Charles Horne (John), Colin, Pope, Nick and Bill.
Frederick Charles Horne (John) was married to Alice Blechynden, sister of the other men in the photo and Auntie to Gillian.

Electoral Roll:
1931, Nicholas Edwin Blechynden, Roe St, Bridgetown, farm hand.
1943, Nicholas Edwin Blechynden Hester St, Bridgetown, farm hand, Mollie, home duties.
1977, 1980 Nicholas Edwin Blechynden, 37 Forrest St, Bridgetown, butcher, Mollie home duties.

Nicholas Edwin Blechynden died 20 Apr 1985, Bridgetown, WA aged 76 years. Burial Bridgetown Cemetery.

Mollie Blechynden (nee Tulip) died 3 Jul 2004, Bridgetown, WA, aged 93 years, as the result of a car accident. She was driving their car when it stalled at the Mockerdilup railway crossing near the South West Highway, Bridgetown. The car was then hit by a train. They are buried alongside each other at the Bridgetown Cemetery.

Grave and plaques of Nicholas Edwin Blechynden and Mollie Blechynden (nee Tulip), Bridgetown Cemetery, WA

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
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MUCH LOVED GRANDFATHER OF SIX
GRANDCHILDREN.

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MOLLIE BLECHYNDEN
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AGED 95 YEARS
BELOVED WIFE OF NICHOLAS
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6th CHILD OF ALFRED BLECHYNDEN & MARY ELLEN BOVELL

6. BLECHYNDEN, ALICE LILIAN (1910-1998) Alice Lilian Blechynden was born 4 Oct 1910, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 125], recorded as Alice L Blechynden.
Alice Lilian Horne (nee Blechynden) died 7 May 1998, Inglewood, WA.

Alice Lilian Blechynden, fancy Dress, photo via 'Bridgedale' collection.

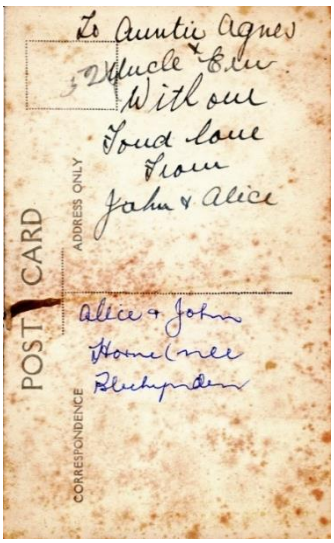
Alice Blechynden
Fondest love from Alice, 1933

Postcard: Minna Elizabeth, Alice Lilian and Gertrude Agnes Blechynden

Fond love from "We Three"
via Moran-Harding Family Tree, Ancestry

ALICE LILIAN BLECHYNDEN (1910-1998) married **FREDERICK CHARLES HORNE (1887-1967)** 16 Jun 1942, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 26].

Wedding photo of 'John' and Alice Horne. Front: *Frederick Charles 'John' Horne and Alice Blechynden*
Back: *Nicholas Blechynden Best Man, Centre Freda Taylor,*
Bridesmaid, person on the right not yet identified



Back of wedding photo of Frederick Charles Horne, 'John' and Alice Lillian Blechynden,

Wedding photo courtesy Ross and Bev Blechynden

Another photo of the wedding day of Frederick Charles Horne, 'John' and Alice Lillian Blechynden. Courtesy Gillian Carter (nee Blechynden)

Following are details about Fredrick 'John' Charles Horne's (1887-1967) parents; Frederick Horne (1847-1920), and Mary Ann Picket (1863-1941).

FREDRICK HORNE (1847-1920) Frederick - 'John's' father: Note spelling as Fredrick.
Fredrick Horne was born 1847, Guildford, WA. Parents: **CHARLES HORNE (1815-1869)** and **SARAH MARSHALL (1825-1914)** who were married 1845, Swan, WA [Reg. 147].
Fredrick Horne died 30 Jan 1920, Coburg, Moreland City, buried Coburg Pine Ridge Cemetery, VIC [Find a grave]. https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/207949921 (Possible this is his death, some records have him dying in SA.)

MARY ANN PICKETT (1863-1941) - MARY MARIA PICKET John's mother:
Via Moran-Harding Family Tree and York Families and Footsteps.
There is some confusion with the Christian names of Mary Ann Pickett or Mary Maria Pickett: Mary Ann and Mary Maria are possibly the same person?
Mary Maria Picket born 13 Aug 1863 York WA [Reg No. 7325], parents: **PATRICK PICKET** and **ELIZA GARRIGAN**, (note spelling of both as registered). Baptised 18 Apr 1864 Parents Patrick and Elizabeth Pickett. Her name recorded by a private researcher: **Maria Anna with (Mary Ann) in brackets**. I could not find her as Maria or Mary Ann in WA BDMs.

Searching death and service records for confirmation as to her Christian names.

WA Deaths: Two recordings for the death of Mary Horne.

Mary A Horne (nee Pickett) died 1944, Perth, WA [Reg. 2266].

Mary Horne died 1941, Perth, WA [Reg. 1612].

Service records of Frederick Horne, his mother is written as Mary Ann.

Find a grave:

Mary Anne Horne died 15 Oct 1944, Perth, aged 84, buried Karrakatta, R/C, SC 0037.

Mary Horne, d. 7 Aug 1941, aged 78, in the Anglican Section, LE 0191. **This one fits with the 1863 birthdate. Thank you, John Moran.**

THE NEXT SIX PAGES CONTAIN DETAILS OF THE FAMILY HISTORY OF HORNE, FREDERICK CHARLES (1887-1967) 'JOHN', HIS PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS:

CHARLES HORNE (1815-1869) and SARAH MARSHALL (1825-1914):
Fredrick Horn's (1847-1920) parents, Fredrick Charles – John Horn's (1887-1967) grandparents:

CHARLES HORNE (1815-1869) Frederick - John's paternal grandfather:
Charles Horne was born 1815, Margate, Kent, England.
Charles Horne died 28 Jan 1869, Perth, WA [Reg. 4136], age 54 years. Burial, East Perth Cemetery, 29 Jan 1869.

SARAH MARSHALL (1825-1914) Frederick - John's paternal grandmother:
Sarah Marshall was born 1825, Canterbury, Kent, England.
Sarah Tomlin, Horne (nee Marshall) died 15 Oct 1914, Beverley, WA [Reg. 50].

m.1 SARAH MARSHALL (1825-1914) married **CHARLES HORNE (1815-1869)** 1845, Swan, WA [Reg. 147]. Sarah and Charles had nine children.

m.2 SARAH HORN (nee MARSHALL) (1825-1914) married **JOHN TOMLIN (1825-1907)** 1870, Beverley, WA. [Reg No 3187]. Note spelling of Horn and Tomlin.

CHILDREN OF CHARLES HORNE (1815-1869) AND SARAH MARSHALL (1825-1914):

1. CHARLES HORN (1846–1920) was born 1846, Guildford, WA [Reg. 771].
2. FREDERICK HORN (1847–1920) (Note spelling of Fredrick. Fredick Charles' father) was born 1847, Guildford, WA. He married MARY PICKETT
3. ALBERT HORNE (1848–1935) was born 1848, Middle Swan, WA [Reg. 1206].
4. ROSA HELLEN HORN (1851–1931) was born 1851, Middle Swan, WA [Reg.1692].
5. ALICE ELIZABETH "BESS" HORN (1854–1934) was born 1854, York District, WA [Reg.2468].
6. EDWIN HORNE (1857–1924) was born 1857, York District, WA [Reg.3729].
7. ANDREW HORNE (1859–1936) was born 1859, Addington, WA [Reg.4761].
8. WALTER HORNE (1862–1924) was born 1862, Low Dale, WA [Reg.6205].
9. WILLIAM HORNE (1868–1948). Can't find a birth for him. He was baptised 8 Sep 1868, father, Charles Horne, mother, Sarah. [FHL Film Number 1363650].

PATRICK PICKETT (1833-1914) and ELIZA (ELIZABETH) GARGAN (1837-1886):
MARY ANN PICKETT's (1863-1941)'s parents, Fredrick Charles – John Horn's (1887-1967) grandparents:

PATRICK PICKET (sic) married **ELIZA GARGAN** (sic) 9 May 1858, Guildford, WA [Reg. 1169]. Eliza's occupation, servant, place of residence Guildford, age under 22 years. Patrick, occupation, cook at Guildford. Note: registered as Gargan, should be Garrigan.

PATRICK PICKETT (1833-1914) Mary Anne's father, Frederick – John's maternal grandfather: Via Picket and Edwards Family Tree, Ancestry.
Patrick Pickett was born 1 Jan 1840 (ed. 1833 is the probable date), Tipperary Ireland. He was convicted of Highway robbery and sentenced at Waterford, Ireland to 10 years on 25 Oct 1851, unmarried.
He was transported aboard the *Phoebe Dunbar*, which sailed from Kingstown, Ireland, with 93 passengers and 286 convicts, arriving 30 Aug 1853, Perth, WA. He was granted a Ticket of Leave 13 Mar 1855. He was listed as a mat maker. Certificate of Freedom sent to RM, 21 Nov 1861, Swan River Colony, WA.
He resided in WA for 60 years. Patrick Pickett died 6 Feb 1914, Claremont, WA [Reg.37]. Patrick is interred at Karrakatta Cemetery but unfortunately his grave is in a completed renewal area so his headstone may no longer exist.

DEATH OF PATRICK PICKETT (1833-1914):
***W.A. Record* (Perth, WA: 1888 - 1922), Sat 28 Feb 1914, pg 13**
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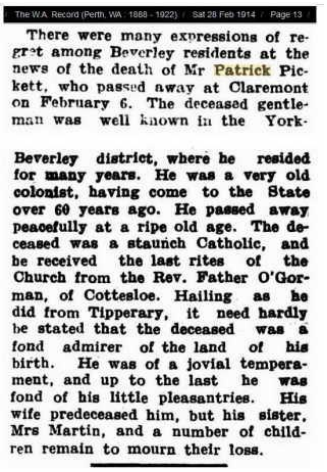
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ELIZA (ELIZABETH) GARGAN (1837-1886) Mary Anne's mother, Frederick – John's maternal grandmother.
Eliza Carrigan/Garrigan /Gargan was born about 1837, Hibernia, Dublin, Ireland.
Eliza Pickett (nee Gargan) died 1886, WA, aged 48 years, [Reg. 14192].

CHILDREN OF PATRICK PICKETT (1833-1914) AND ELIZA CARRIGAN/GARRIGAN:

1. ELIZA PICKETT (1860-1861) Died as a baby.
Eliza Pickett died 1861, mother, Eliza Pickett, [Reg No 1763], aged 1 year.

2. MARY MARIA PICKETT (1863-1941) Frederick's mother:

Mary Maria Picket (note spelling) was born 1863, Beverley, WA [Reg. 7235]. Parents: Patrick Picket (note spelling) and Eliza Garrigan (note spelling).

MARY PICKETT (1863-1941) and **FREDERICK HORN (1847-1920)** were married 14 May 1886, York, WA [Reg. 6274]. Note spelling Frederick Horn. Name recorded as Mary, no second name.

3. MARGARET PICKETT (1865-1937)
Margaret Pickett was born 1865, Beverley, WA [Reg. 8799], father, Patrick Pickett, mother, Eliza Garrigan. Margaret E Pickett died 1937, Swan, WA [Reg. 43].

4. ELIZABETH PICKETT (1870-1941) Note same death year as sister Mary Maria
Elizabeth Pickett was born 28 Jul 1870, Beverley, WA [Reg. 12468], father, Patrick Pickett, mother, Elizabeth Gegingin (sic).
Elizabeth Enright (nee Pickett) died 19 Jan 1941, Mt Hawthorn, (Perth) WA [Reg. 126]. Note: Registered as Gegingen, should be Garrigan.

ELIZABETH PICKETT (1870-1941) married **JOHN ENRIGHT (1862-1940)** 1895, York, WA [Reg. 289].

Via Knox Enright, Ancestry: *In 1894, aged 32, John Enright was a fencing and land clearing contractor and lived in Grass Valley via Northam WA. Their children Thomas, John Arthur, Catherine Bridget, Elizabeth Margaret, Anne Josephine, William Anthony and Patrick Leslie were all born in Grass Valley from 1896-1914. John Enright died at Mt Hawthorn on 13 Nov 1940 aged 78 and is buried in his family grave site at Karrakatta Cemetery with his wife (who died in 1941) and some of his children.*

5. JOHANNA PICKETT (1875-1946) (registered under Johana Picket) was born 1875, Beverley, WA [Reg. 16767], father, Patrick Picket, mother, Eliza Garrigan. Note spelling. She married **SYDNEY JAMES CAUDLE** (sic) in 1897, in York, WA [Reg. 1639] (registered under Joanna Pickett). Name of James in Edwards Family Tree written as Caudle. Johanna Pickett died 5 Sep 1946, Beverley District, WA

SYDNEY JAMES CAUDLE (1868-1947) (via Edwards Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 4 Sep 1868, Carrickalinga, SA. Parents **WILLIAM JOHN CAUDLE (1842-)** and **CAROLINE THURSTON (1842-1926)** who were married 18 Mar 1863, Carrickalinga, SA**.** Sydney died 19 Mar 1947, Beverley, WA [Reg. 9].

FREDERICK HORN (1847-1920) and **MARY ANN PICKETT (1863-1941)**
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CHILDREN OF FREDERICK HORNE (1847-1920) AND MARY ANN PICKET (1863-1941):

1. HORNE, FREDERICK CHARLES (1887-1967) 'John' Note: spelling as Fredrick in birth registration.

Fredrick (Frederick) Charles Horne was born 25 Apr 1887, Beverley, WA [Reg. 624], father, Fredrick Charles Horne, mother, Mary Ann Pickett.
Frederick Charles Horne died 6 Nov 1967, Perth, WA [Reg No 3678].

FREDERICK CHARLES HORNE 1887-1967) married **ALICE LILIAN BLECHYNDEN (1910-1998)** 16 Jun 1942, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 26]. Registered as Frederick in marriage registration. More details in this chapter.

2. HORN, ALBERT JAMES (1889-1959) Note surname spelling.
Albert James Horn was born 1889, Beverley, WA [Reg. 758], Father, Frederick Horn, mother, Mary Pickett. Albert James Horn died 1959, Perth, WA [Reg No 2942].

3. HORN, DOUGLASS JOSEPH (1891-1968) Note spelling of surname.

Douglass Joseph Horn was born 1891, York, WA [Reg. 679], Father, Frederick Charles Horn, mother, Mary Ann Picketts (sic, should be Pickett).
Douglass Joseph Horne died 1968, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 212], aged 81 years. Note: number of years do not tally.

4. HORNE, ELIZA MARGARET JANE (1893-)
Eliza Margaret Jane Horne was born 1893, York, WA [Reg. 1723], father, Frederick Charles Horne, mother, Mary Anne Pickett.

5. HORNE, LILIAN VERONICA (1895-)
Lilian Veronica Horne was born 1895, York, WA [Reg. 2329], father, Frederick Horne, mother, Mary Ann Picket.

6. HORNE, HILDA THERESA MAY (1898-1899) Died aged 18 months.

Hilda Theresa May Horne was born 1898, York, WA [Reg No 5021], father, Frederick Horne, mother, Mary Ann Pickett.
Theresa May Horne died 1899, aged 18 months, parents, Frederick Charles Pickett and Mary Ann, at York, WA [2450]. Note her death was recorded under Theresa May, leaving off the Hilda.

7. HORNE, THERESA MAY 'MAE' (1900-1995)

Theresa May Horne was born 1900, Williams, WA [Reg. 5437], father, Frederick Horne, mother, Mary Ann Pickett. Theresa May Daly (nee Horne) died 9 Jul 1995, Hamilton Hill, WA.

THERESA (TERESA MAE) HORNE married **WILLIAM ANDREW DALY (1894-1937)**, 26 Nov 1921, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 279].

8. HORNE, ELLEN FRANCES (1902-2006)

Ellen Frances Horne was born 1902, Williams, WA [Reg. 6222], father, Frederick Charles Horne, mother, Mary Ann Pickett.
Ellen Frances Wise (nee Horne) died 17 Mar 2006, Manjimup, WA. Find a Grave:
https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/208656052

ELLEN F HORNE married **JOHN D WISE**, 1924, Fremantle, WA, [Reg No. 132].

9. HORNE, JOHN PATRICK (1902-1902) Stillborn

John Patrick Horne was born 1902, Williams, WA [Reg. 6223].
John Patrick Horne died 1902, 195 Mile Camp, Gt Sth Rail, [Reg. 2953].

10. HORNE, RITA (1905-1905) Died aged 11 days

Rita Horne was born 1905, Yornan (York), WA [Reg. 7616], father, Frederick Charles Horne, mother, Mary Ann Pickett. Rita Horne died 1905 aged 11 days, WA [Reg.2965].

CONTINUING WITH THE STORY OF ALICE LILIAN BLECHYNDEN (1910-1998) AND FREDERICK 'JOHN' CHARLES HORNE (1887-1967):

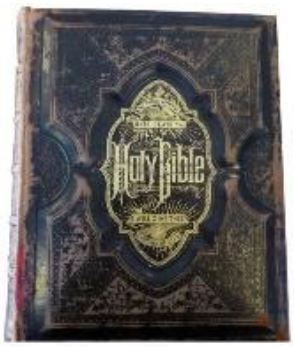
Frederick "John' was a Station master at Bridgetown and eventually became District Traffic Superintendent.

He served at Gallipoli in WW1. HORNE Frederick Charles: Service Number - 6094: Place of Birth - Beverley WA: Place of Enlistment - Perth WA: Next of Kin - (Mother) HORNE Mary Ann

Frederick Charles Horne died 25 Apr 1967, Perth, WA [Reg. 3678], father, Frederick, mother, Mary A.

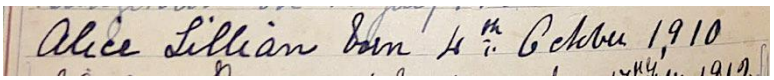
Alice Lilian Horne (nee Blechynden)
Photo taken by Angela Blechynden at Alice's home in Inglewood.

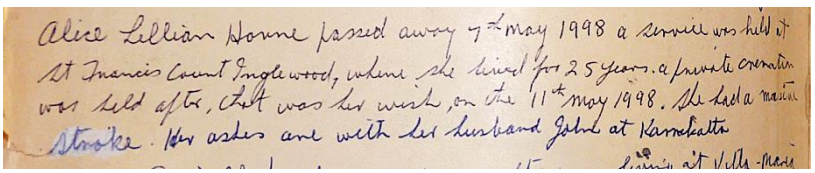
The very large book on the side table is the family bible referred to earlier on in Alfred's chapter.



The bible mentioned in this photo was given to M.E. Blechynden in 1896 by Alfred Blechynden and has most of the family Births, Deaths and Marriages since then recorded therein. Alice became custodian for some time and continued the recordings for many years until she died and it seems fitting that her own birth death entries be included here at the end of her section.

Alice Lilian Horne (nee Blechynden) died 7 May 1998, Inglewood, WA.


Alice Lillian born 4th October 1910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7th CHILD OF ALFRED BLECHYNDEN & MARY ELLEN BOVELL

7. BLECHYNDEN, WILLIAM 'BILL' RAYMOND (1912-1980) was born 17 Feb 1912, Bridgetown, (Blackwood), WA [Reg. 27]. William Raymond Blechynden died 26 Dec 1981, Busselton Hospital, WA. Buried at the Busselton Cemetery, Anglican section.

BLECHYNDEN WILLIAM RAYMOND: WW2 Service Number - WX32144: Date of birth - 17 Feb 1912: Place of birth - BRIDGETOWN WA: Place of enlistment - BUSHMEAD WA: Next of Kin - BLECHYNDEN (Mrs.) W

William 'Bill' Raymond Blechynden. Courtesy Barbara Trigwell

WILLIAM 'BILL' RAYMOND BLECHYNDEN married **BARBARA JOAN SCOTT** 25 Oct 1941, Holy Trinity Church, Norseman, WA [Reg. 30].

***Sunday Times* (Perth, WA: 1902 - 1954), Sun 9 Nov 1941, pg 16**
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SCOTT, BARBARA JOAN (1915-1994)
Barbara Joan Scott was born 6 Oct 1915, Perth, WA [Reg. 1634]. Parents: **WILLIAM FREDERICK BARRETT SCOTT (1888-1947)** and **DOROTHY FRANCES DAWSON (1891-1956)** who were married in 1914, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 25]. Barbara Joan Blechynden (nee Scott) died 18 Oct 1994, Busselton Hospital, WA. She was cremated at the Bunbury Crematorium, WA. Her ashes are with William Raymond Blechynden's grave at the Busselton Cemetery.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM RAYMOND BLECHYNDEN AND BARBARA JOAN SCOTT:
Judith, Barbara, Evan and Richard Scott.

William Raymond Blechynden and Barbara 'Joan' Blechynden (née Scott), photo courtesy Barbara Trigwell

William (Bill) Raymond Blechynden riding their pony, Dodger. The family all learnt to ride on this beautiful little horse

William Raymond Blechynden died 26 Dec 1981, Busselton Hospital, WA. He is buried at the Busselton Cemetery, Anglican section. See Bill's Obituary below for a good outline of his life.

Death of Bill Blechynden

BRIDGETOWN: The death occurred suddenly at Busselton hospital on December 26 of William Raymond Blechynden, a son of an old pioneer family in this district.

Bill Blechynden was born in Bridgetown in 1912, to the late Mary Ellen (nee Bovell) and Alfred Blechynden.

He went to school here and worked around the town including for many years with Smiths Stores and for the late Mr Dave Jack.

He was a driver in the army and later joined the AIF.

He married Joan Scott at Norseman in 1941.

At Wokalup research station he was head stockman until 11 years ago when he and his wife and four children went to Busselton.

In his early days he was a staunch member of the Rovers Football Club in Bridgetown and later took up bowls, being a member of the Harvey and Busselton clubs.

He leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters, and seven grandchildren.

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Death of Bill Blechynden

BRIDGETOWN: *The death occurred suddenly at Busselton Hospital on December 26 of William Raymond Blechynden, a son of an old pioneer family in this district.*

Bill Blechynden was born in Bridgetown in 1912, to the late Mary Ellen (nee Bovell) and Alfred Blechynden.

He went to school here and worked around the town including for many years with Smiths Stores and for the late Mr Dave Jack.

He was a driver in the army and later joined the AIF.

He married Joan Scott at Norseman in 1941.

At Wokalup research station he was head stockman until 11 years ago when he and his wife and four children went to Busselton.

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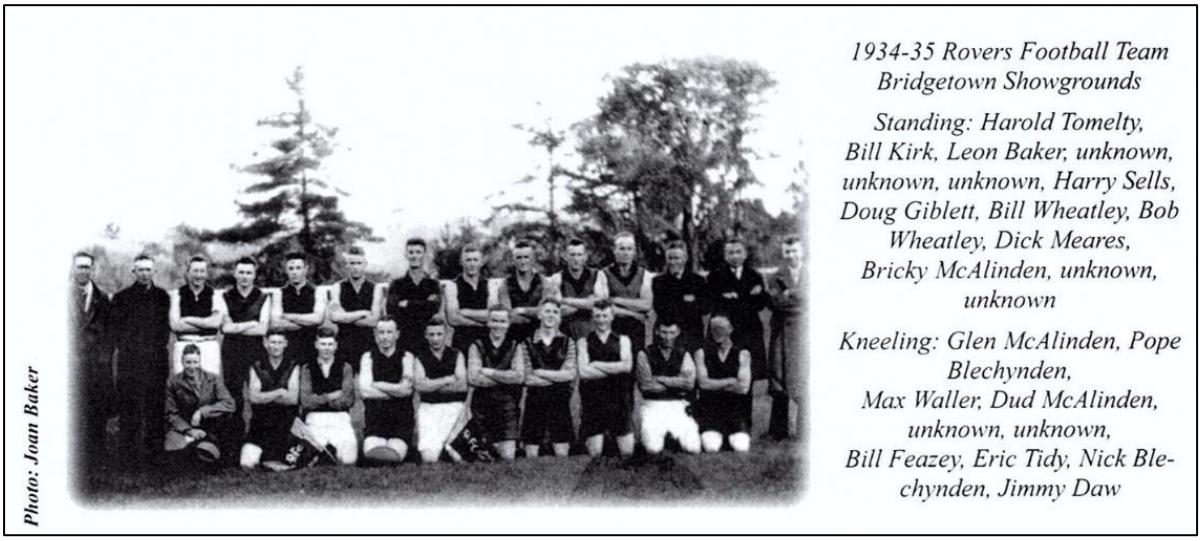
Maurice Green 'Pope' Blechynden

The family anecdote is that when Maurice was little, he often imitated the sound of a mopoke owl and it came out as pope, hence his nickname. His sisters never called him that but everyone else did. He was described as being casual in his ways and as jovial.



1934-35 Rovers Football Team, Bridgetown Showgrounds:
Showing the Way, *Coleen M Russell, pg. 145, featuring Pope Blechynden and Nick Blechynden.*

Following is an interesting article which provides an interesting account of "Pope" Blechynden's adventure with Bob Graham to the north of WA in 1933.

***Manjimup and Warren Times* (WA: 1927 - 1954), Thu 1 Jun 1933, pg 2**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article257251556.txt

Two Young Adventurers

"POPE" BLECHYNDEN AND BOB GRAHAM

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They are rather sorry they did not have their voices trained before they left as they were put on as night watchman for two hours at a time (watching the bullocks) and had to walk round these bullocks singing all the time. Returning to Derby with the bullocks they were invited to have a game of tennis against the two "cracks" of that town. Bob and "Pope" beat them 6-0, so these two men think there must be some tennis players down in the South-West.

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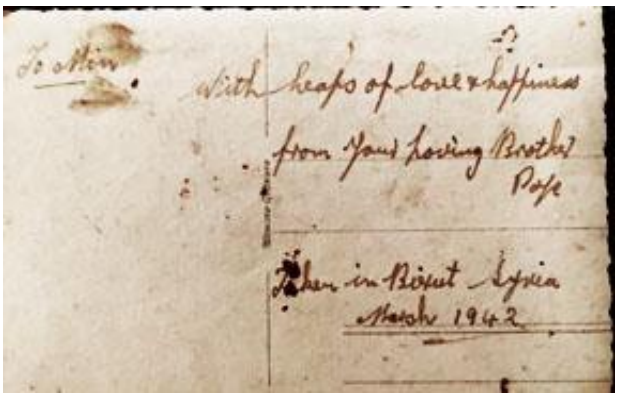
BLECHYNDEN MAURICE: Enlisted at Bridgetown: Service Number - WX9454: Date of birth - 29 Aug 1915: Place of birth - BRIDGETOWN WA: Place of enlistment - CLAREMONT WA: Next of Kin - BLECHYNDEN MARY

Australian National Archives show Maurice served in Egypt, New Guinea and Borneo.

Maurice (Pope) Green Blechynden
2/26th Bn WW2.

Courtesy Sally Turner

Maurice Green 'Pope' Blechynden



Copy of a postcard from Maurice Green 'Pope'; Blechynden, Beirut, Syria, March 1942.
Photo via Moran-Harding Family Tree, Ancestry.

The back of the postcard reads:

"To Min, With heaps of love and happiness from your loving Brother Pope."

Min was one of his older sisters, (the second child of Alfred and Mary Ellen Blechynden), who married William Stanley Boundy.

BLECHYNDEN, MAURICE GREEN 'POPE' (1915-1987) married **CATHERINE 'KITTY' ELIZA AWCOCK (1914-1988)**, 7 Jan 1947, St Brigid's Church, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 4].
AWCOCK, CATHERINE 'KITTY' ELIZA (1914-1998)

Wedding: Maurice Blechynden and Catherine Awcock

Catherine 'Kitty' Eliza Awcock was born 13 Jul 1914, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 122]. Parents: **PETER HERBERT AWCOCK (1881-1932)** and **CECILIA 'Cill' MAY SCOTT (1888-1973)**, who were married 19 Apr 1911, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 8]. Catherine 'Kitty' Eliza Blechynden (nee Awcock) died 5 Oct 1998, Capel, WA. She is buried in the Capel Shire, Cemetery, WA.

Blackwood Times **(Greenbushes, WA: 1905 - 1955), Fri 17 Jan 1947, pg 10**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article211572725.txt

Wedding... of the Week

BLECHYNDEN—AWCOCK

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The bride who entered the church on the arm of her brother, Mr. Jim Awcock, was beautifully gowned in white slipper satin, featuring long, tight sleeves, fitting bodice (high neckline with net insert which was embroidered with white sequins. The full gathered skirt fell into deep folds and formed a train. Her lovely circular tulle veil, loaned by Mrs. McInnes, was held in place with sprigs of orange blossom. She carried a sheath of carnations, rosebuds and erica.

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The bride was attended by Miss Marjorie Meares, who looked charming in buttercup crepe romaine, embroidered with blue sequins. She wore a wreath of primroses with a short blue net veil and carried a bouquet of carnations and delphiniums. After the ceremony about 60 relatives and intimate friends were entertained at a sherry party at Scott's Hotel, the guests being received by the bride's mother, Mrs. Awcock, assisted by Mrs. A. Brierley, sister of the bridegroom. Mrs. Awcock wore a black beaded satin back crepe frock, featuring a beige lace yoke, with matching accessories and a spray of frangipanni. Mrs. Brierley was attired in black satin back crepe with beaded yoke. She wore black accessories. After the usual toasts were honoured, the bride cut the beautiful three-tier wedding cake, which was made by her mother. Later in the evening the bridal couple left for their honeymoon, by car the bride travelling in a slim fitting dark red moss crepe frock with half peplum and embossed yoke. She wore a beautiful string of pearls and white accessories.

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PETER HERBERT AWCOCK (1881-1932)
Peter Herbert Awcock was born about 1881. Peter Herbert Awcock died 22 Sep 1932, Bridgetown, WA.

CECILIA 'Cill' MAY SCOTT (1888-1973)

Cecilia 'Cill' May Scott was born 7 Feb 1888, Bridgetown, WA. Cecilia 'Cill' May Awcock (nee Scott) died 11 Oct 1973, Bridgetown, WA.

CHILDREN OF PETER HERBERT AWCOCK (1881-1932) AND CECILIA 'Cill' MAY SCOTT (1888-1973):

1. JAMES PETER AWCOCK (1912-1993)

James Peter Awcock was born 1912, Blackwood, WA [30]. James Peter Awcock died 1993, Bridgetown, WA.

JAMES PETER AWCOCK (1912-1993) married **AGNES 'NAN' CRESSWELL WHEATLEY (1913-1998)** 2 May 1941, Perth, WA [Reg. 1403].

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3. SCOTT AWCOCK (1917-1920)
Scott Awcock was born 1917, Blackwood, WA [Reg.17]. Scott Awcock died 24 Jul 1920, Bridgetown, WA [28].

4. TERENCE LANSDOWNE AWCOCK (1918-1944) Killed In Action.
Terence Lansdowne Awcock was born 19 Jan 1918, Blackwood, WA [14].

AWCOCK TERENCE LANSDOWNE: Service Number - 406988: Date of birth - 19 Jan 1918: Place of birth - BRIDGETOWN WA: Place of enlistment - PERTH WA: Next of Kin - AWCOCK CECILIA

Terence Lansdowne Awcock died 12 Sep 1944. Buried The Runnymede Memorial Part I
Runnymede Borough, Surrey, England

AWCOCK, Wt. Offr. TERENCE LANSDOWNE, 406988. R.A.A.F. 12th September, 1944. Age 26. Son of Peter Herbert and Cecilia May Awcock, of Bridgetown, Western Australia. Panel 259.

Note: Terrence Lansdowne Awcock's War Records are viewable on the National Archives of Australia website: https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve
It seems he was shot down in a Lancaster Bomber over Germany. Terry and all the Lancaster crew were lost over Roxheim, near Worms Germany.

Continuing MAURICE GREEN 'POPE' BLECHYNDEN and CATHERINE 'KITTY' ELIZA AWCOCK: Transfer of Publican Title
10 May 1946 Bridgetown, pg.6 Catherine Awcock was to take over the running of Scott's Hotel in Bridgetown from Mr A Moulton.

Blackwood Times (Greenbushes, WA: 1905 - 1955), Fri 10 May 1946, pg 6
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article212072283.txt

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Dated this 29th day of April, 1946.
A. T. MOULTON,
Signature of Proposed Transferor.
C. E. AWCOCK,
Signature of Proposed Transferee.

Bridgetown, and I the said Catherine Eliza Awcock, do hereby concur in such application and request that the said transfer may be made.
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Many thanks to Pope and Kit's daughter Sally Turner who provided much of the following information on Pope and Kit's history.

Pope and Kit managed the Scott's Hotel for the family estate from about 1946. As above, Kit became the licensee on 29 April 1946.
The hotel was held in a trust at the time after the death of Felix (Dick) Scott in 1946.

Scott's Hotel, Bridgetown

MAURICE GREEN 'POPE' BOVELL BLECHYNDEN AND CATHERINE 'KITTY' AWCOCK HAD THREE CHILDREN: Terrence Alfred, Sally and Dixie.

It seems there was a major trotting event, the **SOUTH WEST DERBY MEETING** held on 24 Jan 1948 in Bridgetown. One of the feature races was the **POPE BLECHYNDEN MILE**. Presumably this was sponsored by Pope. The next two items refer to this race:

***Manjimup and Warren Times* (WA: 1927 - 1954), Wed 7 Jan 1948, pg 1**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article257285217.txt

SOUTH WEST DERBY MEETING

Stakes Amount To £320

Big stakes, amounting to £320, are being offered by the Bridgetown Trotting Club for its South West Derby Meeting to be held at Bridgetown on January 24, nominations for which close on January 18. Principal race is the South West Derby, for which £200 has been allotted.

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***Blackwood Times* (Greenbushes, WA: 1905 - 1955), Fri 30 Jan 1948, pg 8**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article210385237.txt

POPE BLECHYNDEN MILE
Of £34. Scr. mark 2.32

Fairfield, Heather Wyn and General Daly were scratched, and once again backers' calculations were out, the 6/1 Prince Olaredo winning in brilliant fashion by six yards from Druggist, who went out a hot 2/1 on favourite and there was also a lot of money for Rockonda, which was backed down to 6/4. Druggist got well away from Secret Folly and Rockonda, with Broad Lady hemmed in on the rails and that was the order racing for the bell when Prince Olaredo made a burst to take the lead and passed the post first with Druggist six yards back and Rockonda another yard back.

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Blackwood Times **(Greenbushes, WA: 1905 - 1955), Fri 13 May 1949, pg 1**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article210696681.txt

Publicans
Get Together

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It is interesting that Kit was the licensee yet Pope is written up as the Publican.

Bridgetown Advocate **(WA: 1938 - 1950), Thu 15 Jul 1948, pg 8**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article252548360.txt

Mrs. "Pope" Blechynden s birthday on Tuesday was proceeding quietly enough, until a number of friends converged on Scott's Hotel, to give her a surprise party. Among those who helped Mrs Blechynden celebrate the anniversary were Mr. Blechynden, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baxter, Mr. and Mrs. T. McInnes, Mr. and Mrs. G. McAlinden, Mr. and Mrs. Aw cock, Mr. and Mrs, Ken Simes.

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Blackwood Times **(Greenbushes, WA: 1905 - 1955), Fri 13 Aug 1948, pg 11**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article210387762.txt

PROPERTY SALES

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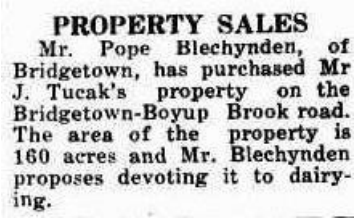
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Sally Turner commented*:*

It seems this property may have been purchased on behalf of Pope's brother Noel, who was helping out on a family farm at Moora at the time. It is presumed the farm purchase was arranged by Pope then transferred to Noel as in those days it was difficult to arrange remote purchases. The farm may have been purchased by someone else if Pope hadn't helped out.

The hotel was sold later and Pope and Kit moved to a small, mixed farm at Ferguson Valley about 1950. The farm was about 7 kilometres East of Dardanup, next to where St. Aiden's Winery is today.

In about 1955/56 they moved to Guildford to a small "tuck shop" and grocery on Johnson St. About 1957/58 they moved to North Perth while Pope gained more Bar experience working at a club in the city. And, about 1958/59 they took a 3-year lease on the Lancelin Inn. Following this, they moved back to Perth (Monash St. Como) whilst looking for a pub to buy in the south west.

They took a lease on the Capel Inn in 1962, then purchased it in 1967 from Mr Percy Payne of Bunbury. About 1980 they retired to Bunbury and their son Terry took over the Capel Inn.

The Capel Inn

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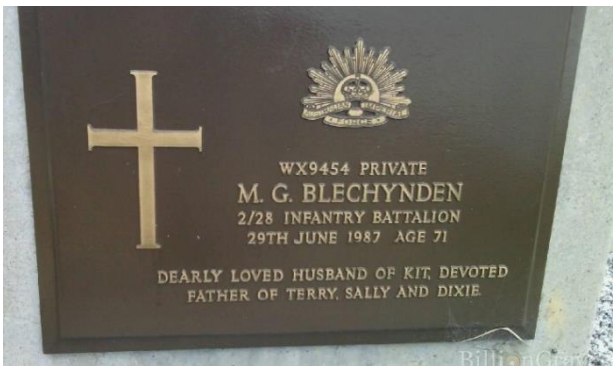

Headstone of Maurice Green 'Pope' Blechynden Capel Shire Cemetery, WA.

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9th CHILD OF ALFRED BLECHYNDEN & MARY ELLEN BOVELL

9. BLECHYNDEN, COLIN BOVELL (1917-1999)
Colin Bovell Blechynden was born 20 Apr 1917, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 46].
Colin Bovell Blechynden died 12 May 1999, Shenton Park, WA. Cremation, Karrakatta, Perth, WA.

Baby Colin Bovell Blechynden sitting on his mother Mary Ellen 's knee

COLIN BOVELL BLECHYNDEN (1917-1999) married **ANNIE MARIE 'NANCY' WHITE (1914-1994)** 8 May 1939, St Paul's Church, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 34].

WHITE, ANNIE MARIE 'NANCY' (1914-1994) Via White Family Tree, Ancestry.

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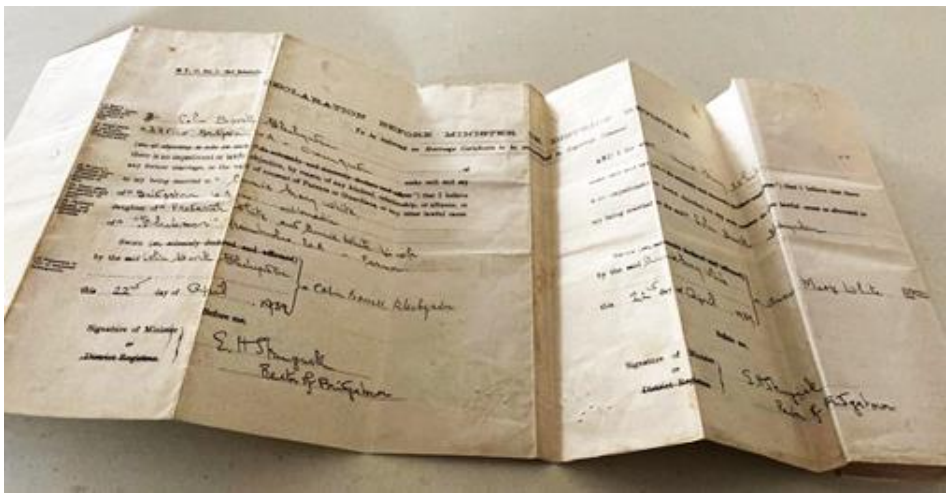

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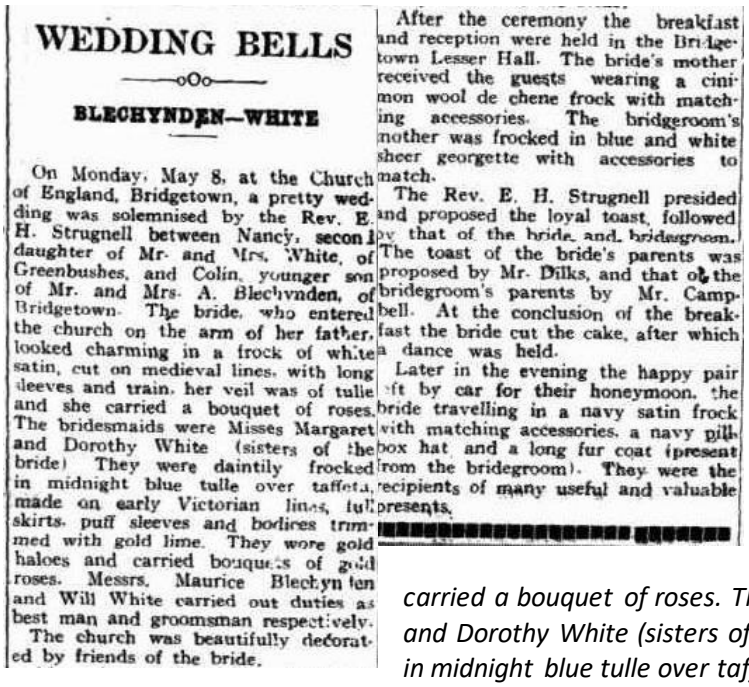

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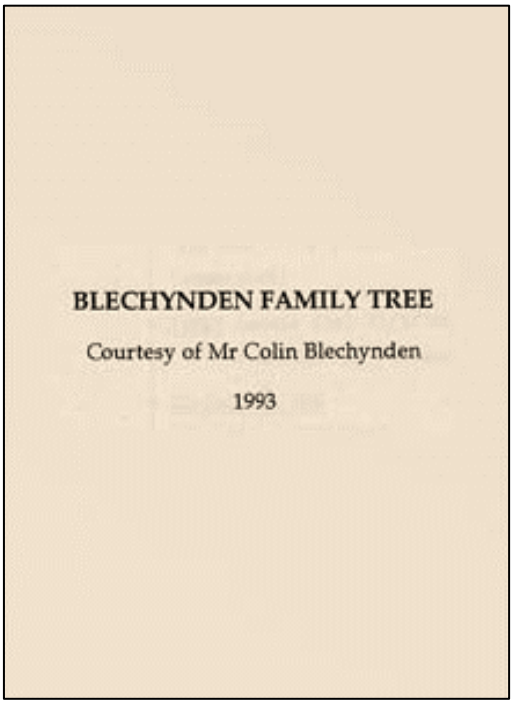
It is interesting that there were two Colin Blechynden's who married a Nancy. COLIN HORACE BLECHYNDEN (1916-1996) married NANCY ELIZABETH POPE (1920-2003), 1939, in Perth, WA. He is descended from the Charles Edwin Blechynden line from Beverley. I wondered if they knew of one another.

Julie Isherwood commented: *With regards the two Colin Blechyndens, I was aware of this. Dad always referred to them as the Beverley ones and we would be proud to be the Bridgetown ones. I am sure the other Colin would say the same. Both Colin's had sons and I believe they both worked for Wesfarmers. My dad in Bunbury and Beverley Colin in Beverley. At different times their sons passed away and each Colin Received sympathy cards for the loss of their sons. This is a vivid memory for me.*

Colin Bovell Blechynden (1917-1999) with the assistance of the research of Ken and Angela Blechynden, compiled a soft covered book, 8 x 11 inches in 1993 for family, which contained individual family Trees, photos and cuttings from newspapers. A copy of this was donated to the National Trust display at 'Bridgedale'.
(Note: Due to progress in research since then, there may be some errors, and discrepancies.)


BLECHYNDEN FAMILY TREE

Courtesy of Mr Colin Blechynden

1993

Blechynden Family Tree booklet by Colin Blechynden

The following section contains details of Anne Marie 'Nancy' White's parents: Fred White (1877-1965) and Annie Garrett (1883-1947) and family:

FRED WHITE (1877-1965) Via White Family Tree, Ancestry. Lots of information on this family.
Fred White was born 23 Apr 1877, Edenbridge, Kent, England, parents: parents: **WILLIAM WHITE (1830-)** and **ELIZA DYSON LOCK (1836-)**.
Military 12.08.1895 Grenadier Guards seven years full time, five years reserve.
Royal West Kent Regiment, Date of Discharge 13 Dec 1919.
1915 Mar 1, India "D" Coy. 4th Regiment
www.janetandrichardsgenealogy.co.uk

The Queens Own Royal West Kent Regiment, Misc. Photographs, 4th Battalion, India- 2nd row 1st Sgt on the left of the CO.
13 Feb 1919 awarded "The Silver War Badge".
1924, Edenbridge, Kent, England
Medallion Award Lord Lieutenants Challenge Shield CSM F White Obverse Territorial Army Rifle Association
Fred White died 1965, Bunbury, (Blackwood), WA [Reg. 63].

ANNIE GARRETT (1883-1947) Via White Family Tree, Ancestry.
Annie Garrett was born 1883, England, parents **THOMAS GARRETT** and **ELIZA DEMETT OUTRAM (1853-)** who were married 18 Dec 1870, Hever, Kent, England.
Annie White (nee Garrett) died 1947, Bunbury, (Wellington), WA [Reg. 187].

Electoral Roll:
1943 Fred White, 17 Princep St, Bunbury, labourer, Annie White, home duties

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CHILDREN OF FRED WHITE (1877-1965) AND ANNIE GARRETT (1883-1947):

1. FREDERICK CHARLES WHITE (1900-1975)

Frederick Charles White was born 19 Nov 1900, Edenbridge, Kent, England as Frederick Charles Garrett, adopted by his stepfather Fred White.
1939-1945, England: Aerodrome Lighting Maintenance, later Electrical construction supervisor.
Frederick Charles White died 1975, Blaby, Leicester, England.

FREDERICK CHARLES WHITE (1900-1975) married **MARY CONSTANCE 'CONNIE' RUMBLE (1901-2003)**, 1922, Reigate, Surrey, England.

2. ARTHUR LUKE WHITE (1908-1984)
Arthur Luke White was born 1908, Sevenoaks, Kent, England. He died 6 Jun 1984, Blackwood, WA.

Electoral Roll:
1936, Arthur Luke White, Howell's Rd, Greenbushes, farmer.
1958, Arthur Luke White, Northcliff, mill manager.

ARTHUR LUKE WHITE (1908-1984) married **ELSIE JONES (1915-)** 1936, Greenbushes, WA [41].

3. ADA WHITE (1910-1992)
Ada White was born 21 Jun 1910, Sydens Cottages, Edenbridge, Kent, England. She died 5 Aug 1983, Manjimup, WA.

4. WILLIAM WHITE (1912-)

William White was born 1912, Edenbridge, Kent, England. He died in WA.

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6. DOROTHY FREDA WHITE (1919-)

Dorothy Freda White was born 1919, Edenbridge, Kent, England.
Dorothy Freda Taylor (nee White) died in Bunbury, WA.

DOROTHY FREDA WHITE (1919-) married **FRANK 'DICK' WALKER TAYLOR (1915-)**, 1945, North Sydney, NSW [Reg. 10654].

Military 1942-1945:

WHITE DOROTHY FREDA: Service Number - 103174: Date of birth - 31 Jan 1919: Place of birth - TUNBRIDGE WELLS ENGLAND : Place of enlistment - PERTH : Next of Kin - WHITE FREDERICK

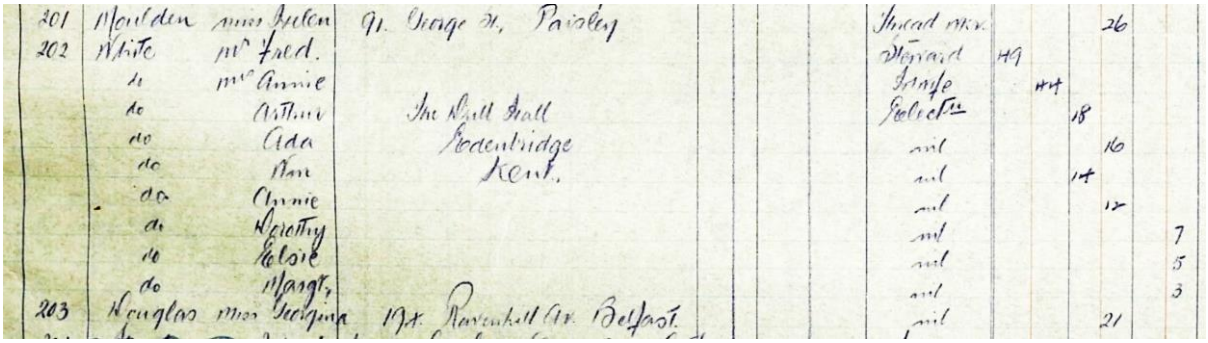
7. MARGARET WHITE (1923-1977)
Margaret White was born 1923, Edenbridge, Kent, England.
Margaret Guppy (nee White) died 26 Jun 1977, WA.

MARGARET WHITE (1923-) married **DOUGLAS WALTER GUPPY (1920-2009)**, 1947. Wellington, WA [Reg. 201].

8. PRIVATE Probably born in WA.

EMIGRATION:

FRED WHITE (1877-1965) AND ANNIE GARRETT (1883-1947) and Family: Via *Mamilius,* The Aberdeen Line, date of departure 22 Oct 1926, embarked at the Port of London, for Australia.
Mr Fred, Mrs Annie, Arthur, Ada, Wm, Annie, Dorothy, Elsie, Margt
Ages 49,44,18,16,14,12,7,5,3. Fred White -Occupation Steward



Passenger list, Mamilius, *Aberdeen Line, White family*

CONTINUING ON WITH COLIN BOVELL BLECHYNDEN AND ANNIE MARIE 'NANCY' WHITE (1914-1994)

RAAF enlistment
BLECHYNDEN COLIN BOVEL: Service Number - 29827: Date of birth - 20 Apr 1917: Place of birth - BRIDGETOWN WA: Place of enlistment - PERTH WA: Next of Kin - BLECHYNDEN ANNIE
Light Aircraft Man.

COLIN AND NANCY BLECHYNDEN (NEE WHITE) HAD THREE CHILDREN: David Colin, who died from cancer when 23 years of age; **Marylyn Ann and Julia Elizabeth Blechynden.**

Nancy with baby Marylyn

Fred and Annie 'Nancy' Blechynden
Both photos via Brian Crowd, White family Tree, Ancestry.

Electoral Rolls
1936 Annie Mary White, 15 Broom St, Buckland Hill, Fremantle. Salvation Army officer.
1949, 1958, 1963, 1968, Colin Bovell Blechynden, 7 Columbia St, service engineer, Annie Mary, home duties.
1977, 1980 Colin Bovell Blechynden, 392 Belmont Av, Kewdale, Annie Mary, home duties.

Colin Blechynden extracted from his niece Gillian's wedding photo. See Alfred's son, child 5, Nicholas Edwin, for the full photo.

Colin Bovell and Annie Marie 'Nancy' Blechynden, 50th Wedding Anniversary, 1989, photo via Brian Crowd via White family Tree, Ancestry.

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Colin Bovell Blechynden died 12 May 1999, Shenton Park, WA. Cremation, Karrakatta, Perth, WA.

Colin Bovell Blechynden

BIRTH	1917
DEATH	11 May 1999 (aged 81–82)
BURIAL	Karrakatta Cemetery and Crematorium Karrakatta, Nedlands City, Western Australia, Australia
PLOT	Lawn 5-Wall 7-0170

Annie Mary Blechynden

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EIGHT CHILD OF JOHN BLECHYNDEN & ELIZABETH GREEN

8. BLECHYNDEN, ERNEST CHARLES (1873-1949) & MOORE, AGNES BLINCO (1880-1959)

Ernest Charles Blechynden was born on 13 Jul 1873 in Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 14933], registered by Sarah Jane Green in Perth, (his mother Elizabeth's younger sister, 9th child of George Green and Jane Beacham).

Ernest Charles Blechynden

His father John Blechynden was one of the first settlers in the Blackwood District having walked accompanied by two Aborigines from Beverley seeking viable land on which to apply for an allocation to farm. John married Ernest's mother Elizabeth Green in 1860 and they built the first home 'Bridgedale', in the newly surveyed town which was named Bridgetown. The story of his father and mother can be read in their own chapters.

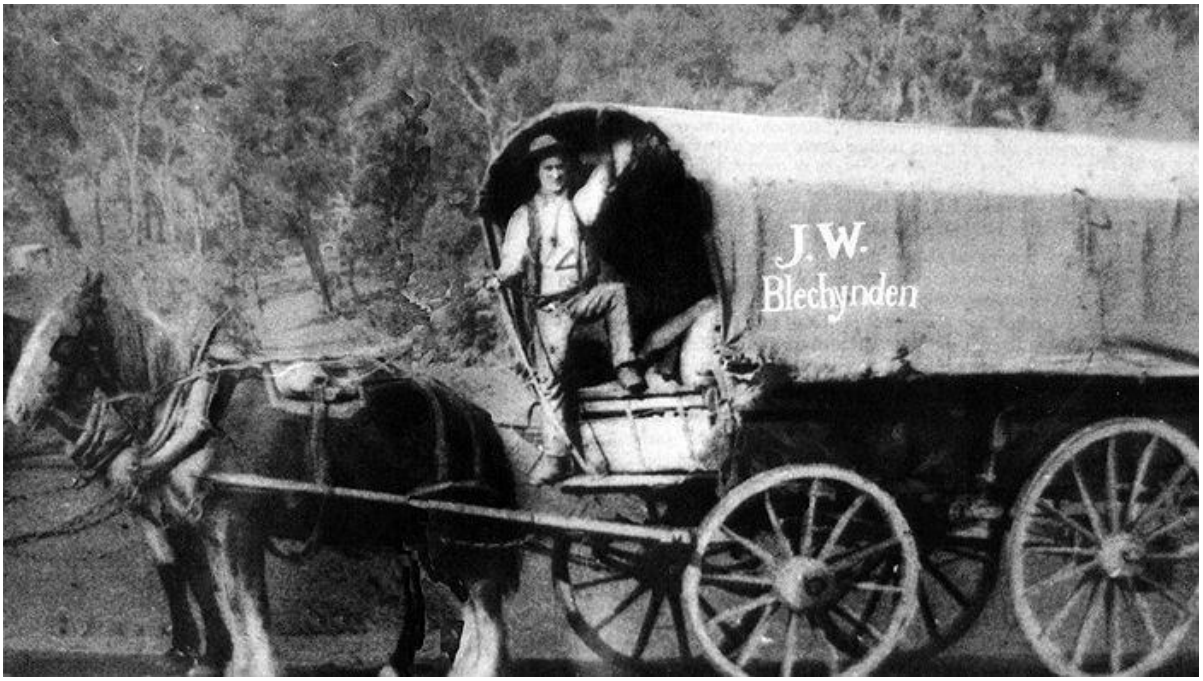
Ernest, the eight child was born into an already large family, the family consisting of 7 boys: John William aged 12 years, George - 11 years, Edwin - 9 years, James - 6 years and Arthur - 3 and Alfred 2 years. He was never to know his sister Charlotte who had died before he was born at the age of 15 months. One can imagine the chaos at times with so many boys full of energy. This was added to when son number 7, Herbert Edward was born in 1875.

The older children attended the Bridgetown School which had been established on 1 Feb 1870, were encouraged to do chores around the house and garden and were taught how to ride and care for a horse. One can imagine the boys loved to ride their horses helping on their father's farm.

There was great excitement in the Blechynden home when their mother gave birth to a daughter named Amy who was born in March 1877. The boys all adored their little sister as she developed and grew.
By the time Ernest was 10 years in 1883, three more children had been added to the family, another brother and two sisters: Clarence, May and Ada. The family now consisted of nine boys and three girls.

Ernest's older brothers were by now all working. John aged 22, George - 20, Edwin - 18, James -16 and Arthur 14. Ernest and Alfred were gradually introduced to working with their father on the farm and with their knowledge of handling horses becoming involved in the transport of goods and mail between Bridgetown and the surrounding districts. It was a shock for the family when their sister Ada died in 1888 at the age of almost five years.

Ernest Charles Blechynden became a mail carrier, by horseback through the Warren and Blackwood Districts and for four years drove one of John Blechynden's supply teams from Bunbury to Bridgetown and later from Donnybrook to Bridgetown. He carted the first load of tin smelted in Greenbushes.



Ernest Charles Blechynden

Piece of tin

The southwest of WA rapidly changed as settlers gradually acquired their own land and small townships were formed. The need for a railway became apparent. A railway line was constructed between Bunbury to Donnybrook and from there to Bridgetown. The following article portrayed vividly the opening of this section of the railway

Inquirer and Commercial News **(Perth, WA: 1855 - 1901), Fri 9 Dec 1898, pg 4,**
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In 1898 Ernest was aged 25 years. "Before coming to the Upper Blackwood, he managed 'Capeldene', the estate of Col Brazier at Donnybrook and it was while managing the 'Greenfields' estate near Boyup Brook that he selected his property from virgin bush. He named his property 'Highbury'. This he worked into a prosperous farm during which time he became one of the first members of the Upper Blackwood Road Board.

BOYUP BROOK: https://www.boyupbrook.wa.gov.au/township-history.aspx

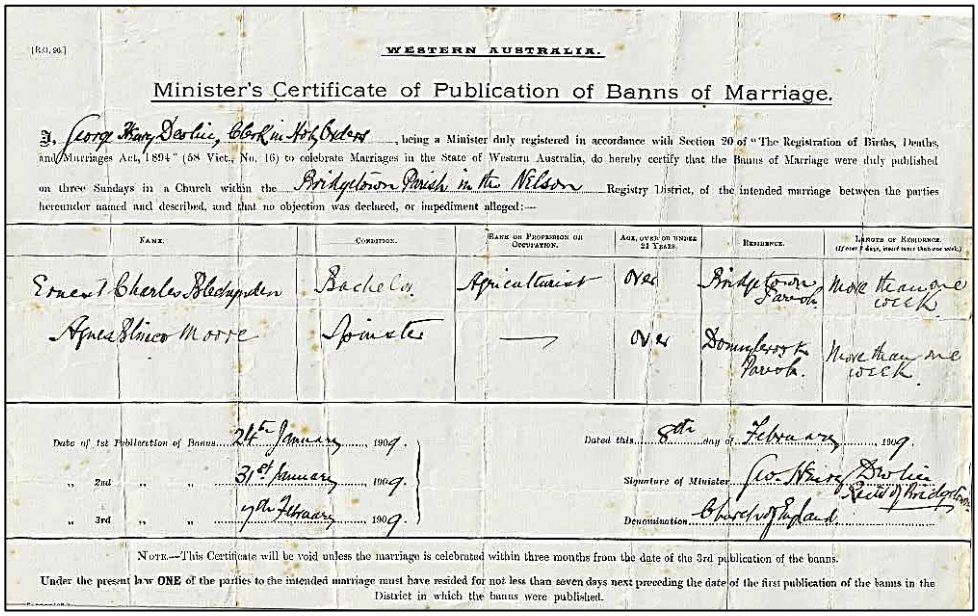
Boyup Brook was declared a town site on Feb 9, 1900 and a school was constructed in the same year. After the railway from Donnybrook was extended to reach Boyup Brook town site in 1909, Boyup Brook became the commercial and administrative centre for the district.

Map showing Boyup Brook and Bridgetown

With hard work, Ernest's property 'Highbury' was now becoming established. During this time Ernest met a young woman named Agnes Blinco Moore from Capel. She was the youngest child of 12 children born to John Arthur Moore and Mary Eliza Stallard. More details of this family following.

ERNEST CHARLES BLECHYNDEN (1873-1949) married **AGNES BLINCO MOORE (1880-1959),** 23 Feb 1909 in the Anglican, All Saints Church, Donnybrook, WA [Reg.17].

Banns for their marriage were posted 24 Jan, 31 Jan and 7 Feb 1909 in the Bridgetown and Donnybrook Parish. Ernest Charles Blechynden, aged 36 years, bachelor and Agnes Blinco Moore, spinster, aged 19 years.



[R.O. 96.]

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Minister's Certificate of Publication of Banns of Marriage.

I, George Henry Dowlie, Clerk in Holy Orders, being a Minister duly registered in accordance with Section 20 of "The Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act, 1894" (58 Vict., No. 16) to celebrate Marriages in the State of Western Australia, do hereby certify that the Banns of Marriage were duly published on three Sundays in a Church within the Bridgetown Parish in the Nelson Registry District, of the intended marriage between the parties hereunder named and described, and that no objection was declared, or impediment alleged:—

Name.	Condition.	Rank or Profession or Occupation.	Age, over or under 21 Years.	Residence.	Length of Residence. (If over 7 days, state date of arrival.)
Ernest Charles Blechynden	Bachelor	Agriculturist	Over	Bridgetown Parish	More than one week
Agnes Blinco Moore	Spinster	—	Over	Donnybrook Parish	More than one week.

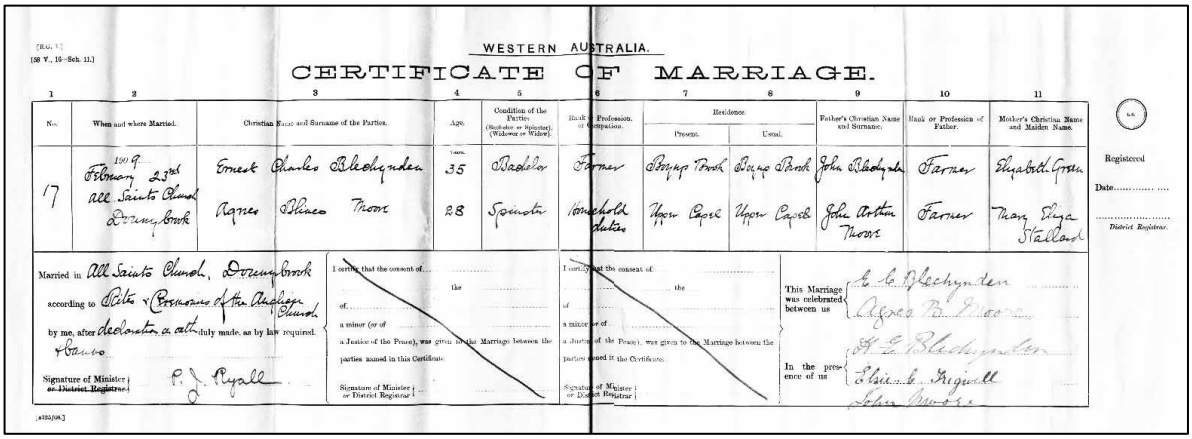
Date of 1st Publication of Banns 24th January 1909.
" 2nd " " 31st January 1909.
" 3rd " " 7th February 1909.

Dated this 8th day of February 1909.
Signature of Minister George Henry Dowlie Rector of Bridgetown
Denomination Church of England.

NOTE.—This Certificate will be void unless the marriage is celebrated within three months from the date of the 3rd publication of the banns.

Under the present law ONE of the parties to the intended marriage must have resided for not less than seven days next preceding the date of the first publication of the banns in the District in which the banns were published.

Copy of Ministers' Certificate of Publicity of Banns of marriage between Ernest Charles Blechynden and Agnes Blinco Moore, dated 24 Jan, 31 Jan and 7 Feb 1909.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

No.	When and where Married.	Christian Name and Surname of the Parties.	Age.	Condition of the Parties (Bachelor or Spinster). (Widower or Widow).	Rank or Profession. or Occupation.	Residence. Present.	Residence. Usual.	Father's Christian Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.	Mother's Christian Name and Maiden Name.
17	1909 February 23rd All Saints Church Donnybrook	Ernest Charles Blechynden	35	Bachelor	Farmer	Boyup Brook	Boyup Brook	John Blechynden	Farmer	Elizabeth Green
		Agnes Blinco Moore	28	Spinster	Household duties	Upper Capel	Upper Capel	John Arthur Moore	Farmer	Mary Eliza Halland

Registered Date..... District Registrar.

Married in All Saints Church, Donnybrook according to Rites & Ceremonies of the Anglican Church by me, after declaration or oath duly made, as by law required. Banns

Signature of Minister or District Registrar } P. J. Ryall

I certify that the consent of ..... the ..... of ..... a minor (or of ..... a Justice of the Peace), was given to the Marriage between the parties named in this Certificate.

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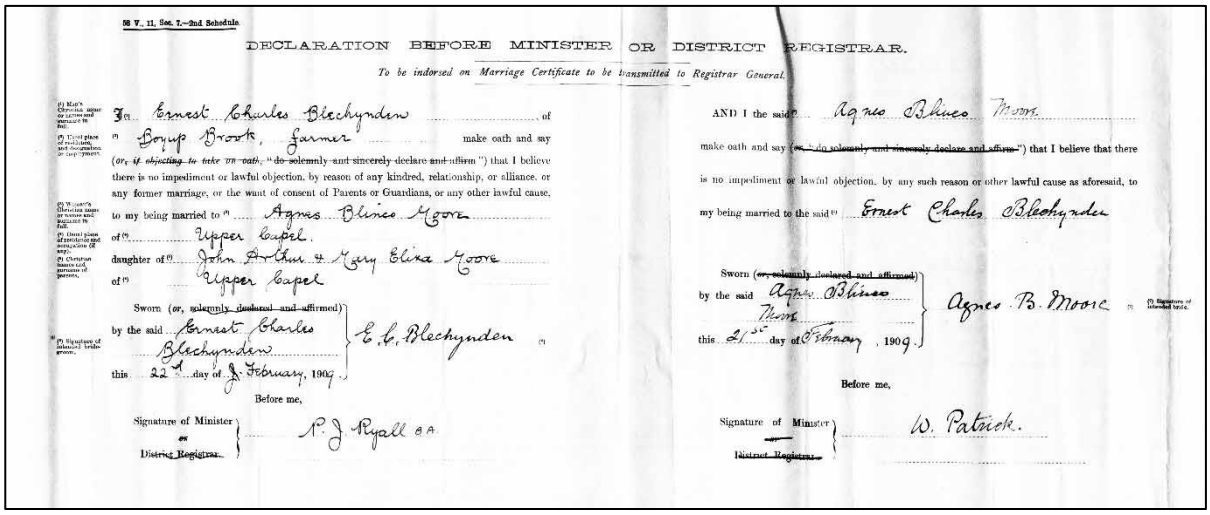
This Marriage was celebrated between us { E. C. Blechynden / Agnes B. Moore

In the presence of us { E. C. Blechynden / Elsie E. Trigwell / John Moore

Copy of marriage certificate of Ernest Charles Blechynden & Agnes Blinco Moore, 23 Feb 1909.



59 V., 11, Sec. 7.—2nd Schedule.

DECLARATION BEFORE MINISTER OR DISTRICT REGISTRAR.

To be indorsed on Marriage Certificate to be transmitted to Registrar General.

I, Ernest Charles Blechynden of Boyup Brook, farmer make oath and say (or, ~~if objecting to take an oath, "do solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm"~~) that I believe there is no impediment or lawful objection, by reason of any kindred, relationship, or alliance, or any former marriage, or the want of consent of Parents or Guardians, or any other lawful cause, to my being married to Agnes Blinco Moore of Upper Capel, daughter of John Arthur & Mary Eliza Moore of Upper Capel

Sworn (or, ~~solemnly declared and affirmed~~) by the said Ernest Charles Blechynden this 22nd day of February, 1909. } E. C. Blechynden

Before me,

Signature of Minister or District Registrar } P. J. Ryall J.P.

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Copy of Declaration before marriage of Ernest Charles Blechynden & Agnes Blinco Moore, 21 Feb 1909

All Saints Anglican Church: https://allsaintsdonnybrook.org/about-us/

All Saints' Anglican Church is the oldest public building in Donnybrook and is a very fine example of a building constructed of Donnybrook stone. It is the only Anglican Church building of Donnybrook stone in the south-west and one of a few public buildings of Donnybrook stone in the state. Foundation stone dated 1906... On 29 Jun 1907, Bishop Goldsmith, of Bunbury, dedicated the Church, 'one of the most handsome and stately edifices in the Diocese' (Western Mail ibid)

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Photo All Saints Church, Donnybrook, WA.

Southern Times **(Bunbury, WA (1888 - 1916), Sat 27 Feb 1909, pg 3**.
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Mrs. Finlayson, fruit plate.

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Agnes Blinco Moore.
Courtesy John Moran

The following pages contain details of Agnes Blinco Moore's parents John Arthur Moore (1844-1932) and MARY ELIZA STALLARD (1846-1920) and family:

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John Arthur Moore was born 7 Nov 1844, Picton, WA [Reg. 487]. Parents: **JOHN MOORE (1806-1884)** mother **MARY LOVE (1803-1889)**.
John Arthur Moore died 9 Oct 1932, Victoria Park, WA [Reg. 1585].

***Bunbury Herald*, WA: (1892 - 1919), Wed 5 Feb 1919, pg 3 Donnybrook**

This small article shows John Arthur Moore of 'Balance Lea', Upper Capel.

Mrs E. C. Blechynden, of Boyup-Brook, is spending a short holiday at "Balance Lea," Upper Capel.

JOHN MOORE (1806-1884) Agnes Moore's paternal grandfather Via PYKE-FREEMAN Family Tree, Ancestry.

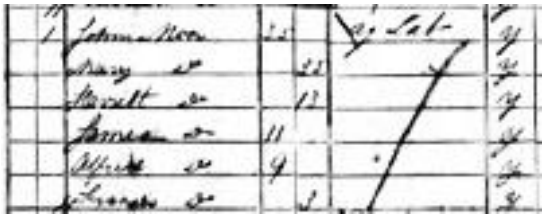
John Moore was born 25 May 1806, Cranbrook, Kent, England.
John Moore died 19 Apr 1884, Picton Junction, WA [Reg. 6860].

JOHN MOORE (1806-1884) married **MARY LOVE (1803-1889)** 16 Mar 1829, Cranbrook, Kent, England.

MARY LOVE (1803-1889) Agnes Moore's paternal grandmother

Mary Love (1803-1889) was baptised 10 Mar 1803, Biddenden, Kent, England.
Parents: **m.2. ARTHUR LOVE (1748-1818)** and **SARAH PARKS (1778-1814)** were married 1 Mar 1797, Bennenden, Kent, England. This was Arthur's second marriage.
m.1 ARTHUR LOVE (1748-1818) married **ELIZABETH DUNK (1754-1796)** 24 Dec 1771, Bennenden, Kent, England.
Mary Moore (nee Love) died 6 Feb 1889, Picton Junction, WA.

CHILDREN OF JOHN MOORE (1806-1884) AND MARY LOVE (1803-1889):
They had five children, born in England. Sadly, Thomas Moore died as a baby prior to them emigrating. Their sixth child, John Arthur Moore was born following their arrival in WA.



Census 1841, Census Cranbrook, Kent, Eng:
John Moore – 35 and his wife Mary - 32, Harriett - 12, James - 11, Alfred – 9 and Francis – 3 years.

1. HARRIET MOORE (1827-1913) married **JAMES THOMPSON LAWRENCE (1807-1890)**, 1843, Picton, WA [Reg. 95]. They had 13 children.

2. JAMES MOORE (1830-1906) married **MARIA HARRIS (1834-1909)**, 16 Jul 1852, Australind, WA [Reg. 441].

3. ALFRED MOORE (1832-1892) married **LOUISA JANE FLAHERTY (1835-1929),** 10 Jun 1853, Picton Junction, WA [Reg. 505]. They had 7 children.

4. FRANCES MOORE (1838-1859) married **JOHN CRAMPRON (1831-1906)**, 20 Jan 1855, Picton Junction, WA [Reg. 794]. Registered under Frances Morris (sic) should be Moore.

5. THOMAS MOORE (1841-1841) Died as a baby, 4 Mar 1841, Cranbrook, Kent, England.

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Emigration: John and his wife Mary Moore departed 18 Dec 1841, with 166 passengers from Gravesend, Kent, England, aboard the *Diadem.* Accompanying them was their children, Harriet, James, Alfred and Frances and John's brothers David (1816-1848), George (1817-1842) and Henry 'Harry' (1820-1899). His brother George died at sea aboard the Diadem. They arrived at Leschenault, WA on 10 Apr 1842. John and his brothers had been engaged by the Australind Company to establish a settlement in Australind, WA.

Headstone of John Moore and Mary Moore (nee Love), Picton Cemetery, WA.

MARY ELIZA STALLARD (1846-1920) Agnes Moore's mother:

Mary Eliza Stallard was born 7 Jun 1846, Australind, WA [Reg. 765], parents: **JOHN STALLARD (1816-1889)** and **HANNAH ANN WALKER (1809-1885)** who were married 13 Mar 1836, Campden, Middlesex, England, after Banns. Mary Eliza Moore (nee Stallard) died 11 Dec 1920, Capel, Wellington, WA [Reg. 138].

JOHN STALLARD (1816-1889) and **HANNAH ANN WALKER (1809-1885) Agnes Moore's grandparents** emigrated, via the *Parkfield*, departing from London with 91 passengers, arriving Leschenault, WA, 18 Mar 1841.

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1. JOHN STALLARD (1841-1905) married **ANNE MARGARET LYONS (1847-1925)** 4 Jan 1872, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 3392].

2. HANNAH ANNE STALLARD (1843-1904) married **GEORGE HECTOR FENNER (1836-1921)** 30 Dec 1864, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 2240]. Registered under Hector Fenner. Convict.

3. MARY ELIZA STALLARD (1846-1920) married **JOHN ARTHUR MOORE (1844-1932)** 26 Jul 1862, Picton Junction, WA [Reg. 1814].

4. JAMES WILLIAM STALLARD (1848-1888) married **FRANCES 'FANNY' SMITH (1860-1915)** 1878, Busselton, WA [Reg. 4554].

5. MARTHA STALLARD (1850-1919) married **HENRY BLINCO (1833-1907)** 21 Mar 1875, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 3888].

Following the death of Hannah Anne Stallard (nee Walker) in 1885, John married again.

m.2 JOHN STALLARD (1816-1889) married ANN HARDY (1927-1903) 27 Jul 1886, Picton, WA [Reg. 6117]. Registered as Ann Iles.

Via Ray HILL Family Tree, Ancestry: Check this family tree for more details.
ANN HARDY (1927-1903) married **JOHN ILES (1800-1881)**, 2 Jun 1853, Ripon, Yorkshire, West Riding, England. He had been married before and they had four children. His first wife Sarah nee Bowman died in 1849. Ann was 40 years his junior. Following his death in 1881, she emigrated arriving via the ship *Natal*, at Fremantle, WA,11 Mar 1884, with her daughter Isabella and granddaughter Elizabeth Ann Hardy. It appears her other children also emigrated to and married in WA around the same time. She worked as a nurse and lived in North Fremantle as did her son William Iles and Emily Edison (nee Iles). Ann Iles also worked in Bunbury as a nurse.

CHILDREN OF JOHN ARTHUR MOORE (1844-1932) AND MARY ELIZA STALLARD (1846-1920):

1. FRANCES ELIZA MOORE (1862-1956) was born 23 Aug 1862, Sungrove House, Picton, WA [Reg. 6634]. Frances died 3 Nov 1956, Donnybrook, WA [Reg. 203]. **FRANCES** married **CHARLES RAYMOND TRIGWELL (1856-1927)** 1883, Picton, WA [Reg. 5626]. **CHARLES** was born 13 Jul 1856, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 3370], father, **HENRY JOHN TRIGWELL (1815-1890)**, mother, **AGNES ANN GARLAND (1822-1898)**. Charles Raymond Trigwell died 31 Oct 1927, Donnybrook, (Wellington), WA [Reg. 117].

2. JOHN ARTHUR MOORE (1864-1941) was born 1864, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 7883]. John died 22 Mar 1941, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 19]. **JOHN** married **ANN WAKEMAN WRIGHT (1870-1951)**, 1891, Preston, WA [Reg. 1814]. **ANN** Wakeman Wright was born 1870, Minninup, WA [Reg. 12818], father, **THOMAS TWIGG WRIGHT (1820-1911)**, mother, **MARIA DAWSON (1835-1910),** who were married 1852, Vasse, WA [Reg. 359]. Ann died 4 Dec 1951, Blackwood, registered 1952, WA [Reg. 4].

3. THOMAS LAWRENCE MOORE (1866-1946) (via Moran, Harding Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 15 Jul 1866, Belvedere, WA [Reg. 9083]. Thomas died 14 Jan 1946, Bunbury, (Wellington), WA [Reg. 31]. **m.1 THOMAS** married **ELIZA 'ELLA' HUME DUNN,** 1905, Donnybrook, WA [Reg. 2024], name recorded as Dunn. '**ELLA'** was born about 1863. She died 21 Oct 1915, Boyup Brook, (Wellington), WA [Reg. 110]. **m.2 THOMAS LAWRENCE MOORE** married **STELLA MARION CHIDGZEY** 13 Jun 1917, Dinninup, (Blackwood), WA [Reg. 10]**. STELLA** was born 6 Mar 1886, Forrest Range, Nairne, SA [Pg. 71 Vol. No. 371]. Parents: **GEORGE JAMES CHIDGZEY (1854-1910)** and **FRANCES ALMA BUNHAM (1856-1939)** who were married 9 Oct 1879, Hindmarsh, SA [Pg. 1331 Vol. No. 121]. Stella died 15 Oct 1951, Perth, WA [Reg. 2718].

4. ROSINA MARTHA MOORE (1868-1942) was born 28 May 1868, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 10741]. Rosina died 14 Dec 1942, Northam, WA [Reg. 265]. **ROSINA** married **CLAUDE MERVYN DAWSON**, 1893, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 129]. **CLAUDE** was born 29 Sep 1867, Busselton, WA [Reg. 10261]. Parents **GEORGE WAKEHAM DAWSON (1837-1913)** and **MARY ANN MINION (1840-1919)** who were married 28 Feb 1860, Busselton, WA [Reg. 1421]. Claude Mervyn Dawson died 12 February1904, Newtown, WA [Reg. 2661].

5. LILY AMELIA MOORE (1870-1962) was born 14 Apr 1870, Capel, WA [Reg. 12249]. Lily died 24 Jan 1962, Perth, WA [Reg. 387]. **LILY** married **VALENTINE CAMFIELD MITCHELL**, 12 Feb 1895, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 51]. **VALENTINE** was born 14 Feb 1868, Canning, Perth, WA [Reg. 10484], father, **WILLIAM OWEN MITCHELL (1829-1914)**, mother, **ISA IZON BICKLEY (1834-1909)**, who were married 23 Dec 1853, Kenwick Park, WA [Reg. 637]. Valentine died 27 Jan 1955, Wellington, WA [Reg No. 20].

6. LOUISA LOVE MOORE (1872-1946) was born 28 Jan 1872, Capel, WA [Reg No. 13694]. Louisa died 12 Sep 1946, Armadale, (Canning), WA [Reg. 29]. **LOUISA** married **GEORGE SUTHERLAND (~1871-1969)**, 1922, Perth, WA [Reg. 812]. **GEORGE** was born 1871, Wallan, VIC [Ref. No. 20317], parents **JAMES BROOMFIELD SUTHERLAND (1844-1915)** and **MARY ANN TAYLOR (1849-1914)** who were married 1868, VIC [Reg. 1889]. George Sutherland died 10 Jan 1969, Coburg, VIC [Reg. 6145].

7. MARY 'MAY' WALKER MOORE (1874-1960) was born 15 Jan 1874, Capel, WA [Reg No. 15479]. Mary 'May' died 24 Jun,1960, Perth, WA [Reg. 1714], registered under May. **MARY 'MAY'** married **ALBERT EDWARD THURKLE (1876-1952)** 30 Apr 1902, Donnybrook, WA [Reg. 1939], under May Walker. **ALBERT** was born 6 May 1876, Vasse, WA [Reg. 17175], Parents **THOMAS ALBERT THURKLE (1842-1917)** and **ELIZABETH MINION (1842-1899)** who were married 8 Mar 1871, Busselton, WA [Reg. 3227]. Albert died 2 May 1952, Newtown, Vasse, Sussex, WA [Reg. 15].

8. BERTHA MARIA MOORE (1876-1876), was born 1876, Crendon, WA [Reg. 17024]. A twin, Bertha died as a baby at 20 days 1876, WA [Reg. 8852].

9. DOUGLAS WHEELER MOORE (1876-1876) was born 1876, Crendon, WA [Reg. 1876]. A twin, Douglas died as a baby at 7 days 1876, Crendon, WA [Reg. 8814].

10. GERTRUDE ELLEN MOORE (1877-1956) was born 12 Mar 1877, Upper Capel, WA [Reg. 17965].

Gertrude and Agnes Moore.
Courtesy John Moran

Gertrude Ellen Moore died 3 Jan 1956, Subiaco, WA [Reg. 79].

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CHILDREN OF ALFRED MOORE (1832-1892) AND LOUISA FLAHERTY (1835-1929):

1. CAROLINE MOORE (1854-1896) was born 1854, Norlands, WA [Reg. 2263]. Caroline died 18 May 1896, York, WA [Reg. 2081]. **CAROLINE** married **THOMAS HENRY HORTON,** 1875, Picton, WA [Reg. 3923].

2. EDMUND MOORE (1856-1952) was born 18 Aug 1856, Arundal, WA [Reg. 3411]. Edmund died 4 Jan 1952, Victoria Park, WA [Reg. 96]. **EDMUND** married **ELEANOR ELIZABETH MEREDITH (1861-1945)**, 27 Oct 1880, Newcastle, (old name of Toodyay), WA [Reg. 4975].

3. LEWIS MOORE (1858-1945) was born 25 Oct 1858, Picton, WA [Reg. 4458], mother recorded as Louisa Flatinety. Lewis died 29 Apr 1945, Perth, WA [Reg. 894]. **LEWIS** married **MARY MATILDA MEREDITH (1867-1943)**, 16 Nov 1886, Preston River, WA [Reg. 6430].

4. MATILDA MOORE (1860-1884) was born 31 Dec 1860, Australind WA [Reg. 5621]. Matilda died 30 Oct 1884, Picton, WA. [Reg. 12761]. **MATILDA** married **WILLIAM JAMES PIGGOTT (1856-1930)** 1879, Picton, WA [Reg, No. 4670].

5. GODFREY MOORE (1866-), birth name recorded in WA BDM as Godfrey, was born, 1866, Picton, WA [Reg. 9634]. Godfrey Moore died in South Africa. Military: KIA Boer War, South Africa, approx. 2 Jan 1902. Enlisted in the First (Mounted Infantry) Contingent, Service No. 1103, having previously been in 1st WA Mounted Infantry for 18 months. He indicated on his attestation that his occupation was Prospector.

6. GEOFFREY MOORE (1869-1938), registered under Jeffery, was born 7 Sep 1869, Lakes Road, York, WA [Reg. 11680]. Geoffrey Moore died 29 Dec 1938, Balingup, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 3], registered in 1939. Lived at Picton, 1894, Bunbury 1906, Collie 1910, Balingup, 1931 and Bridgetown 1938. **GEOFFREY** married **RACHEL ELIZABETH CARROLL (1875-1919)**, **26 Oct** 1893, Picton, WA [Reg. 300].

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2. GUS ELLIOTT MOORE (1906-1906) born 1906, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 13].

3. MURIEL ELLEN MOORE (1908-1985) born 1908, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 153].
4. MARJORIE FRANCES MOORE (1912-1949) born 1912, Wellington, WA [Reg. 500].
5. LORNA MARY MOORE (1918-2005) born Wellington, WA [Reg. 233]. Lorna died 15 Aug 2005, Bunbury Regional Hospital, Bunbury, WA. LORNA married PHILLIP STANWELL GULLEY (1920-1988), 19 Jul 1941 in Donnybrook, WA [Reg. 110]. They had three children: Nola, (John Moran is from this line), Pamela and Phillip Gulley.

11. HERBERT ALFRED MOORE (1878-) was born 28 Sep 1878, Upper Capel, WA [Reg. 19455]. Herbert died 1 Jul 1967, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 328]. **HERBERT** married **ANN DAISY BLINCO (1893-1980)**, 24 May 1922, Bunbury, (Wellington), WA [Reg. 58]. Registry Office. **ANN** was born 2 Mar 1893, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 343]. Parents: **m. 2 HENRY BLINCO (1833-1907)** and **MARTHA STALLARD (1850-1919)** who were married 21 Mar 1875, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 3888]. Ann Daisy Moore (nee Blinco) died 15 Jul 1980, Bicton, Perth, WA.

12. AGNES BLINCO MOORE (1880-1959) was born 3 Oct 1880, Crendon, WA [Reg. 21224]. She was christened 17 Nov 1880, Bunbury, WA. Agnes Blinco Blechynden (nee Moore) died 26 Apr 1959, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 26].

Herbert, Gertrude and Agnes Moore. Courtesy John Moran.

John Arthur Moore and Mary Eliza Moore (nee Stallard) with their family at 'Balance lea'.
Courtesy John Moran.
Thomas Lawrence Moore (Laurie), Louisa Moore, Rosina Martha Moore. John Arthur Moore Jnr., Frances Eliza Moore, Herbert Albert Moore, Lily Amelia Moore. Mary Walker Moore.
Front row: Gertrude Ellen Moore, John Arthur Moore, Mary Eliza Moore (nee Stallard), Agnes Blinco Moore. Via John Moran and mother, Nola

CONTINUING THE STORY OF AGNES BLINCO MOORE (1880-1959) AND ERNEST CHARLES BLECHYNDEN (1873-1949):

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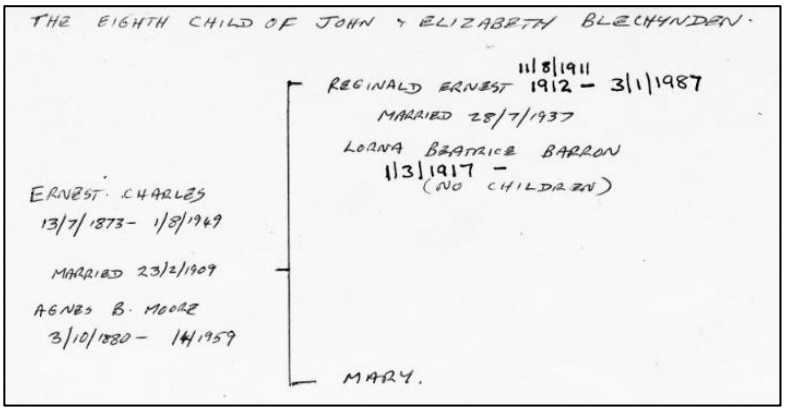
In a handwritten family tree, information given to one of the Blechynden researchers, a second child was indicated, named Mary? WA BDMs show no records of a child named Mary to this couple. Perhaps Agnes had a misscarriage and the child was stillborn.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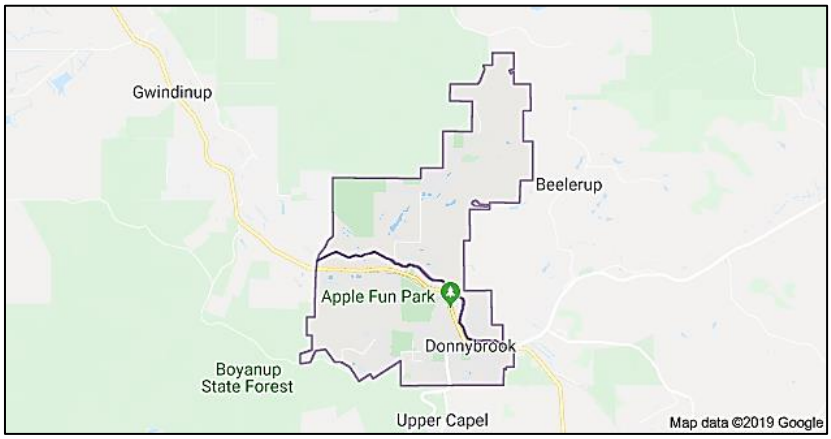
REGINALD ERNEST 11/8/1911 1912 – 3/1/1987
MARRIED 28/7/1937
LORNA BEATRICE BARRON
1/3/1917 –
(NO CHILDREN)

MARY.

KIRUP: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kirup,_Western_Australia

Kirup, originally named Upper Capel, then Kirup, is situated between Donnybrook and Balingup on the South Western Highway, 228 kilometres (142 mi) south of Perth, in the upper reaches of the Capel River valley. Settlement at Upper Capel began in the 1870s with Joseph Cookworthy's ***Rockfield cattle station, managed by John Moore.*** *At that time all supplies were transported from Bunbury by bullock wagon, or horseback.[2] By 1890 Upper Capel could field a cricket team, which played teams from Ferguson, Upper Preston and Greenbushes. The Upper Capel railway siding was constructed in late 1897 as part of the new Donnybrook to Bridgetown railway line.*



Map showing Upper Capel (later named Kirup) and Donnybrook

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1902-1905: Blechynden, EC, manager 'Greenfields'.
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Ernest Charles Blechynden

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The following article is an interesting interview about Boyup at this time.

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West Australian **(Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Thu 4 Aug 1949, pg 9**
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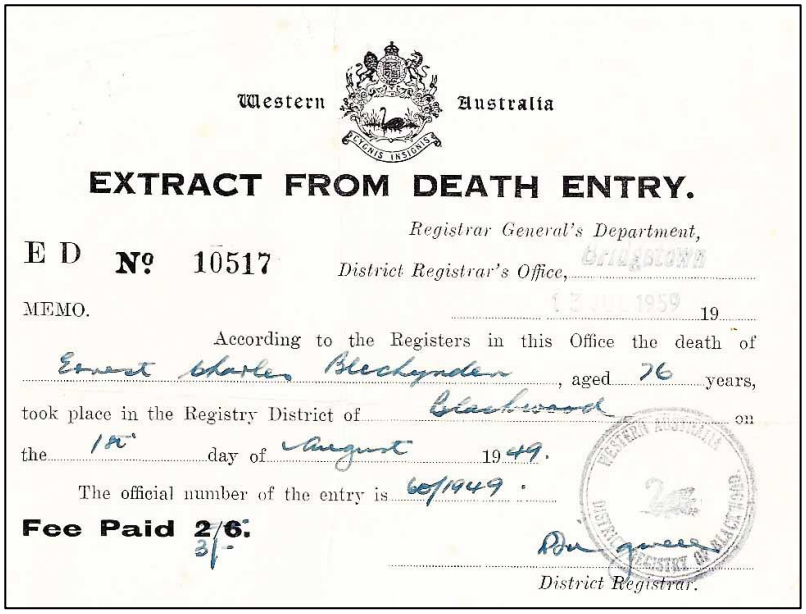

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EXTRACT FROM DEATH ENTRY.

Registrar General's Department,

E D № 10517 District Registrar's Office, BRIDGETOWN

MEMO. 13 JUL 1959 19

According to the Registers in this Office the death of Ernest Charles Blechynden, aged 76 years, took place in the Registry District of Blackwood on the 1st day of August 1949.

The official number of the entry is 60/1949.

Fee Paid 2/6. 3/-

District Registrar.

Extract from Death entry
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Boyup Brook Bulletin **(WA: 1930 - 1950), Thu 11 Aug 1949, pg 4**
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SERVICE AND FUNERAL

After service in St. Saviours' Church, conducted by the Rev. King, his remains were laid to rest in the Anglican portion of the Boyup Brook Cemetery.

There was a large attendance at the funeral of relatives and friends from Upper Blackwood, Bridgetown and other districts.

Chief mourners were his widow, his son and his son's wife. Others were his brother Charles, and his sister Mary. He leaves a widow, one son, one brother and one sister.

Pall bearers were Messrs. M. Abel, R. Connolly, G. Barron, D. Doust, P. Proctor and G. R. Whitham.

Funeral arrangements were in the hands of Messrs. Moyes and Sons, of Bridgetown.

FLORAL TRIBUTES

Reg and loving daughter-in-law Lorna; Nellie and Audrey; E. and M. Jackson; Directors and staff of Muradup Co-op; E. L. and B. Cumming; Gordon and Joyce Barron and family; all at "Bondfield"; Henry Treloar and family; Keith and Rae Hales; A. V. Henderson and family; Arthur Yates and family; Brenda and Richard; Ron. Gertie and family; Dorrie and Roy Brooks; Len and Dot Moulton; Mr. and Mrs. Brockman and family; Betty and Ian Bickford; Mrs. Dent and family; Mothers' Union; Marion and Fred Sambell; CWA, Boyup; Thelma and Theo Bickford; Jose and Owen; Bruce and Leila and children; May and John Quartermaine; Grethe, Frank, Betty; UOAD Lodge, No. 113, Boyup Brook; Mr. ad Mrs. E. A. Proctor; the Abel family; Myra, Dudley and children; Mr. and Mrs. Graham and girls; Ellen, Jim and family; Violet; Lily, Val and all the family; Wilma, Clarrie, Colin; members of the Mothers' Union; Chairman, Members and Staff of Upper Blackwood Road Board; Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Miller and family; Mrs. M. Barron and Lindsay, Vic and family; Joy and Jack, Rene and Don; Jack and Dolly Cross and John and Peter; Sydney, Mabel and family; Gavin and Eva Cailes, Cliff and Myrtle; Noel, Myrtle and Boys; Grace and Avon Smith-Ryan; Dobey and Marion Doust and Dorothy Palmer; Peg, Jim and children; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Martin, Isobel and Marion; Alice Fuller; Joe, Jo, Doug. Barry Barron; Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Doust, Dot and Wally Hales; A. Corker and Mrs. w. Lang; Hugh and Meryle; Mr. and Mrs. John Muir; May and Frank Meares; Mr. and Mrs. Pearce, Frank and Bullie; Bob. May and Bessie; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hales; Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Campbell and family; Fred and Thelma; Boyup

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Grave and headstone of Ernest Charles Blechynden and Agnes Blinco Moore, Boyup Brook Cemetery, photo via Nola Western, Find a Grave.

ONLY CHILD OF ERNEST CHARLES BLECHYNDEN & AGNES BLINCO MOORE

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Reginald Ernest Blechynden was born 11 Aug 1911, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 83]. He died 9 Dec 1986, Warren District Hospital, Manjimup, WA. Buried Boyup Brook, Cemetery. Reginald attended the Boyup Brook Primary School. The township of Boyup Brook's first major building was the local school - opened on the 9th Feb 1900.

School Teachers of WA: https://www.carnamah.com.au/teachers?keyword=Boyup+Brook&page=12
Records show that Thomas Wauchope was Head Teacher at the Boyup Brook School from 1905-1925

Wauchope, T. P. P. A.	Boyup Brook A	Head Teacher	1905 -1925

REGINALD ERNEST BLECHYNDEN (1911-1986) married **LORNA BEATRICE BARRON (1917-2006)** 1937, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 44].

***Manjimup Mail and Jardee-Pemberton-Northcliffe Press* (WA: 1927 - 1950), Fri 6 Aug 1937, pg. 4**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article250802738.txt

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Wedding of REGINALD ERNEST BLECHYNDEN and LORNA BEATRICE BARRON 28 Jul 1937 in the Boyup Brook Methodist Church.

1937. WEDDING

BLECHYNDEN—BARRON

Two of the old farming families of Boyup Brook were united on Wednesday, July 28 when Lorna Beatrice, second daughter of Mr and Mrs. S. T. Barron, of "Norwood" Boyup Brook, was married to Reginald Ernest, only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Blechynden, of Boyup Brook.

The ceremony, which took place at the Boyup Brook Methodist Church at 6.30 p.m., was performed by the Rev. Blackwell, who had specially motored from Mundaring. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and bridal creeper. The bride, who entered the church on the arm of her father, made a charming picture in her long trained frock of white satin, made with long sleeves and a lace basque. The fine embroidered veil hung in folds over the train and was held in place with a coronet of orange blossom. A beautiful bouquet of white roses and fern completed her toilet. The bridesmaid, Miss Marion Dent, wore a becoming frock of pink satin fashioned on long slimming lines, the sleeves being full at the shoulder and fitted into the waist. Her head-dress was of tulle embroidered with pink flowers and she carried a bouquet of toning roses. Mr. Gordon Barron (brother of the bride) was best man. The organ was played by Mr. Ernest Parker and during the signing of the register Mrs. Elliott sang "My Prayer."

BARRON, LORNA BEATRICE (1917-2006) was born 1 Mar 1917, Wellington, WA [Reg. 81]. Parents **SAMUEL THOMAS BARRON (1876-1940)** and **MARGARITA JOSEPHINE KAUFMANN (1887-1972)**, who were married 14 Jun, 1905, Jayes Hall, Boyup Brook, WA [Reg. 30]. Lorna Beatrice Blechynden (nee Barron) died 1 Jun 2006, Boyup Brook, WA.

SAMUEL THOMAS BARRON (1876-1940) was born 16 Jun 1876, Wallaroo Mines, SA. Parents: **JOSEPH BARRON (1841-1933)** and **ELIZA JANE TONKIN (1837-1876**) who were married 1866, Sandhurst, VIC. Samuel died 24 Apr 1940, Boyup Brook, WA [Reg. 21] Buried Donnybrook, Cemetery.

MARGARITA JOSEPHINE KAUFMANN (1886-1972) was born 24 Nov 1886, Saddleworth, Gilbert, SA [Pg No. 408, Vol, 386]. Parents: **FRANZ JOSEPH KAUFMANN (1854-1937**) and **ANNA EMILY DOECKE (1856-1922)**. Margarita died 11 Jun 1972, Boyup Brook, WA. Buried Boyup Brook Cemetery.

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL THOMAS BARRON AND MARGARITA JOSEPHINE KAUFMANN:

1. JOSEPHINE MARIE BARRON (1907-2010) was born 1907, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 113]. She married **OWEN BERNARD OUTRIDGE** 1929, Perth, WA [Reg. 975].

2. JOSEPH SAMUEL BARRON (1909-1991) was born 1909, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 107]. He married **JOSEPHINE ELIZABETH HARVEY** 1935, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 341]. James died 15 Apr 1991 (aged 81). Buried Boyup Brook Cemetery.

3. GORDON WESLEY BARRON (1913-) was born 17 May 1913, Wellington, WA [Reg. 286]. He married **JOYCE WINIFRED ELVY (1914-1976)** 1940, Bunbury, Wellington, WA [Reg. 138].

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5. LINDSAY WALLACE BARRON (1919-1976) was born 1919, Wellington, WA [Reg. 116].

6. VICTOR VERNON BARRON (1921-1992) was born 1921, Wellington, WA [Reg. 492].

World War Two Service

CORPORAL
REGINALD ERNEST BLECHYNDEN
46387

SERVICE	ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE
DATE OF BIRTH	11 AUGUST 1911
PLACE OF BIRTH	BRIDGETOWN, WA
DATE OF ENLISTMENT	12 FEBRUARY 1942
LOCALITY ON ENLISTMENT	WAROONA
PLACE OF ENLISTMENT	PERTH, WA
NEXT OF KIN	BLECHYNDEN, LORNA
DATE OF DISCHARGE	16 JUNE 1945
POSTING AT DISCHARGE	85 SQUADRON

Australian Government
Department of Veterans' Affairs

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Military: 12 Feb 1942, Perth, WA. Enlistment RAAF.

Lorna Blechynden was photographed with a group of flax crop workers based in Boyup Brook. Published: 1942-1943. https://trove.nla.gov.au/work/157666226?q=blechynden...

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Title: Group of flax crop workers based in Boyup Brook.
Published: 1942 - 1943. Series: Work and play in Boyup Brook; BA1948/16. Subjects:
The shadow of the photographer can be seen in the foreground.
L to R: J. Outridge, T. Kilgollen, M. Walsh, B. Middleton, Jose Hooper, Josephine Borron, Anne Stanton, L. Blechynden.

The following web page and *Trove* article show there was a Flax Mill in Boyup Brook:

the-flax-mill-information-sheet (boyupbrook.wa.gov.au)

The Flax Mill at Boyup Brook is quoted as being 'History'. Well rightly so, it was a very large piece of Boyup's past. Built in 1941 for the treatment of flax grown in the area and necessary for war-time equipment for the armed forces. Tents, parachute harnesses, webbing, tarpaulins etc. were made from

the flax fibre. One item alone that was manufactured for a munitions job was fire hose. The total hose manufactured equated to 28,000 miles long and 3" wide made entirely from Australian flax. Flax was also used in linoleum floor coverings. In the 50's the second and third grade tow (short fibre) were sold to Japan to be used in cigarette papers and elsewhere in the world flax is used in the manufacture of clothing. Flax is the only fibre which becomes stronger when wet allowing the very coarse fibre to be used for ropes to tie up ships when docking.

Over 400 people were involved in the flax production throughout the district. The beer quota for The Boyup Brook hotel increased to more than all four Bridgetown hotels together. One of the main reasons for the collapse of the flax industry in Australia was that the price of flax fell rapidly when the Russians flooded the market with low grade flax. In the early 60's Bunnings, Cullity Timbers and Hearn Bros. were to form a company to make chipboard out of the flax shives and wood chips but this proposal was to fall through due to the decline of the building industry at the time. After the closure of the mill sadly an auction was held and the workings were sold leaving only the buildings as a memory of the past . . . .

***West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Fri 7 Mar 1947, pg 2**
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BOYUP BROOK, *850 acres, a mile from Evans Biding. 311 acres fenced with sheep netting, posts erected on balance. 160 acres cleared and under heavy clover pasture. 140 acres ringbarked and timber dead. 3-roomed W.B. house. Cow shed and I yards with cement floors. Stockyards and small chaff shed. 2 pig sties and yards. School 3 miles Watered by spring, soak and 2 wells, all good water. Undulating country which will carry 450 sheep and 20 milking cows. Main returns from cream and wool.* ***Suitable for growing flax and there is a large flax mill at Boyup Brook.*** *Price £22W / per acre bare.*

REGINALD BLECHYNDEN AND LORNA BEATRICE BARRON HAD NO CHILDREN.

Electoral Roll:
1936, 1937 Reginald Ernest Blechynden, Boyup Brook, farmer
1949, 1958, 1963, 1968 Reginald Ernest Blechynden, Boyup Brook, farmer, Lorna, home duties
1971, 1977 Reginald Ernest Blechynden, Lot 16 Frenchman's Bay, Albany, Lorna Beatrice, home duties
1980, Reginald Ernest Blechynden,10 Inglis St, Boyup Brook, Lorna Beatrice, home duties

Reg and Lorna Blechynden (nee Barron),
and his cousin, Lorna May Gulley (nee Moore), c. 1938.
Courtesy John Moran.

MR. REG BLECHYNDEN

Mr. Reg Blechynden, who resides at 'Hilbury', Boyup Brook, relates some of the happenings and experiences which took place in the early days of Boyup Brook. Mr. Reg Blechynden's father was among some of the first settlers in the district and together with his wife faced the difficulties and dangers of the early pioneers. As a young person, Reg Blechynden remembers some of the first buildings to be erected in the township, especially those of the first store keepers.

Mr. Reg Blechynden's father, assisted by Reg's elder brother Arthur, carted one of the first loads of wool from Jayes to Bunbury for shipment to London. Taking the first load they started off with a four-wheeled waggon and an eight horse team. They had only proceeded twelve to fourteen miles on the journey when misjudging the height of an overhanging limb above the track, had the misfortune to have the three top bales of wool dragged off the load. The father and son were in rather sorry predicament as it was impossible to reload the wool by themselves. There was only one way to solve the problem and that was to walk the twelve or fourteen miles back to Jayes and obtain help. This Arthur did, and with the aid of three or four employees reloaded the wool and proceeded on their merry way. For many years afterwards this tree was known as 'wool bale' tree, to the amusement of future teamsters.

Two very interesting and valuable antiques are still in Mr. Blechynden's possession. They are two ancient match-duelling pistols, which his grandfather, Mr. John Blechynden, brought out from England when he came. These pistols were complete with powder flask, etc. The only occasion on which Reg Blechynden had the necessity to use them was when he had a duelling match with a young bull which had kept himself and a native up a tree for

MR. REG. BLECHYNDEN, HISTORY OF UPPER BLACKWOOD. P. 263.

Note errors: Paragraph 2: lines 1 & 2. Reginald Blechynden was an only child.

Mr. Reg Blechynden's father, assisted by Reg's older brother Arthur, carted one of the first loads – should read his father's older brother Arthur.

Paragraph 3, lines 3-4 Should read pistols, which his great-grandfather Mr. Harrison Blechynden brought out from England when he came.

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some time, and afterwards Reg made sure that he did not wait for the signal to fire, but got his shot in first and with the desired effect.

Although the early settlers endeavoured to a great extent to make life as smooth as possible, they often had to face distressing circumstances which they could not avoid, and among some of the saddest incidents was the passing of a friendly neighbour. To offset this was the kind heartedness of womenfolk who helped with kindness and immaculate attention to bring infants into the world. Others, including menfolk, had the unenviable task of helping in a decent and reverent exit from this world. Mr. Reg Blechynden's father, on no fewer than twelve occasions, had to travel long distances to procure a coffin for a respected neighbour who had passed on. His wife also walked distances to assist in the preparation and laying out for a burial. Mr. Reg Blechynden relates how on one occasion a neighbour died and he, then five years old, and his mother walked two and a half miles through thick bush country carrying a kerosene lantern to attend to the laying out of a neighbour's mother, as no undertakers were available in those days close at hand.

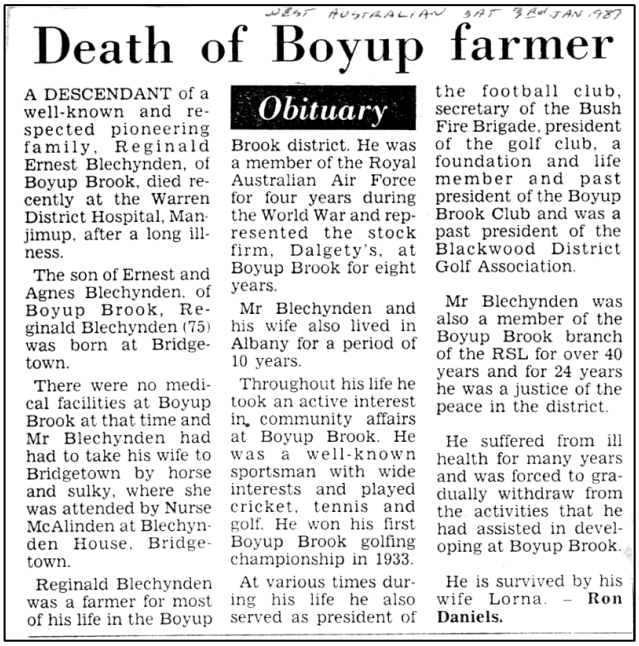
The first crop of wheat sown on Mr. Jim Blechynden's property at Dinninup had to be harvested by Jim and Reg with the aid of their father and a native using sickles. The harvesting was completed the day before Christmas as some were going to ride to Bridgetown to celebrate the day. As the last piece of crop was being cut, a kangaroo rat ran out and the native with practised precision threw his sickle at it killing it instantly, and in great ecstasy cried out: "By crikey, boss, I have white fellah Christmas now." This property is now owned by Mr. Hubert Blechynden.

MR. REG. BLECHYNDEN, HISTORY OF UPPER BLACKWOOD. P. 264.

Reginald was a member of the Little Grove Bush Fire Brigade and held the position as secretary.

Reginald Ernest Blechynden died 9 Dec 1986 in Manjimup, WA. More on his life can be read in his Obituary below. He was buried in the Boyup Brook Cemetery.

***West Australian* article dated 3 Jan 1987**:



WEST AUSTRALIAN SAT 3RD JAN 1987

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Obituary

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Throughout his life he took an active interest in community affairs at Boyup Brook. He was a well-known sportsman with wide interests and played cricket, tennis and golf. He won his first Boyup Brook golfing championship in 1933.

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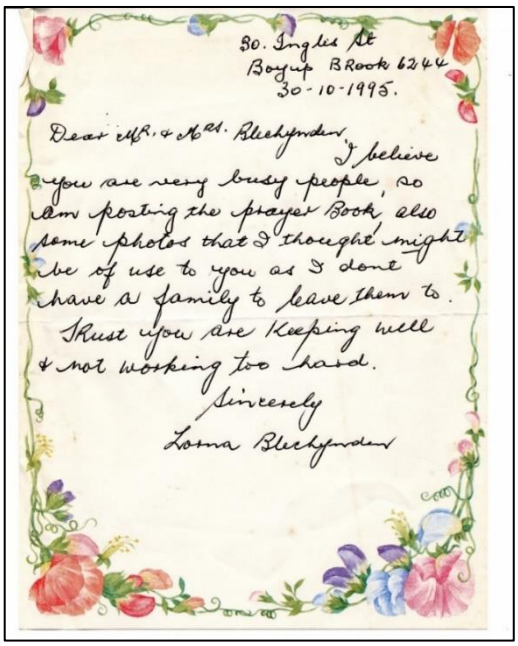
Letter to Ken and Angela Blechynden from Lorna Blechynden, wife of Reginald Ernest Blechynden.



30. Inglis St
Boyup Brook 6244
30-10-1995.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Blechynden,
I believe you are very busy people, so am posting the prayer Book, also some photos that I thought might be of use to you as I dont have a family to leave them to.
Trust you are keeping well & not working too hard.
Sincerely
Lorna Blechynden

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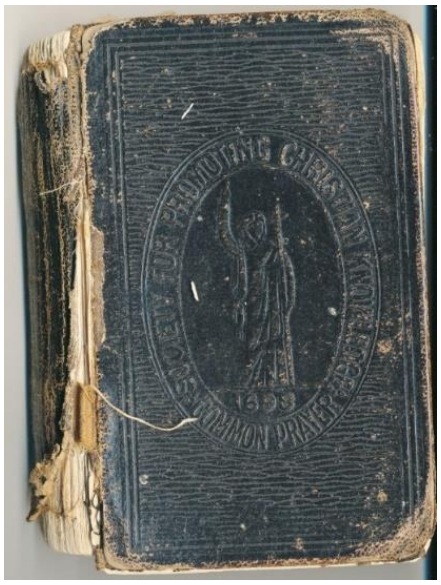
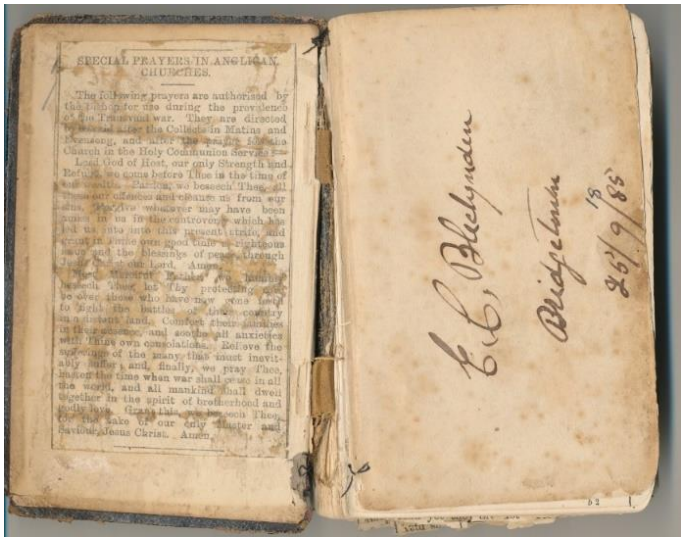




Prayer book belonging to Reginald and Lorna Blechynden.

Lorna Beatrice Blechynden (nee Barron) died 1 Jun 2006, Boyup Brook, WA. She is buried in the Boyup Brook Cemetery.

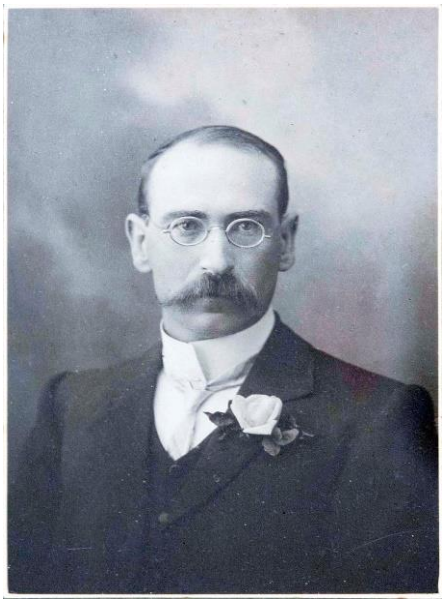
Headstone of Reginald Ernest Blechynden, Boyup Brook Cemetery

Grave and headstones of Reginald Ernest Blechynden and his wife Lorna Beatrice (nee Barron)

Headstone of Lorna Beatrice Blechynden, Boyup Brook Cemetery.

NINTH CHILD OF JOHN BLECHYNDEN & ELIZABETH GREEN

9. BLECHYNDEN, HERBERT 'DUB' (1875-1935) & BATHURST, ELLEN FRANCES (1875-1961)



Herbert Blechynden. Courtesy Brian Blechynden via sister Margaret via her Aunty Audrey.

Herbert 'Dub' Blechynden was born on 5 Jan 1875 in Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 16527]. He was baptised 18 Jul 1875, Bunbury, WA.

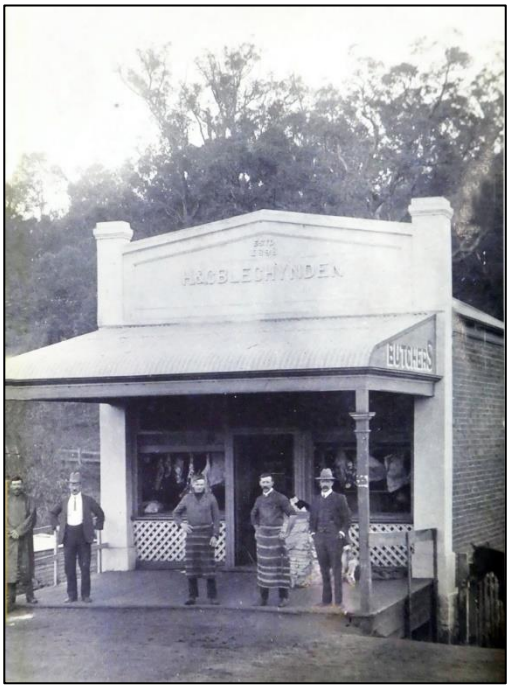
He was born into an already large family of seven boys and one girl: John William was almost 14 years; George Harrison, 13 years; Edwin, 11 years; James, 8 years; Arthur, 4 years; Alfred, 3 years; Ernest, 1 1/2 years. Herbert was not to know his sister Charlotte who had been born in 1868 and who had died in Jun 1869. John William and George were often away helping their father on the farm. Edwin James and Arthur were attending the Bridgetown School which had commenced in 1870. Over the next eight years, four more children were added to the family: Amy in 1877, Clarence in 1879, May in 1881 and Ada in 1883. Sadly, Ada died in 1888. The family now totalled nine boys and two girls.

The story of his grandparents, Harrison Blechynden and Elizabeth Robus, who emigrated from Kent, England, in 1830 to the new Swan River Colony can be read in their own chapter. His father John Blechynden was one of the first settlers in the Blackwood District having walked, accompanied by two Aborigines, from Beverley (where he grew up), seeking viable land on which to apply for an allocation to farm. John married Elizabeth Green in 1860 and they built the first home 'Bridgedale', in the newly surveyed town which was named Bridgetown. The story of his father and mother can also be read in their own chapter.

Herbert and Clarence grew up together and like their brothers were taught to ride and care for horses at an early age. As they grew older, they helped their father on the farm. Their oldest brother John had commenced a butchery business in Hampton St. When they left school, the two young men began to work and acquire the skills needed in the butchery.

These skills were to last a lifetime. Herbert Edward Blechynden and his brother Clarence (Bob) Blechynden took over the butchery business. Herbert continued with the butchery business until Jun 1935 just prior to his death. It still has the name H.&C. BLECHYNDEN over the shop.

Cropped photo showing the people in more detail. Most likely Clarence, Herbert and John William Blechynden are the three together.



Blechynden Butcher Shop, Bridgetown. People in front including, most probably, Clarence, Herbert and John Blechynden,
courtesy Greg Rees, most recent owner.

The shop was owned by Greg Rees in which he proudly displayed the photo behind the counter. The butcher business was closed in 2023 when Greg retired.

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Southern Times **(Bunbury, WA: 1888 - 1916), Sat 11 Jan 1913**
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Joy Bells.

BLECHYNDEN-BATHURST.

The little Church of St. Paul's, Bridgetown, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Wednesday, morning, when the Rev. P. Davis, assisted by Canon Adams, of Bunbury, officiated at the ceremony which united, Herbert Edward Blechynden to Ellen Frances Bathurst. The Church looked exceedingly well and refreshing being trimmed and decorated with wild asparagus, palm leaves and pampas grass, to which

was suspended a wedding bell, relieved with variegated ivy, being attached to a white satin wedding knot.

The bride entered the Church on the arm of her brother-in-law, Mr. Wise, to the rendition of the well-known old hymn "The Voice That Breathed O'er Eden" and wore graceful gown of ivory silk crepe-de-chine trimmed with cross-over corsage, together with a lovely yoke, of lace and a cluster of orange blossoms. The skirt was of pannier effect, the front panel being inlet with lace. A handsome large tagel straw hat, trimmed with lancer plumes and French roses with a veil of real lace completed her becoming costume. The bridesmaids were Miss Mina Blechynden (niece of the bridegroom) and Miss Wise (niece of the bride). Miss Blechynden was gowned in pale blue striped silk voile with ruchings and cream lace. This pretty costume was relieved with a large white crinoline hat, trimmed with forget-me-nots and marguerites, with dainty shoes and stockings to match. Miss Wise was frocked mauve crepe-de-chine trimmed with white silk lace. A handsome white chip hat trimmed with white satin ribbon and mauve sweet peas together, with pretty shoes and stockings to match, completed an effective costume. The bridegroom's gifts were: To the bride, handsome gold brooch and dressing case: to the bridesmaids, gold brooches. The bride's gift to the bridegroom was a dressing case. Mr. Clarence Blechynden was best man and Mr. Walter Mears the post of groomsman.

After the ceremony ended, the friends and guests repaired from the Church to Scott's Hotel, where the wedding breakfast was held. Mrs. Wise, sister of the bride, received the guests and was gowned in grey crepe trimmed with black braid and cream lace. A dainty grey chip hat trimmed with black silk relieved this handsome costume. In the hall the bride and bridegroom, received the congratulations of all. The many handsome and useful wedding gifts, details of which will appear below, were to be seen and after viewing them the guests turned their attention to the breakfast table which was prettily ornamented with various flowers placed amongst the delicacies. The usual complimentary speeches were made by the Rev. F. Darts, the Bridegroom, the groomsman and Mr. J. Allnutt.

Mr. and Mrs. Blechynden were motored to Bunbury by the bridegroom's brother, Mr. J. W. Blechynden, where the honeymoon will be spent. Mrs. Blechynden travelled in a dainty costume of sage green silk with oriental trimmings and hat to match. Several telegrams and letters) of congratulation were received by the happy couple. Amongst the numerous. presents the. following were noticed: -

Mr. J. W. Blechynden, cheque.
Mr. O. R. Blechynden, Dexter milk cow.
Mr. and Mis. G. H. Blechynden, cushion.
Mr. and Mrs. J, Allnutt, afternoon tea service.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Payne, water jug and glasses.
Mr. and Mrs. R. Crawford, handsome salad bowl.
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gray, handkerchief sachet.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe. McAlinden, silver cake dish.
Mrs. Jas. Scott and Mr. Fred Scott, pretty - silver inkstand.
Mr. and Mrs. J- Moriarty, egg cruet.
Miss Bessie Farris, handsome tea pot and stand.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Doust, photo frames.
Mr. and Mrs. E. Bolton, Thermis bottle.
Mr. and Mrs. F. McAlinden, afternoon tea service.'
Mr. and Mrs. 11. Lake, handsome hot water kettle.
Mrs. Higgins, butter ana cream dish.
Miss Beazley, box of knives.
Mr. Alf. Blechynden and. family, fender and irons.
Mr. M. A. McAlinden, A butter dish.
Mr. 4W. Mears, set of carvers.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Giblett-, butter knife.
Mr., Mrs. and Miss Maslin, fruit dishes.
Mr. D. A. Bovell, water jug and glasses.
Mr. and Mrs. O. Williams, vases.
Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Meares, serviette rings.
Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mitchell, fruit service.
Mr. G. A. Powis, fruit forks.,
Mr. L. Langston, manicure set.
Miss Dora Blechynden, salt cellars.
Miss Lila and Masters Reuben and Leslie Blechynden, jugs.
Miss Alice Blechynden, milk covers.
"Sunnyhurst" children, bread plate and knife.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Sinclair, silver cruet.
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Huggett, cheese dish.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Sherwood, jam dishes.
Mr. and Mrs. T. Smith, cruet.
Mr. and Mrs. Draper, clock.
Mr. J. May, fruit dish.
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Giblett, jam dish.
Mr. W. Fleeton, cruet.
Mr. J. Wise, ornaments.
Miss Nellie Wise, jardiniere.
Mr. J. Nunn-Peadle, jam dish."
Mr. and Mrs. Dakin, serviette rings.
Dr. and Mrs. Dean, egg cruet.
Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Blechynden, cream and sugar stand.
Miss Florrie Wise, cushion.

Mr. C. R. Doust, cheque.
Mr. and Mrs. R. Wheatley, cheque.
Mr. and Mrs. Awcock, cheque.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Mance, cheque.
Mr. and Mrs. W. Wheatley, cheque.
Mr. G. Giblett, cheque.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, cheque.
Mrs. H. Doust, silver, butter dish.
U. A. O. Druids, handsome chairs.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Blechynden, pickle jar.
Misses Amy and May. Blechynden, silver forks and spoons.
Bev. F. and Mrs. Davis, prayer book.

Wedding photos: Herbert Edward Blechynden and Ellen Frances Bathurst. Courtesy Brian Blechynden via sister Margaret via her Aunty Audrey.

BATHURST, ELLEN 'NELLIE' FRANCES (1875-1961)

Ellen 'Nellie' Frances Bathurst was born 1875, Edmonton, Middlesex, England, daughter of **GUY BRITTON BATHURST**, mother, **SOPHIA GRIGSBE**. Ellen Bathurst, domestic, Emigrated from London, England on the *Orient* arriving in Fremantle, WA on 26 Aug 1909. Ellen 'Nellie' Frances Blechynden (nee Bathurst) died 12 May 1961, Mount Henry Hospital, Perth, WA [Reg. 1317]. Burial, Karrakatta Cemetery, WA. Via Loader Stocker Family Tree.

Following are details of Ellen 'Nellie' Frances Bathurst's parents, Guy Britton Bathurst (1842-1875), and Sophia Susannah Grigsbe (1849-1927) and family:

GUY BRITTON BATHURST (1842-1875) and m1. **SOPHIA SUSANNAH GRIGSBE (1849-1927)** married Dec 1869, London, Middlesex, England.
GUY BRITTON BATHURST (1842-1875)
Guy Britton Bathurst was born about 1842, Bow, Middlesex, England, parents **GEORGE BATHURST (1816-1861)** and **ELIZABETH AKROYD (1816-1882)**.
Guy Britton Bathurst died 26 Mar 1875, Edmonton, Middlesex, England.

SOPHIA SUSANNAH GRIGSBE (1849-1927)
Sophia Susannah Grigsbe was born 20 Jun 1849, Wapping, Middlesex, England.
Sophia Susannah Simpson, (Bathurst, nee Grigsbe) died 1927 West Hampshire, Essex, England.

CHILDREN OF GUY BRITTON BATHURST (1842-1875) AND m1. SOPHIA GRIGSBE (1849-1927):
1. WILLIAM GEORGE BATHURST (1867-1883) was born 1867, Hackney, Middlesex, England. William George Bathurst died Jan 1883, London, England.
2. FLORENCE ELIZABETH BATHURST (1870-) was born Dec 1870, London, Middlesex, England. She was baptised 30 Oct 1870, Hoxton St, Saviour, Middlesex, England.
3. ARTHUR OSMOND J BATHURST (1872-1940) was born in 1872, London, Middlesex, England. He died in 1940, England.

4. EDITH MARY BATHRUST (1873-1947) was born Oct 1873, Tottenham, Middlesex, England. She was baptised 23 Apr 1875, Hoxton St, Saviour, Middlesex, England. Edith Mary Bathurst died Jun 1947, Essex, England.
5. ELLEN 'NELLIE' FRANCES BATHURST (1875-1961) was born 1875, Tottenham, Middlesex, England. Emigrated from London, England on the *Orient* arriving in Fremantle, WA on 26 Aug 1909. She married **HERBERT EDWARD BLECHYNDEN (1875-1935)** 8 Jan 1913, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 2]. Nellie died 12 May 1961, Perth, WA [Reg. 1317]. Burial, Karrakatta Cemetery, WA.

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m2. SOPHIA SUSANNAH GRIGSBE (1849-1927) married **DAVID SIMPSON (1851-1934)** 30 Apr 1891, Canning Town, Essex, England. They had one child.

1. **JAMES GEORGE BATHURST (1886-1963)**
James George Bathurst was born 1886, West Hampshire, Essex, England.
James George Bathurst died 1963, Brentwood, Essex, England.

HERBERT EDWARD BLECHYNDEN (1875-1935) and **'NELLIE' ELLEN FRANCES BATHURST (1875-1961)** had two children as below. More details can be read in their own chapters further on

1. BLECHYNDEN, AUDREY (1915-2007)
2. BLECHYNDEN, JOHN BATHURST (1916-1990)

Nellie with children, Audrey and John Blechynden, April 1923

Ellen 'Nellie Blechynden with her daughter-in-law Dorothy Blechynden (nee Marshall) and daughter Audrey Blechynden. The other person is unknown. Courtesy Brian Blechynden.

Herbert and Nellie's daughter Audrey lived with her family in their home in 8 Phillips Street Bridgetown, about half a kilometre from Blechynden House, (Bridgedale).

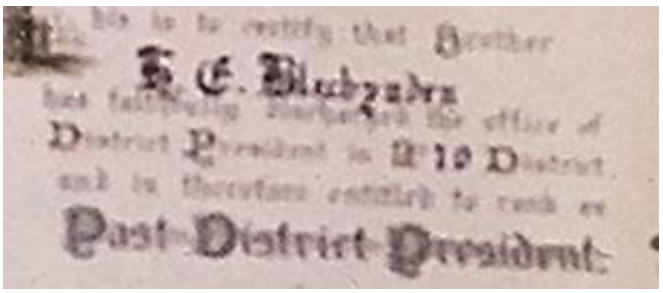
Herbert and Ellen's grandson Brian Blechynden confirms his grandparents lived in this house at 8 Phillips Street, Bridgetown

Electoral Roll:
1903, 1906, 1910, 1917, Herbert Edward Blechynden, Bridgetown, butcher.
1925, 1931 Herbert Edward Blechynden, Phillip St, Bridgetown, butcher, Ellen Francis, home duties.
1943, Ellen Francis Blechynden, Phillip Street, Home duties.

Herbert also had a farm in Bovell Street, Kangaroo Gully. It was located about 2.5 kilometres south west of the town centre and his grandson Brian Blechynden recalls he ran cattle and sheep on the property. As per Herbert's Obituary, he built a new home on the property but it seems he died before moving in. Brian is fairly sure the house burnt down many years ago. As mentioned elsewhere, Brian commented Herbert's in-laws, the Marshalls, lived and farmed opposite Herbert's property. Thank you, Brian.

Herbert Edward Blechynden was a member of the Druids, being one of the Foundation members in 1899 and became chief druid of the South West. More on this can be read in his obituary following a bit later.

Courtesy Libby Peacock: *I took a photo of this certificate on the wall of John Blechyndens' house - Bridgedale, in Bridgetown- several years ago - I was fascinated. It's hard to read I know but it says that H.E. Blechynden was chief Druid of the SW - I know I've always been a bush baby - maybe it's in our DNA*



Grand Lodge:
H E Blechynden past district president.

Western Mail **(Perth, WA: 1885 - 1954), Thu 5 Dec 1929, pg 5**
05 Dec 1929 - BRIDGETOWN. - Trove (nla.gov.au)

The Annual Bridgetown Show was an event that keen members, Herbert Blechynden and his brothers, attended most years. Six of the nine Blechynden brothers were featured in these two photos in the local newspapers.

Bridgetown Agricultural Society
45th Annual Show, 22 Nov 1929.

Six of the nine Blechynden Bothers: L-R: John William, James, Arthur, Ernest, Herbert, Clarence

West Australian **(Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Sat 20 Apr 1935, pg 13**
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COUNTRY NEWS: *At a special general meeting of the Agricultural Society Mr. H. E. Blechynden was elected president for the ensuing year, and Mr. E. Smith was elected as the third member of the committee of management.*

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Nelson Advocate **(WA: 1926 - 1938), Fri 29 Nov 1935, pg 1**
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Courtesy Bonny Meares

1st CHILD OF HERBERT 'DUB' EDWARD BLECHYNDEN & 'NELLIE' ELLEN FRANCES BATHURST

1. BLECHYNDEN, AUDREY (1915-2007)
Audrey Blechynden was born 28 Jan 1915, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 25]. Sadly, Audrey was born with a disability, spina bifida.

Audrey lived with her family in their home in Hampton Street, not far from Blechynden House, (Bridgedale).

"She was 'bright as button' and must have had an extremely frustrating and sad life being stuck inside the body she was given. I would like to think that now days she would have had a better chance of expressing herself using technology."

Audrey Blechynden, April 1923

Audrey used to visit her Aunties (Amy and Aunty May) at 'Bridgedale' every Sunday.

Audrey Blechynden's memories of Bridgedale:

Blechynden House:

"I used to go there a lot, the dining room was the loungeroom, it had a long table with beautiful full back chairs against the wall, a cupboard each side of the fireplace, one had an afternoon tea set in it.

Dorothy Blechynden (nee Marshall), John's wife with Audrey.

The other had bits in it for the table, a tea pot with a cover over the teapot with a parrot on it with shining eyes that went over the handle.

With biscuit tines and odds and ends. A mantlepiece over the fireplace, a clock in the middle, and little green vases.

The father and mother had the main bedroom.
Two big queen beds these beds were crème with brass knobs.
Wardrobe, chest of drawers on the other side.

Audrey Blechynden, daughter of Herbert and Nellie, Geegelup, celebrating one of her birthdays, Leslie Pearce at the back

In the Kitchen:

Go down a wooden step from the passage to get into the kitchen, wooden table for working on, a draw on the end of the table where they kept cooking utensils like knives etc. for cooking. Large shelves on the side of the wall held a big mincer and very large skillets for making jam in.
Big wooden stove with a big space at the back where they hung the linen to dry. Up above were racks for warming the plates and keeping the food warm. At the end of the stove was a copper, as long as the stove was wide. It had a lid and a top and was always full of hot water.
They had a pair of bellows hanging up beside the stove that they used to start up the fire. There was an enamel jug and dipper sitting on a worn board and that was sued to get cold water with.

Hanging up under the verandah was a very long canvas water bag with a tap at the bottom, which was for drinking water. Also, on the verandah was a very thin wooden stand with holes in it that held a wash basin and soap dish and that's where you washed up before you went in.

In the wash house was a large copper used for washing clothes, also a long bench for putting tubs on. Outside was the clothesline for large tablecloths etc.

"In the garden there was a very large fig and mulberry tree. There were apple trees, plum trees and a grapevine. On one side of the path was a bed of blue and white flag lilies. Also, in the garden were many flowerpots with many different plants. In the early spring the garden was full of jonquils and many other plants that were in a typical English garden.
John Blechynden was the eldest, he had to go to Bunbury in a large van. The roads were brittle, no more than a track. He had to pick up provisions, stores and clothing. It took him a week to get there, three days to load up and a further week to return."

Note: John Blechynden was the eldest son of Harrison. John William Blechynden was the eldest son of John. John and John William both went to Bunbury by van /wagon at some stage.

Dr Dickinson came from Bunbury in a horse and sulky, he came to Bridgetown once a month. My father broke his leg one time as he was getting up onto the cart, he slipped and fell off and his leg went through the spoke of the wheel. A Mr Smith cut down two saplings and splinted the leg."

COMMUNITY NEWS: Milestone birthday

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Audrey Blechynden was the guest of honour at an afternoon tea party held at Geegelup Village Hostel recently.

Celebrations started with singing old favourites led by Peg Campbell on the piano followed by an afternoon tea.

Miss Blechynden's sister-in-law Dorothy and nephew Brian were at the party to help her celebrate.

Miss Blechynden shares her birth date with another long-time Bridgetown resident and Geegelup Hostel resident Jack Cox, who turned 84.

Audrey Blechynden on her 84th birthday. Courtesy Brian Blechynden

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Via Barbara Davies:

Audrey Blechynden was born in Bridgetown on January 28, 1915 to Herbert and Eileen nee Bathurst.

Sadly, she was born with a physical disability in a time when there was very little in the way of help available. She never attended school, got married or had children.

She remained at home caring for her sick mother after her father's death. After her mother's death she lived independently for some time before her family decided she was unable to live alone any longer.

She moved into Moonya Lodge, an aged care facility in Manjimup until Geegelup was built in 1955. She is one of the original residents of Geegelup Hostel and has been a favourite of staff and residents alike. Those who know her best describe her as a very intelligent lady who learnt about world events via her radio. Staff from the hostel describe her as a loyal friend to others with a great sense of humour and a love of animals.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Barbara Davies got to know Audrey through a common interest in Budgerigars. She met Miss Blechynden after her pet died and the hostel contacted Mrs Davies who bred them to g et another. She also describes Miss Blechynden as intelligent with a great memory and fascinating stories of her life.

Miss Blechynden's brother John fought in World War II before returning to the district. He and his wife had two sons and a daughter, with many of their descendants still in the district.

Miss Blechynden's grandfather John Blechynden was one of two settlers who arrived in the area that would later be named Bridgetown. That house, Bridgedale House has been restored and is run by volunteers and the National heritage Trust.

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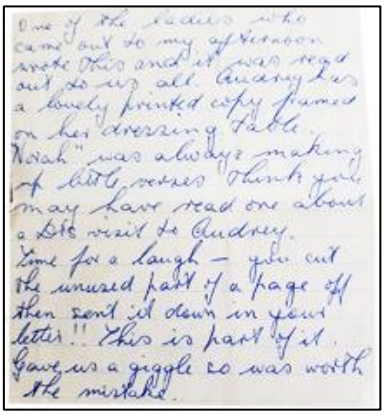
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Note: Nancy Blechynden (Norah) was the third child of Clarence and Elizabeth (Bessie) Blechynden

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Audrey Lucy Blechynden died on 17 Apr 2007 aged 92 years. Buried Bridgetown Cemetery.

AUDREY

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That none can fill.
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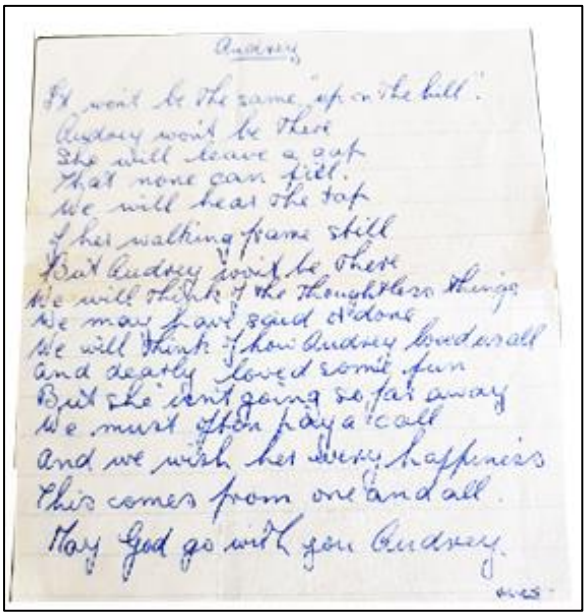
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Headstone of Audrey Lucy Blechynden, Bridgetown Cemetery

2nd CHILD OF HERBERT 'DUB' EDWARD BLECHYNDEN & 'NELLIE' ELLEN FRANCES BATHURST

2. BLECHYNDEN, JOHN BATHURST (1916-1990) was born 1916, Blackwood, WA [Reg No 84]. John Bathurst Blechynden died 7 Nov 1990, Perth, WA, aged 73-74 years, buried Karrakatta Cemetery and Crematorium.
John Bathurst Blechynden

PTE. JOHN BATHURST BLECHYNDEN (1916-1990) was married at the Wesley Church, 27 Nov 1943, Perth, WA [Reg. 2645], to **DOROTHY PATRICIA MARSHALL (1921-2010)**. Dorothy was born 1921, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 37], only daughter of **MR and MRS C E MARSHALL**, Bridgetown. Dorothy Patricia Blechynden (nee Marshall) died 18 Nov 2010, aged 88-89 years, buried Karrakatta, Cemetery and crematorium, WA.

Wedding

Blechynden-Marshall

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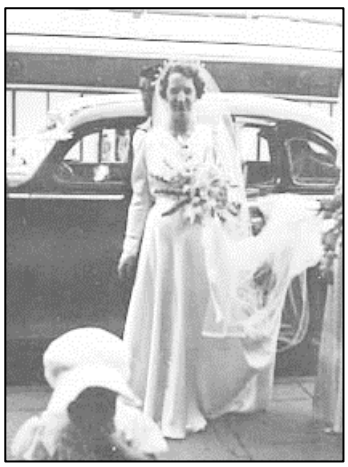
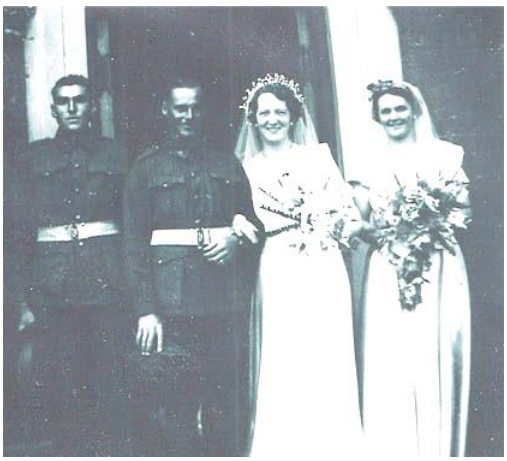


Bride: Dorothy Patricia Marshall.

Wedding: Bathurst John Blechynden and Dorothy Patricia Marshall.

Photos courtesy of Brian Blechynden



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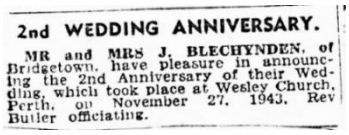
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JOHN BATHURST BLECHYNDEN (1916-1990) AND DOROTHY PATRICIA MARSHALL (1921-2010) HAD THREE CHILDREN: Margaret, Brian and Alan Blechynden.

John and Dorothy lived in Steere Street Bridgetown and initially raised their children in Bridgetown. John worked for many years for the Shell Oil Company in Bridgetown. Dorothy did various jobs around Bridgetown working in the fruit season and cleaning. They moved to Bunbury in 1964, when John transferred to the Shell Co there and their three children did their schooling at Bunbury Senior High School. John and Dorothy later moved to Perth, first to Kelmscott then into Amaroo retirement village in Gosnells.

John Bathurst Blechynden receiving his 20-year service award from the Shell Company. Courtesy Brian Blechynden

Dorothy Blechynden (nee Marshall Courtesy Brian Blechynden

John and Dorothy enjoying a Cruise in 1963. Courtesy Brian Blechynden

Dorothy (nee Marshall) and John Blechynden.

Dorothy was one of four siblings. She is seen here with her three brothers: (L-R) Eric, Edward and William Marshall.

The Marshall's lived and farmed at Kangaroo Gully, just 2.5 – 3 kilometres South East of the centre of Bridgetown, opposite Herbert and Ellen's farm in Bovell Street.

TENTH CHILD OF JOHN BLECHYNDEN & ELIZABETH GREEN

10. BLECHYNDEN, AMY (1877-1938)

Note, to avoid repetition, the combined story of Amy, the 10th child of John and Elizabeth, and her sister May, the 12th child, is told in May's chapter.

Amy Blechynden was born on 17 Mar 1877 at 'Bridgedale', Bridgetown, registered in Perth, WA [Reg. 17970]. She was the tenth child born to John Blechynden and Elizabeth Green who were married in Perth in 1860. Her parents John Blechynden and Elizabeth Green were both descended from pioneering families who had emigrated from England to the new Swan River Colony. More can be read about them in their individual chapters.

Amy Blechynden

In 1854, Amy's father, John Blechynden, at the age of twenty-one years, walked from his home 'Babbyalla' in Beverley to the Blackwood district, guided by friendly Aboriginals. He was so impressed with what he saw that he acquired two pastoral leases along the Blackwood River. Following their marriage her parents built the first home which they called 'Bridgedale' in the newly zoned town Bridgetown.

Amy was born into a large and bustling family. John William was aged almost 16; George Harrison, 14; Edwin, 13; James, almost 11; (Charlotte Jane born in 1868, sadly had died in 1869); Arthur, 6; Alfred, 5; Ernest Charles, 3; and Herbert Edward, 2. Having lost their daughter Charlotte eight years previously, John and Elizabeth were delighted to welcome their daughter Amy into a family of nine boys. Clarence Henry was born in 1879, followed by two more girls: May in 1881 and Ada Jane in 1883. Sadly, the threesome of girls turned into two when Ada died on 17 Oct 1955.

Amy attended the Bridgetown Primary School. She resided in Bridgedale, in Hampton St. Bridgetown, WA. Amy remained single. She and her sister May were very involved in the Red Cross and the Bridgetown Agricultural Society, both receiving life memberships.

Amy Blechynden died on 19 May 1938 in Hampton Street, Bridgetown. She was 61. She was buried in May 1938 in Bridgetown Cemetery, Bridgetown, WA.

For more information on Amy, please see the combined article on her and her sister May, John and Elizabeth's 12th child, which follows the story of Clarence Henry 'Bob', John and Elizabeth's 11th child.

ELEVENTH CHILD OF JOHN BLECHYNDEN & ELIZABETH GREEN

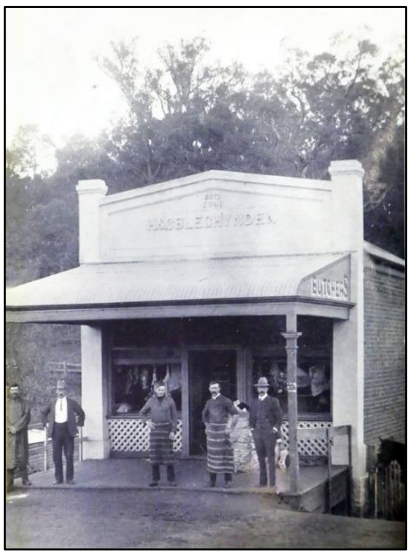
11. BLECHYNDEN, CLARENCE HENRY 'BOB' (1879-1952) & FARRIS, ELIZABETH JANE (1884-1972)

Clarence Henry 'Bob' Blechynden was born on 21 Apr 1879 in Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 19939], the eleventh child of John Blechynden (1833-1900) and Elizabeth Green (1839-1891).

Clarence Blechynden. Photo cropped from wedding photo of Ethel Smith and George Payne, 1910. Courtesy Marilyn St Claire

He was born into a large family of eight boys and one girl: John William,18 years; George Harrison, 16 years; Edwin, 15 years; James, almost 13 years; Arthur, 9 years; Alfred, 7 years; Ernest, 5 years; Herbert, 4 years and Amy, 2 years. He was not to know Charlotte, their first girl born into the family in 1868, who sadly, had died in 1869.The older boys John, George, and Edwin were working, helping their father on the farm and with teams of horses began delivering mail and goods in the district. James, Arthur, Alfred and Ernest were attending the Bridgetown School which had been established in 1870. Two more girls were added to the family: May in 1881 and Ada in 1883. Sadly, Ada died in 1888. The family now totalled nine boys and two girls.

The story of his grandparents Harrison Blechynden (1802-1873) and Charlotte Augusta Robus (1812-1889) who emigrated from Kent, England in 1830 to the new Swan River Colony can be read in their own chapter. His father, John Blechynden (1833-1900), was one of the first settlers in the Blackwood District having walked accompanied by two Aborigines from Beverley, (where he grew up), seeking viable land on which to apply for an allocation to farm. John married Elizabeth Green (1839-1891) in 1860 and they built the first home 'Bridgedale', in the newly surveyed town which was named Bridgetown. The story of Bob's father and mother can also be read in their own chapter.



People in front including, most probably, Clarence, Herbert and John Blechynden are the three together. Photo courtesy Greg Ree who closed the business in 2023.

Clarence and Hubert grew up together and like their brothers were taught to ride and care for horses at an early age. Clarence's early life was spent on carting merchandise and stores from Bunbury for his oldest brother John William who had several horse teams. John had also commenced a butchery business in Hampton St. The two young men began to work with John and acquire the skills needed in the butchery.

Full and (below) cropped photo of the Blechynden Butcher Shop, Bridgetown.

These skills were to last a lifetime. Clarence (Bob) Blechynden and his

brother Herbert Edward Blechynden took over the butchery business. Clarence retired and took up fruit growing. Herbert continued running the business until just prior to his death in 1935.

The shop was owned by Greg Rees until he closed it in 2023 when he retired. He proudly displayed the photo behind the counter. He is **connected** to the Blechynden family through a distant connection via the Doust's and the Muir's.

The butcher's shop still has the name H.&C. BLECHYNDEN over the shop.

Clarence met and began courting Elizabeth Jane 'Bessie' Farris who had arrived in WA recently from Essex, England with her mother and brothers and sisters. She was registered on the Electoral Roll in 1913, Bridgetown, domestic duties.

CLARENCE HENRY BLECHYNDEN (1879-1952) married **ELIZABETH JANE 'BESSIE' FARRIS (1884-1972)** , 22 Oct 1913, St Paul's Church of England, Bridgetown, (Blackwood), WA [Reg. 32]. She was born Jan 1884, Custom House, Essex, England, daughter of **THOMAS FARRIS (1851-1908)** RN, and mother, **ELIZABETH ANN HINDE (1861-)** Residence in 1891 and 1901, West Hampshire, Essex, England. Bessie died 15 Jun 1972, Forrest, WA.

Elizabeth 'Bessie' Blechynden (nee Farris), cropped photo

Electoral Roll:
1913, Elizabeth Farris, Carbanup Farm, Jayes Road, home duties.

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BLECHYNDEN-FARRIS.

"Bright and happy is the bride that the summer's sun shines upon" is not always the case in Bridgetown, but still the rain has its disadvantages, and the many friends of Mr. Clarence Henry Blechynden and Miss Bessie Farris, eldest daughter of Mr. Thomas Farris, R.N, (London) and Mrs. Farris, of Bridgetown, were most pleased when the early showery morning of Wednesday turned into pleasant weather at 11 a.m., and the pretty al fresco wedding ceremony could be held without using the necessary umbrella usually sought for on such occasions. St. Paul's Church had been decorated by a willing army of girl friends and the pretty little Church looked charming. White climbing roses had been employed, and bamboo and asparagus fern provided the relief of green. Mr. Roland Farris, eldest brother, gave his sister away, and she looked very sweet in her charming dress of white satin trimmed with Brussels lace; the bodice of Russian effect with wide waistband, was let in at the front with dainty lace; the front and train of the skirt was let in with lace and was accompanied with a handsome satin panier, finished with glass dots. She were the customary wreath and veil and carried a Prayer Book. In reporting, it is usual to mention the bridegroom's gift at this period of the account, but it was not visible, for it was a set of handsome silver articles for her dressing table, and obviously was not to be worn. The bridesmaid, Miss Nellie Farris, (sister of the bride) did wear the bridegroom's gift, a handsome gold bracelet, and her pretty frock was much admired, showing up the bride's dainty whiteness in a most effective way. She was costumed in shell pink crepe-de-chine; the bodice being daintily trimmed with white pleated ninon; the skirt was artistically draped and she was caught round the waist with a chine ribbon sash. The hat was of white underlined with lace and trimmed with pink rosebuds. Mr. Blechynden was supported by Mr. Walter Mears and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. F. Davis. After the ceremony Mrs Farris held a reception at the Mechanics' Institute, where plenty of space was available for the many smartly dressed women, who were all close friends of either the Blechynden's or the Farris.' Mrs. Farris wore a charming dress of black silk of coatee and skirt design, the vest being of Paris lace. The hat was of lemon crinoline, was underlined with black, and was supported with a peacock blue mount. Mrs Farris was supported by Mr and Mrs Herbert Blechynden. The wedding party received the congratulations of their many friends just inside the entrance to the Hall, which was swetly decorated for the occasion.

The tables, which were uniquely arranged, were decorated with the most beautiful of roses, tuberoses, ferns, and other classes of greenery, the decorations being the work of Mr. and Mrs. R. Crawford, of the Freemasons Hotel.

After she guests had indulged in a good chat, the Rev. F. Davis, in proposing the toasts of the bride and bridegroom, said it was not necessary to say they were well known, but he would be content in saying that he was voicing the opinion of those present by wishing them all the good things of life. To go through life people had to pass through many phrases, both good and unpleasant, but he felt sure that a couple equally yoked, would be able to assist one another in fighting the unpleasant side of nature. Before the toast was completed, Mr. J. Allnutt, J.P., supported the remarks. In responding, the bridegroom said he appreciated all the kind things which had been said of his wife and himself, and in conclusion proposed the health of the bridesmaid, to which Mr. Walter Mears responded. The last toast was proposed by Mr. John Blechynden, and it was that of the caterers, Mr and Mrs Crawford, to which Mr. Crawford tendered his many thanks.

Mrs. Blechynden changed her frock about one o'clock the bridal pair left for Bunbury per motor with Mr. John Blechynden at the wheel. The bride wore a coat and skirt of a soft dull blue shade with a cutaway coat trimmed with pearl buttons of the same colour. A black sagel hat with lancer plumes and roses completed the effect.

After spending the honeymoon in Perth they will take up their residence in Bridgetown. A splendid array of presents was laid out on the stage of the Hall, everything from household requisites to the smallest trifles having been given to the young couple.

The following presents were noticed:—

Mother of bride, house linen and vases.

Mr. Roland Farris (brother) cheque.

Mr. Robert Farris (brother), cheque.

Miss Nellie Farris (sister), Brussels lace.

Mr. Ernie Farris (brother), salt cellars.

Misses Amy and May Blechynden (sisters), toilet set.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Blechynden (brother), cheque.

Mr. J. Blechynden (brother), cheque.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Blechynden (brother), cheque.

Lila and Reth (niece and nephew), ornamental vases.

Miss Green (aunt), knives and forks.

Mr Alty Blechynden (brother), silver-mounted riding whip.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Blechynden saucepans and dresser with glass sliding doors.

Mrs. M. E. Blechynden and family, clothes basket.

Mr. Tom Muir, cheque.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Pearce, cheque.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Wheatley, cheque.

Dr. and Mrs. Dean, cheque.

Mr. and Mrs. Awcock, cheque.

Mr. Rob. Wheatley, cheque.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby, table centre.

Mrs. John Muir, wedding cake.

Miss G. Emm (England), embroidered satin cushion cover.

Members Girls' Hockey Club, articles for kitchen use, given at a Kitchen Tea held in the Rectory on 8th October.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Mottram, vases.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hind and Miss Day, silver butter dish.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith, toast and butter rack.

Mr. and Mrs. Lake, carving set.

Mr. Jack Reading, silver-mounted bread plate.

Mrs. Hill, milk and cream jars.

Mrs. McAlinden, butter dish.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Smith, handsome fruit dishes.

Mrs. Higgins, cream jugs and salt cellars.

Misses E. and L. Quanne, silver-mounted brush.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Syme, fruit dishes and fruit plates.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, silver cake dishes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Allnutt, fruit dish and plates.

Misses A. and M. Smith, tray cloth.

Mr. and Mrs G. F. Robson, table centre.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Coverley, table centre.

Mrs. Day, bead work.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pearson, silver-mounted jar.

Miss Nelmore Doust, picture.

Mr. and Mrs. George Payne, mat.

Miss Bothwell, picture.

Mr. and Mrs. Wise, cut glasses.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Doust, afternoon tea service.

Mr. Boucher Everingham, afternoon tea service.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Wood, table centre and afternoon tea set.

Messrs. H. and C. Blechynden's staff, deck chair.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Reading, silver serviette rings.

Mr. L. H. Doust, ornamental vases.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McAlinden, biscuit barrel.

Mr. and Mrs. Moriarty, silver cruet.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Doust, handsome rose bowl.

Miss Layman, tea cosy.

Mr. and Mrs. Toyer, lamp.

Mr and Mrs Sherwood, thermis.

Mr. J. Carroll, Dalton fruit bowl and tobacco jar.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith, silver teapot.

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Miss Essie Hind, teapot stand.

Mr. Frank Pearce ornamental vases.

Mrs. H. and Miss Doust, silver flower vases.

Mr. and Mrs. Huggett, biscuit barrel.

Mr. R. Rockliffe, silver teapot.

Misses Farquhar, silver pickle cruet.

Mr. and Mrs. Meares, silver cruet.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Campbell, water jug and glasses.

Miss Maude Williams, silver flower vases.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, silver jam dish.

Miss A. Beazley, silver entree dish.

Mrs. and Miss Kate, thermis.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Turner, silver fruit dish.

Miss Sylvie Hill, silver flower stand.

Mr Walter Forrest, cheque.

Mr and Mrs J. R. Walter, cheque.

Mr and Mrs H. T. Doust, table centre.

Mr and Mrs Arthur Reeve, vegetable dishes.

Mr J. May, rose bowl.

Mr and Mrs T. E. Smith, jam dish.

Mr and Mrs F. J. Giblett, photo frames.

Mr and Mrs C. R. Doust, cheque.

Mr and Mrs Bolton, crumb tray and brush.

Mr and Mrs F. H. Dakin, clothes horse and paste board.

Mr and Mrs S. J. Moulton, lamp.

Miss Minna Wheatley, silver candlstick.

Mr and Mrs T. Wheatley, silver butter dish.

Mr and Mrs Frank Giblett, fruit dish.

Mrs and Miss Summers, egg cruet.

Misses Warburton, table centre.

Miss M. Lynam, photo frames.

Mr and Mrs F. McAlinden, fruit forks.

Mrs and Misses Scott, doulton biscuit barrel.

Mr and Mrs W. Stephens, caeque.

Mr Walter Meares, clock.

Mr and Mrs R. C. Williams, doulton biscuit barrel.

JOY BELLS

BLECHYNDEN -FARRIS

"Bright and happy is the bride that the summer's sun shines upon" is not- always the case in Bridgetown, but still the rain has its disadvantages, and the many -friends of Mr. Clarence Henry Blechynden and Miss Bessie Farris, eldest daughter of Mr. Thomas -Farris, R.N, (London) and Mrs. Farris, of Bridgetown, were most pleased when the early showery morning of Wednesday turned into pleasant weather at 11 a.m., and the pretty alfresco wedding ceremony could be held without using the necessary umbrellas. usually sought for on such occasions. St. Paul's Church had been decorated by a willing army of girlfriends and the pretty little Church looked charming. White climbing roses had been employed, and bamboo and asparagus fern provided the relief of green. Mr. Roland Farris, eldest brother, gave his sister away, and she looked very sweet in her charming dress of white satin trimmed with Brussels lace; the bodice of Russian effect with wide waist band, was let in at the front with dainty lace; the- front and train of the skirt, was let in with lace and was accompanied with a handsome satin panier, finished with glass dots. She wore the customary wreath and veil and carried a Prayer Book. In reporting, it is usual to mention the bridegroom's gift at this period of the account, but it was not visible, for it was a set of handsome articles for her dressing table and obviously -was not to be worn. The bridesmaid, Miss Nellie Farris, (sister of the bride) did wear the bridegroom's gift, a handsome gold bracelet, and her pretty frock was much admired, showing up, this bride's dainty whiteness in a most effective way. She was costumed in shell pink crepe-de-chine; the bodice being daintily trimmed with white pleated minon; the skirt was artistically draped, and she was caught round, the waist with a chine ribbon sash. The hat was of white underlined with lace and trimmed, with pink rosebuds. Mr. Blechynden was supported by Mr. Walter Mears, and the Ceremony was performed by the Rev F. Davis. After the ceremony Mrs. Farris held a reception at the Mechanics' Institute, where plenty of space was available for the many smartly dressed women who were all close friends of either the Blechynden's or the Farris'. Mrs Farris wore a charming dress of black silk of coatee and skirt design, the vest being of Paris lace. The hat was of lemon crinoline, was under- lined with black, and was supported with' a peacock blue mount. Mrs. Farris was supported by Mr and Mrs Herbert Blechynden. The wedding party received the congratulations of their many friends just inside the entrance to the Hall, which was sweetly decorated for the occasion.

The tables, which were uniquely arranged, were decorated with the most beautiful of roses, tuberoses, ferns, and other classes of greenery, the decorations being the work of Mr. and Mrs. R. Crawford, of the Freemasons Hotel.

After the guests had indulged in a good chat, the Rev. F. Davis, in proposing the toast of, the bride and bridegroom, said it was not necessary to say they were well known, but he would be content, in saying that he was voicing the opinion of those present by "wishing them all the good things of life". To go through life people had to pass through many phrases, both good and unpleasant, but he felt sure that a couple equally yoked, would be able to assist one another in fighting the unpleasant side of nature. Before the toast was completed, Mr. J. Allnutt, J.P. supported the remarks. In responding, the bride groom said he appreciated all the kind things which had been said of his wife and himself, and in conclusion proposed the health of the bridesmaid, to which Mr. Walter Mears responded. The last toast was proposed by Mr. John Blechynden, and it was that of the caterers, Mr and Mrs Crawford, to which Mr. Crawford tendered his many thanks.

Mrs. Blechynden changed her frock about one o'clock the bridal pair left for Bunbury per motor with Mr John Blechynden at the wheel. The bride wore a coat and skirt of a soft dull blue shade with a cutaway coat trimmed; with pearl buttons of the same colour. A black sage hat with lancer plumes and roses completed the effect.

After spending their honeymoon in Perth, they will take up their residence in Bridgetown. A splendid array of presents was laid out on the stage of the Hall, everything from household requisites to the smallest trifles having been given to the young couple.

The following presents were noticed:

Mother' of bride, house linen, and vases.
Mr. Roland Farris (brother) cheque
Mr. Robert Farris (brother), cheque.
Miss Nellie Farris. (sister), Brussels lace,
Mr Ernie Farris (brother) Salt cellars.
Misses-: Amy and May Blechynden (sisters), toilet set.
Mr and Mrs Jim Blechynden (brother), cheque.
Mr. J. Blechynden (brother), cheque.
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Blechynden (brother), cheque
Lila and Reub (niece and nephew), ornamental vases.
Miss Green (aunt), knives, and forks.
Mr Alty Blechynden (brother), silver-mounted riding whip.
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Blechynden saucepans and dresser with glass sliding doors.
Mrs. M. F. Blechynden and family, clothes basket.
Mr Tom Muir, cheque
Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Pearce. cheque
Mr. and Mrs. Will Wheatley - cheque
Dr. and Mrs. Dean, cheque
Mr. and Mrs. Awcock - cheque
Mr. Rob. Wheatley - cheque
Mr. and Mrs; Kirby, table centre
Mrs. John Muir, wedding cake.
Miss G. Emm (England) embroidered satin cushion covet.
Members Girls' Hockey Club, articles for kitchen use, given at a Kitchen Tea held in the (Rectory on 9th October.
Mr. and Mrs. Dave Mottram, vases.
Mr., and Mrs. E. E. Hill and Miss Day, silver butter dish.
Mr. and Mrs. Jack. Smith, toast and butter, rack.
Mr. and Mrs. Lake, carving set.
Mr. Jack Reading, silver-mounted bread plate.
Mrs. Hill, milk and cream jars.
Mrs. McAlinden, butter dish.
Mr, and Mrs. A. K. Smith, handsome fruit dishes.
Mrs. Higgins, cream jugs and salt cellars.
Misses E. and L. Okanne, silver-mounted brush.
Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Syme, fruit dishes and fruit plates.
Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, silver cake dishes.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Allnutt, fruit dish and plates.
Misses A. and M. Smith, tray cloth.
Mr. and Mrs 'G. F. Robson, table centre.
Mr. and Mrs. W. Coverley, table centre.
Mrs. Day, bead work.
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pearson, silver -mounted jar.
Miss Nelmore Doust, picture.
Mr. and Mrs. George Payne, mat.
Miss Bothwell, picture.
Mr. and Mrs. Wise cut glasses.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Doust, afternoon tea service.
Mr. Boucher Everingham, afternoon tea service.
Mr. and Mrs. F. Wood, table centre and afternoon tea set.
Messrs. H. and C. Blechynden's staff, deck chair.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Reading silver serviette rings.
Mr. L. H. Doust ornamental vases.
Mr. and. Mrs. J. McAlinden, biscuit barrel.
Mr. and Mrs. Moriarty, silver cruet.
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Doust, handsome rose bowl.
Miss Layman, tea cosy.
Mr. and Mrs. Toyer, lamp.
Mr and Mrs Sherwood, thermos.
Mr. J. Carroll, Dalton fruit bowl and tobacco jar.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith, silver teapot.
Miss Essie Hind, teapot stand.
Mr. Frank Pearce ornamental vases.
Mrs. H. and Miss Doust, silver flower vases.
Mr. and Mrs. Huguette, biscuit barrel.
Mr. R. Rockcliffe, silver tea pot.
Misses Farquhar, silver pickle cruet.
Mr. and Mrs. Meares, silver cruet.
Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Campbell, water jug and glasses.
Miss Maude Williams, silver flower Vases.
Mr; and Mrs. Mitchell, silver jam dish.
Miss A. Beazley, silver entree dish.
Mrs. and Miss Kate, thermos.
Mr. and Mrs Turner, fruit dish.
Miss Sylvie Hill, silver flower stand.
Mr Walter Forrest, cheque.
Mr and Mrs J. R. Walter, cheque.
Mr and Mrs H. T.-Doust, table centre.
Mr and Mrs Arthur Reeve, vegetable dishes.
Mr J. May, rose- bowl.
Mr and Mrs T. E. Smith, jam dish.
Mr and Mrs P. J. Giblett, photo frames.
Mr and Mrs C. R. Doust, cheque.
Mr and Mrs Bolton, crumb tray and brush.
Mr and Mrs F. H. Dakin. clothes horse and paste hoard.
Mr and Mrs S. J. Moulton, lamp
Miss Minna Wheatley, silver candlestick.
Mr and Mrs T. Wheatley, silver butter dish
Mr and Mrs Frank Giblett, fruit dish
Mrs and Miss Summers, egg cruet.
Misses Warburton, table centre.
Miss M. Lynam, photo frames.
Mr and Mrs F. McAlinden, fruit forks.
Mrs and Misses Scott, Doulton biscuit barrel.
Mr and Mrs W. Stephens, cheque.
Mr Walter Meares, clock.
Mr and Mrs R. C. Williams, Doulton biscuit barrel.

Following are details of Elizabeth Jane 'Bessie' Farris's parents, **THOMAS FARRIS (1851-1908)** and **ELIZABETH ANN HINDE (1861-)** and family (via the Gueret and Coyne Family Tree, Ancestry):

Thomas married Elizabeth in Mar 1883, in Portland, Dorset, England. They had five children. He was born 9 Apr 1851, Driffield, Yorkshire, England. Residence 1871, Glasgow Barony, Lanarkshire, Scotland, Relation to Head of House: Boarder. Residence Apr 1881, HMS Monarch, Vessels, Royal Navy, England. He died Jan 1908, West Ham, Essex, Greater London, England. Elizabeth was from London. She was born Mar 1861, Fortuneswell, Portland, Dorset, England, daughter of HUMPHERY HINDE (1836-1913) and ELIZABETH JANE WINTER (1842-1935). She died in WA.

Elizabeth Hinde's parents were married in Oct 1860, Portland, Dorset, England. Her father was born 7 Feb 1836 in Portland, Dorset, England, the son of HUGH HINDE and ANN SCRIVEN. He died 7 Sep 1913, Fortuneswell, Portland, England. Her mother was born 30 Jan 1842, Castle, Portland, Dorset, England, the daughter of JOHN WINTER and ELIZABETH WINTER. Elizabeth died 13 February1935, 1 Wyke Road, Weymouth, Dorset, England.

The details Thomas and Elizabeth's five children are as follows:

1. ELIZABETH JANE 'BESSSIE' FARRIS (1884-1972) was born Jan 1884, Custom House, West Hampshire, Essex, England. Died 15 Jun 1972, Forrest, WA.

2. ELLEN 'NELLIE' FARRIS (1885-) was born 1885, North Woolwich, Essex, England. She died 15 Jun 1972, Forrest, WA.

3. ROLAND PRITCHARD FARRIS (1888-1970) was born July 1888, Silverton, Essex, England. He died 1970, Perth, WA**.** Roland served overseas in France in World War 1. SERN 622. He enlisted on 10 Mar 1915 in Bridgetown WA. It is interesting that his papers were signed by J W Blechynden as the Attesting Officer. He proceeded to Marseilles, France on 21 Mar 1916 with the 28th Battalion, AIF and was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

4. ROBERT THOMAS FARRIS (1890-1980) was born Oct 1890, Silverton, Essex, England. He died in 1980 in Perth, WA. In 1917, Robert married STELLA DUNDERDALE (1897-1979) in Perth, WA [Reg. 303].

5. ERNEST TRAFALGAR FARRIS (1896-1918) was born Oct 1896, West Hampshire, Silverton, Essex, England**.** Residence Apr 1901, 4 Primrose Terrace, Knights Road, West Ham, Essex, England Military: WW1 signed up 26 Feb 1915, Bridgetown, WA. He died 19 May 1918, **Killed In Action** Western Front, Picardie, France. Buried at Ribemont Cemetery, Somme, Picardie, France.

CLARENCE HENRY BLECHYNDEN and ELIZABETH JANE 'BESSIE' FARRIS **had six children**, the details of which are in their own sections following. Tragically, their fourth born son Ernest Farris Blechynden died on 21 Apr 1921 at the rectory, Bridgetown. at the age of two years. His parents must have been devastated. Tragedy was to strike again with the death of their fifth child Angus Ferris Blechynden at the age of 20 years. Condolences poured in as can be seen from his obituary in his own section further on.

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Cropped photo of Clarence from Bridgetown Agricultural Society 45th Annual Show, 22nd Nov 1929, six of the nine Blechynden Bothers

Clarence Henry Blechynden was a keen member of the Upper Blackwood Progress Association. In meetings in 1910, 1911, 1915, 1916, 1934 minutes show he was the secretary.

***Southern Times* (Bunbury, WA: 1888 - 1916), Thu 28 Sep 1911, pg 2**
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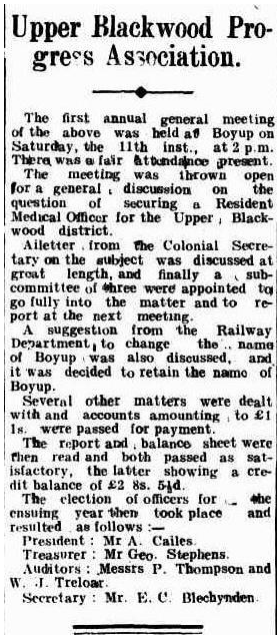

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Written on the back of the photo: W. L. Doust, W. A Doust, C. H. Blechynden, J. H. Muir, Frank Mottram and Thomas Muir (Beard)

WA Doust, is standing on the left in the photo with his hand on the pedestal.

Thomas Muir is the one with the beard.

(Clarence Blechynden, third one from left standing at the back).

Occasion and date unknown.

Electoral Roll:

1906, 1910, Clarence Henry Blechynden, with brother Herbert Edward, Blechynden Bridgetown, butcher.
1916, Clarence Henry Blechynden, Bridgetown, butcher, Elizabeth Jane, home duties.
1925, 1931, 1937, 1942, Clarence Henry Blechynden, Hampton St, Bridgetown, Elizabeth Jane, home duties.
Clarence Henry (Bob) Blechynden: Residence 1954: Nedlands, Curtin.
Elizabeth Blechynden (nee Farris): Resident 1958, 99 Broadway Nedlands.

Clarence Henry Blechynden died 23 Feb 1952,
Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 14]. Buried Bridgetown Cemetery.

BLECHYNDEN, C. H. (Bob): On Feb. 23, at his residence, Bridgetown, loved husband of Bessie, loving father of Betty, Helen, Nan and Dorien.
BLECHYNDEN, Clarence Henry (Bob): On Feb. 23, at his residence, Hampton-street, Bridgetown, loved brother of May; aged 72 years 10 months.

Blackwood Times **(Greenbushes, WA: 1905 - 1955), Fri 29 Feb 1952, pg 1**
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Grave and headstone of Clarence Henry Blechynden. Courtesy Ken Blechynden

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Elizabeth Blechynden (nee Farris) died 15 Jun 1972, Forrest, WA. Cremated, Karrakatta Cemetery. Garden of Remembrance, Crematorium Rose Garden, Garden 25 0161.

SIX CHILDREN OF CLARENCE HENRY BLECHYNDEN 'BOB' (1879-1952)
& ELIZABETH JANE 'BESSIE' FARRIS (1884-1972)

1. BLECHYNDEN, ELIZABETH 'BETTY' (1914-2008) was born 1914, Bridgetown, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 186]. She married HOWARD FRANCIS TREVENEN (1904-1964), 1942, Perth, WA [Reg. 3288]. Howard was born 6 Apr 1904, Kookynie, WA [Reg. 2028]. Howard died 12 Dec 1964, Nedlands, WA [Reg. 3873] and was buried at Karrakatta Cemetery, WA. Elizabeth 'Betty' died 25 Jun 2008, Nedlands, Perth, WA. Burial, Karrakatta Cemetery, WA. They had no children.

2. BLECHYNDEN, HELEN 'ELLEN' (1916-2007) was born 1916, Blackwood, WA [Reg.121]. Christened Nelly changed to Helen. She married DOUGLAS SAMUEL BOWRA (1912-2011), 12 Nov 1938, Highgate, Perth, WA [Reg. 1960]. Douglas was born 19 Dec 1912, Perth, WA [Reg. 1435]. Helen 'Ellen' died 7 Dec 2007, Southern Highlands Private Hospital, NSW. Burial Wollongong Memorial Gardens, NSW. Douglas died 9 May 2011, Narrabeen, NSW. The couple had two sons: Timothy and another, whose name is not known.

3. BLECHYNDEN, NANCY 'NAN / NORA' (1917-) was born 1917, Blackwood, WA [Reg.117]. She remained single. Military: Enlisted at Paddington. Army, NFX 200366, Lance Corporal, 110 Perth Military Hospital, discharged from service 13 Jan 1947.

4. BLECHYNDEN, ERNEST FARRIS (1919-1921) was born 1919, Blackwood, WA [Reg.128]. He died 21 Apr 1921, [Reg. 22], aged ~ 2 years, at the 'Rectory' where the new Bridgetown cattle yards are built.

5. BLECHYNDEN, ANGUS FARRIS (1922-1943) was born 1922, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 149]. He died on 15 Apr 1943 at the age of 20 in Subiaco, WA [Reg. 772] and is buried in the Bridgetown Cemetery, WA.

Blackwood Times (Greenbushes, WA: 1905 - 1955), Fri 23 Apr 1943, pg 1
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BLECHYNDEN.—The Friends of the late Angus Farris Blechynden, dearly beloved only son of Mr and Mrs Clarence Henry Blechynden, of Bridgetown, loving brother of Elizabeth (Mrs Trevanin), Helen (Mrs Doug Bowra, Melbourne), Nan (WAAMS), and Dorien (Perth), are respectfully informed that his remains will be laid to rest in the Church of England Cemetery, BRIDGETOWN, at 3.30 o'clock TOMORROW (Saturday) AFTERNOON. The Funeral is appointed to leave St Paul's Church, Hampton-street, Bridgetown, at the conclusion of a service commencing at 3 o'clock. Friends attending may proceed by the 7.35 o'clock train leaving Perth, this (Friday) morning.

Obituary

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Floral and other tributes were received from the following:

Dad and Mother; Howard and Betty; Doug., Helen and Freda; Aunt May; Mary Ellen; Minna and Freda; Uncle Bob and Stella and Cousins; Ron, Douglas and Elsie; Bill, Maurice, Colin, Joan and Nancy; Ernest, Agnes, Reg and Lorna; Greg., Bertha and Tony; Aunt Nellie, Uncle Len and Norman; Aunt Clara; Lila, Elva and Desmond; Aunt Nellie, Audrey and John; Hayward, Lesley and Lou; Gladys, Allen and children; Gonty, Lorna and Paul; Harry, Rice and Phil Treevanai; Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Ruck and family; Noel and Myrtle and family; Mick and Mollie and family; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hurst; Mr. and Mrs. Flintoff and family; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Abbotts Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Dakin; Mr. and Mrs. King and Desmond; Mrs. Bentley and family; Roy and Milly Doust; Stan, Jeanne and Doreen; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mitchell; Mr. and Mrs. C. McCay; Tom and Hazel Drummond; Fred and Helen and children; Mr. and Mrs. Ramage and family; Mr. and Mrs. Ewing, Mary and Joan; Kate, Peggy and Herbert; C. M. Awcock and Kitty; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Chidgey; Charles Allnutt; Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Draper and family; Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Bolton; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Scott and family; Molly and Irvine Wheatley; Mr and Mrs. P. W. Cornell; Walter and Mary Fleeton and family and R. Fleeton; Les. and Pearl Machin and family; Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Powell and family; Mr. and Mrs. W. Hill and family; Mr. and Mrs. W. C Moyes; Mr and Mrs. R. Stockins and Mrs. Boath; Mr. and Mrs Bazeley and family; Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Ducas and Gloria; Frank, Evelyn and Muriel Giblett; Ted. and Gas Walker and family; Abel family; Bridgetown Croquet Club; Waveney and Ron; Mrs. Cox and Jack; from all at Spring Hill, Winnegup; from all at Hill Farm; Mr. and Mrs. J. Adams and family; Mr. and Mrs. MacKinnon and family; Mrs. Layton and Dot; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Muir; Leighton Yulman; Mr. and Mrs. Cross; Mrs Down; Mr. and Mrs. Tidy; Katharine Stanley; Mr. and Mrs. John Muir; Mr. E. C. Williams and family; Mrs. E. Wheatley, Bob and Don; Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hastie and family; Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Campbell and family; M. Levingston and family; Lew and Hilda McAlinden and family; Mrs. Hodgkin and Jack; Elsie Klopper; Mr. and Mrs. Len. Duncan; Jim and Mary Doust and family; Mr and Mrs C Zinnecker; E. Crofts-Davis; Jen and Lou Judges; Mr. and Mrs. W. Wheal; Nan and Dorien; Mr. and Mrs. A. Zinnecker; Mr. and Mrs. Naylor and family; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hill; Mrs Cullen; Steve Moulton, Bonnie and Mick; Mrs. Wheatley and Louie; Jean and Graham Malcolm, Gladys and Harry Moore and family; Mr. and Mrs. G Bartlett and family; Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer and family; Mrs. Brierly; Walter and Annie Abbotts; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Henderson and family; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Nelson and family; Les. and Muriel Scaddan, Sadie and Lesley; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fleeton and family; M. Lynam; Mrs. M. Walker; Mrs. Stephens and Jack; Mrs. Gerney and Pop Fleeton; B. C. Strempel; Mabs and Bob; S. E. D. at the old house; Gertrude and Alan; Alice and John.

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Dad and Mother; Howard and Betty; Doug, Helen and Freda; Aunt May; Mary Ellen; Minna and Freda; Uncle Bob and Stella and Cousins; Ron, Douglas and Elsie; Bill, Maurice, Colin, Joan and Nancy; Ernest, Agnes, Reg and Lorna; Greg, Bertha and Tony; Aunt Nellie, Uncle Len and Norman; Aunt Clara; Lila, Elva and Desmond; Aunt Nellie, Audrey and John; Haywood, Leslie and Lou; Gladys, Allen and children; Gonty, Lorna and Paul, Harry, Rice and Phil Treavenail; Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Ruck and family; Noel and Myrtle and family; Mick and Mollie and family; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hurst; Mr. and Mrs Flintoff and family; Mr. and Mrs Ernest Abbotts; Mr. and Mrs F. H. Dakin; Mr. and Mrs King and Desmond; Mrs. Bentley and family; Roy and Milly Doust; Stan, Jean and Doreen; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mitchell; Mr. and Mrs. C. McCay; Tom and Hazel Drummond; Fred and Helen and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ramage and family; Mr. and Mrs Ewing, Mary and Joan. Kate, Peggy and Herbert; C. M. Awcock and Kitty; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Chidgey; Charles Allnutt; Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Draper and family; Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Bolton; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Scott and family; Molly and Irvine Wheatley; Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Cornell; Walter and Mary Fleeton and family and R. Fleeton; Les and Pearl Machin and family; Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Powell and family; Mr. and Mrs. W. Hill and family; Mr and Mrs. W. C. Moyes; Mr and Mrs. R. Stockins and Mrs. Boath; Mr. and Mrs. Beazley and family; Mr. and Mrs C. R. Ducas and Gloria; Frank, Evelyn and Muriel Giblett; Ted and Gale Walker and family; Abel family; Bridgetown Croquet Club; Waveney and Ron; Mrs. Cox and Jack; from all at Spring Hill, Winnejup; from all at Hill Farm; Mr. and Mrs. J. Adams and family: Mr. and Mrs. MacKinnon and family: Myra Layton and Dot; Mr. and Mrs, J. H. Muir; Leighton Yuleman; Mr. and Mrs. Cross; Mr. Down; Mr. and Mrs Tidy; Katherine Stanley; Mr. and Mrs John Muir; Mr. E. C. Williams and family; Mrs. E. Wheatley; Bob and Don; Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hastie and family; Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Campbell and family; M. Levingston and family; Lew and Hilda McAlinden and family; Mrs. Hodgkin and Jack; Elai Klopper; Mr. and Mrs. Len Duncan; Jim and Mary Doust and family; Mr. and Mrs. C. Zinnecker; E. Crofts-Davis; Jen and Lou Judges; Mr. and Mrs. W. Wheal, Nan and Dorien; Mr. and Mrs A. Zinnecker; Mr. and Mrs Naylor and family; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hill; Mrs Cullen, Steve Moulton, Bonnie and Mick; Mrs. Wheatley and Louie; Jean and Graham Malcolm;

Gladys and harry Moore and family; Mr. and Mrs Sawyer and family; Mrs. Brierley; Walter and Annie Abbots ; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Henderson and family; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Nelson and family; Len and Murriel Scaddan; Sadie and Lesley; Mr. and Mrs. J. Fleeton and family; M. Lynam; Mrs. M. Walker; Mr. Stephens and Jack; Mrs Gerney and P. Fleeton; B. C. Stempel; Mabe and Bob; S. E. D. at the old house, Gertrude and Alan; Alice and John.

Note: The *Trove* digital interpreting of this article is extremely poor. My apologies if some of the names have been deciphered incorrectly.

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6. BLECHYNDEN, DORIEN FARRIS (1924-1980)was born 22 Dec 1924, Bunbury, Wellington, WA [Reg. 17], registered in 1925 under Doreen.

Jan 1933, Dorien and her mother Bessie Blechynden, Perth, WA

JANUARY 10, 1936.

ESSAYS

THE BRIDGETOWN SHOW

Dorien Blechynden: "What I saw at the Bridgetown Show."

Every town or district has a yearly show. The farmers now have a chance to show the best of their year's produce. These things are sometimes given first or second prizes. The show of most interest to the people is the Royal Show which is held in the Claremont show ground every year. The second show of most interest is the Bridgetown show. The producer is always preparing for the next show; he never stops working with his exhibits. The grounds are a little out of the town and on the side of the hill. There are iron gates at the entrance. The cattle pens are on the right hand side of the gates going into the grounds and the pigs and sheep are on the left hand side going in. As you are getting near the gates you can hear the cheap jacks shouting and all the little children calling to each other. All the cars are together on the left hand side going in. The exhibit hall is just just about opposite the gates, over the other side of the trotting ring.

The tea rooms are up in one corner of the ground. In front of the hall is the grand stand. In the hall are flowers, cookery, preserves, children's school work, apples, vegetables, photography, needlework, dairy produce, and fruits. Some boys from the Bridgetown school led horses, cows, young calves, and other young stock. Some boys let their calves go but some kept them in order. They had horse jumping, racing, and other games. There were many sideshows and cheapjacks there. I saw a young girl among four large snakes and four bob-tail goannas, and many other things. There were some lovely pine trees shading the seats for all the people to sit upon. There were nice cool drinks, ice creams and other things served by some of the members of the Bridgetown Agricultural Society. Afternoon tea was given as well. Soon after five o'clock some of the people began to collect their exhibits to bring home again, and gradually the ground is clearing up and everyone going home after a long and happy day.

In 1936, at the age of 12 years, Dorien wrote this delightful essay following about the Bridgetown Show

Military: Dorien Farris
WA. NOK: Clarence Blechynden.
RAAF, NCOs and Other Ranks.

Blechynden: Enlisted Perth,
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DORIEN married **RAYMOND PHILLIP CORBOY (1924-2013)**, on 31 Dec 1945 in VIC [Ref. No. 13449]. Raymond was born in 1924, Benalla, VIC and was an engineer. The couple had two children Phillip and Richard.

CORBOY—BLECHYNDEN.—On December 31, 1945, at St. Mark's Church of England, Victoria, by Canon P. W. Robinson, Raymond Philip, elder son of Mrs. Corboy and the late Philip Corboy, South Yarra, Victoria, to Dorien, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Blechynden, Bridgetown, Western Australia.

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Dorien / Dorian Corboy (nee Blechynden) died 1980, Hampton, VIC [Reg. 7651]. Raymond died 14 Jun 2013, St Leigh's Nursing Home, Sandringham, VIC.

Electoral Roll:
1949, Raymond Phillip Corboy, Nihill St, Alexandria, VIC, Dorien Farris Corboy, home duties.
1958, Raymond Phillip Corboy, 328 Beach Rd, Sandringham, VIC, mechanic, Dorien Farris Corboy, home duties.
1977, Raymond Phillip Corboy, 36 David Rd, Hampton, Balaclava, VIC, Electrical Superintendent, Dorien Farris Corboy, home duties.

TWELTH CHILD OF JOHN BLECHYNDEN & ELIZABETH GREEN

12. BLECHYNDEN, MAY (1881-1955)

May Blechynden was born on 14 Mar 1881 in Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 21710], the twelfth child and third daughter born to Elizabeth Green and John Blechynden. She was born into a family of nine sons and one daughter, (sadly she was not to know her sister Charlotte Jane who had died at 15 months in 1869). The boys ages ranged from John William the eldest, almost 20 years, to the youngest Clarence, who was two years. Her sister Amy (their tenth child) was aged almost four. One can imagine their parents would have been delighted with another daughter to grow up with Amy. This delight was magnified when in two years-time, another daughter, Ada was born in 1883, making the girls a threesome.

May Blechynden

The story of her grandparents Harrison Blechynden (1802-1873) and Charlotte Augusta Robus (1812-1889) who emigrated from Kent, England in 1830 to the new Swan River Colony can be read in their own chapter. As mentioned in other chapters, her father John Blechynden (1833-1900) was one of the first settlers in the Blackwood District having walked accompanied by two Aborigines from Beverley, (where he grew up), seeking viable land on which to apply for an allocation to farm. John married Elizabeth Green (1839-1891) in 1860 and they built the first home 'Bridgedale', in the newly surveyed town which was named Bridgetown. The story of May's parents can be read in their own chapter.

May remained single. More details of her life can be read in the combined chapter of Amy and May Blechynden following.

May Blechynden died on 17 Oct 1955, aged 74 years, Bridgetown, (Blackwood), WA, [Reg No. 81]. She was buried in 1955 in Bridgetown Cemetery, Bridgetown, WA. See also the end of this section.

The following twelve pages were written and put together by Dianne Black for the Bridgetown Historical Society featuring women from the past who lived in Bridgetown. The material and photos in this document have come from various Blechynden family members, records and old newspaper cuttings. Note that a few changes have been made since and added to this article - thank you to Angela and Ken Blechynden and Jill Feutrill (nee Blechynden).

AMY BLECHYNDEN (1877-1938) & MAY BLECHYNDEN (1881-1955)

By Dianne Black (nee Pearce)

Amy and May Blechynden were born, grew up and spent their whole lives in Bridgetown. They were born in the very, early days of Bridgetown and watched the newly gazetted town slowly begin to grow and thrive. Following their parents pioneering spirit they were quick to offer their skills in many areas and became valued members of the community. The girls did not marry but it is believed May in particular had many suitors. They were part of a very, large family and as their brothers married and children appeared on the scene, they enthusiastically adopted the role of favourite aunts. As children, my father Haywood Pearce (deceased) and his cousin Jill Feutrill (nee Blechynden) were both fond of their great-aunts.

Amy at the back and May Blechynden

Amy and May were the daughters of Elizabeth (nee Green) 1839-1891 and John Blechynden 1833-1900 who were married in Perth in 1860. Elizabeth Green and John Blechynden were born in the early days of the Swan River Colony. It is believed they were the first Western Australian born white couple to be married in the State. The story of how they came to the Blackwood District and built their home 'Bridgedale' (also known as 'Blechynden House') can be read in the earlier story of John Blechynden and Elizabeth Blechynden (nee Green).

John and Elizabeth Blechynden had thirteen children, nine sons and four daughters: John William 1861-1931, George Harrison 1862-1937, Edwin 1864-1934, James 1866-1939, Charlotte Jane 1868-1869, Arthur 1870-1941, Alfred William 1871-1941, Ernest Charles 1873-1949, Herbert Edward 1875-1935, Amy 1877-1938, Clarence Henry 1879-1952, May Blechynden 1881-1955 and Ada Jane 1883-1888. Sadly, two of their daughters, Charlotte Jane and Ada Jane did not survive to adulthood.

Amy Blechynden was born on the 17 Mar 1877 into a family of nine brothers. Her mother then aged thirty-eight, must have been delighted to, at last, have a daughter to make up for the loss of baby Charlotte Jane. At Amy's birth her oldest brother, John, aged sixteen, was almost a man. A younger brother, Clarence, was born two years after Amy on 21 Apr 1879.

Celebrations were in order when another daughter, May Blechynden was born on 14 Mar 1881 on her father's birthday. Amy turned four years of age three days later. To their mother Elizabeth's absolute delight yet another daughter, Ada Jane was born on 23 May 1883. One can imagine that the next few years were happy ones as Elizabeth taught her three girls skills such as cooking and sewing and all the things that girls need to know in running a household.

May Blechynden aged nine years

Amy and May with their dog.

Christmas was always a special time and Christmas 1887, with all the family together would have been no exception. Elizabeth, although likely weary at this busy time for mothers, must have been full of happiness as she watched her nine sons and three small daughters enjoying Christmas, a magic time for the youngest ones, Clarence at eight years old, Amy ten, May six and Ada four. But great sadness struck in the New Year when on 2 Jan 1888 at the tender age of four years, seven months little Ada passed away. It was almost more than a mother could bear and the family shared her grief.

Amy and May went to the Bridgetown School and the newspaper article shows that Amy and May were taught by Miss Mitchell, as was their brother Herbert in 7th Standard.

***Southern Times* (Bunbury, WA: 1888 - 1916), Tue 8 Jan 1889, pg 5.** 08 Jan 1889 - Bridgetown Government School. (nla.gov.au)

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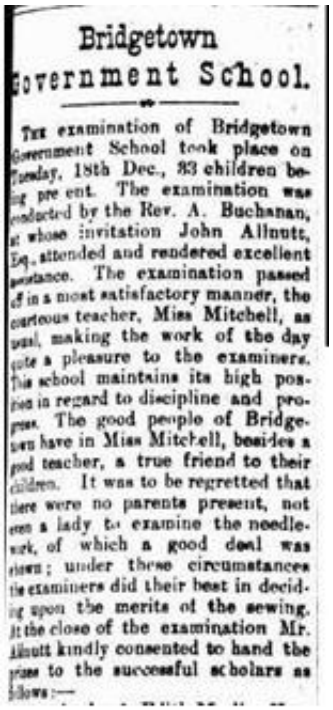
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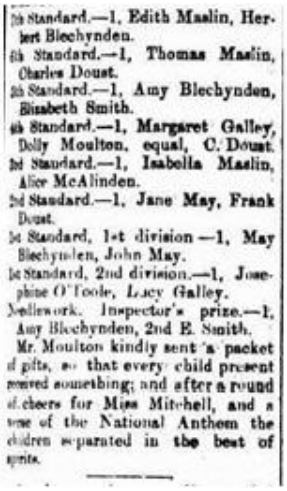
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The girls and their brothers were heart- broken and their father John devastated when on 8 Apr 1891, only three years after the death of Ada, Elizabeth, the mother of the family, died of a cerebral embolism or stroke. At the time, May, aged ten, Clarence twelve, Amy fourteen, Herbert sixteen, Ernest aged seventeen and Alfred nineteen, were all at home but the rest of the family were away working.

One can imagine that Amy, became the mother figure and looked after the younger ones. May grew up fast as she helped her sister with the cooking, washing and housekeeping, using the knowledge from their mother's teaching that was to stay with them all their lives. As the girls grew up suitors began calling. Many an outing and picnic with friends and family was enjoyed.

Boronia Picnic, at Bunbury End Green Bush, 1897

Notes via Jill Feutrill (nee Blechynden).

Bunbury End was an early-days settlement a short way from, and north of, Greenbushes, hence the unusual name of Bunbury End, meaning closer to Bunbury than was Greenbushes! When I was small there used to be a few clearings with palms and a lonely chimney or two left at Bunbury End signifying a settlement was there some time earlier.

Photo and reverse follow below with typed identification transcription in list form.

TRANSCRIPTION OF HANDWRITTEN IDENTIFICATION
BORONIA PICNIC AT BUNBURY END GREEN BUSH 1897

Left to right Miss Beasley P.M. B.T. (presumably means Post Mistress Bridgetown) she is figure at front with open hamper Maud Doust (almost totally obscured and in white hat napkin touching mouth) MAY Blechynden dark frock frilly brim hat and smiling Mrs John Allnutt full bosomed holding white cup and saucer Elizabeth Smith also holding cup and saucer G.R. Robinson Mena/Mina Doust	Frank Doust holding cup chest height Mr Webb holding cup with left hand Harry Robinson moustached Miss Urquhart (Stanley) dark clothing AMY Blechynden (profile) high bosom, hat, hair with large bun at the back. Bert Wansbrough/Wansborough, P.M. Green B. (Post-Master Greenbushes). J.W. Blechynden, Janie/Jamie Beazley not shown in photo.

NOTE: going by the handwriting it seems back then Greenbushes used to be two words. I think the shortening of bushes in the reverse photo description title probably means the writer ran out of space! To the best of my knowledge, it's always been Greenbushes/Green Bushes - named after the unusual green of some native bushes growing there. I do not know who wrote on the reverse of the photograph or who altered the date. #

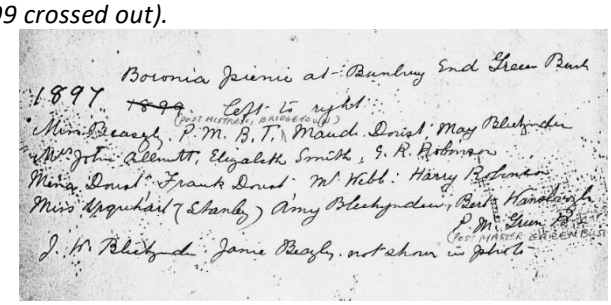
Regards Jill

Back of photo:

Some of the people recorded on the back of the photo, not necessarily in order: Amy Blechynden would have been 20 years, May 16 years and John William Blechynden 36 years of age.

Boronia picnic at Bunbury End Green Bush 1897(1899 crossed out).

Miss Beasley, P. M. B. T. Maud Doust, May Blechynden, Mrs John Allnut, Elizabeth Smith, G. R. Robinson, Mena Doust, Frank Doust, Mr Webb, Harry Robinson, Miss Urquhart (Stanley) Amy Blechynden, Bert Wainsborough, P. M. Green - J. W. Blechynden, Jamie Beazley, not shown in photo. Photo. Courtesy Jill Feutrill.



Amy was twenty-one years old and May seventeen when the two girls, one can imagine, dressed for the occasion, joined their father and brothers at the official opening of the Bridgetown Railway Station on 1st Dec 1898.The opening of the railway was a huge moment for the town and an indication that was beginning to thrive.

Bridgetown historical Society: https://www.bridgetownhistoricalsociety.org.au/

See also the very descriptive article of the official opening of the railway in the section on the eighth Child of John Blechynden (1833-1900) and Elizabeth Green (1839-18910, Ernest Charles Blechynden (1873-1949) and Agnes Blinco Moore (1880-1959).

"This photo was taken in Oct 1898.The official opening of the railway station had been booked for the end of October, but regrettably none of the dignitaries from Perth could attend, so the official opening was postponed until 1 Dec 1898. This photo is of the unofficial opening. The railway actually ran trains from Donnybrook to Bridgetown from July 1898!"

The Blechynden family also joined in the excitement felt within the town when the first Agricultural Show was held on 10 Dec 1885 and again when WA gained the right of Self Government in 1890.

May Blechynden aged sixteen years

A formal photo of Amy and May

Elegant photo of May Blechynden

Sadly, John Blechynden did not live to see the other five states join to form the Commonwealth of Australia in 1901. John Blechynden died on 14 Oct 1900 at Roesland, his brother Edwin's residence at Beverley. It was a sad moment for the family. John's daughter Amy was with him at his death. He was buried on 16 Oct 1900 in St. Paul's Old Cemetery C/E section, Beverley. His death notice stated: 'His eldest daughter Amy was with him at the time of his death and two of his sons Messrs J.W. and Arthur Blechynden on the receipt of a wire stating the doctor had no hope of their father's recovery travelled all night but did not reach Beverley before his demise…'

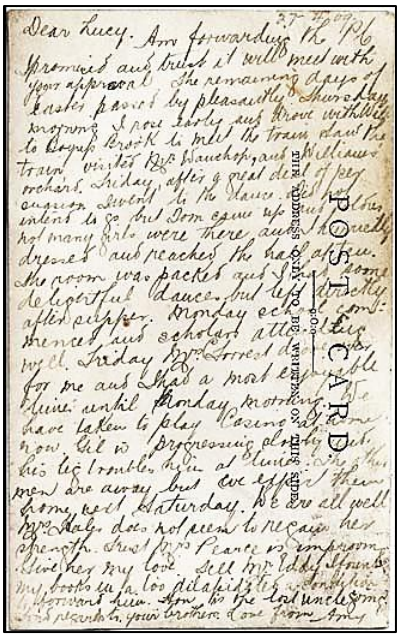
At happier times in their lives Amy and May attended many weddings, the first being those of their brothers: Arthur Blechynden married Clara Agnes Chapman 20 May, 1891; Alfred Blechynden married Mary Ellen Bovell 21 Aug, 1893; George Harrison Blechynden married Zela Matilda Tyler 25 May, 1896; James Blechynden married Bertha May Godschall Johnson in 1903; Ernest Charles Blechynden married Agnes Blinco Moore 23 Feb, 1909; Herbert Edward Blechynden married Ellen Francis Bathurst 8 Jan, 1913 followed by Clarence 'Bob' Henry Blechynden who married Elizabeth Farris. John William and Edwin remained single.

A post card of May and Amy sent by Amy in 1909 to Lucy Pearce. Amy was aged 32 years and May 28 years. *The photo over time had become very damaged. Working digitally on the photo to remove the blemishes it became apparent just how lovely the dresses were.

**Back of post card sent to Lucy Pearce by Amy Blechynden on 27 Apr 1909. Lucy later married Fred White in 1916. "Trust Mrs Pearce is improving." (Lucy's mother, Lucy Pearce (nee James) died in 11 Jan 1910.

Left: *Postcard *May and Amy Blechynden 1909*

Right: ** Back of Postcard



Dear Lucy.

Am forwarding the PC I promised and trust it will meet with your approval. The remaining days of Easter passed by pleasantly. Thursday morning I rose early and drove with Wil to Boyup Brookto meet the train Saw the train visitor Mrs Wauchope and William;s orchards Friday, after a great deal of persuasion I went to the dance. Did not intend to go, but Tom came up and others not many girls were thereand I hurriedly dressed and reached the hall at ten. The room was packed and I had some delightful dances but left directly after supper. Monday school commenced and scholars attending well. Friday Mrs Forrest drove over for me and I had the most enjoyable time until Monday morning. We have taken to play Casino at home now. Gil is progressing slowly with his leg troubles here at times. The other men are away but we expect them home next Saturday. We are all well. Mrs Hales does not seem to regain her strength. Trust Mrs Pearce is inproving. Give her my love. Tell Mr Eddy I found my books in a too dilapidated condition to forward him. How is the lost Uncle going? I send my regards to your brother.. Love from Amy.

Amy and May's oldest brother John William Blechynden remained single as did Edwin. Others in the family married or left in pursuit of their own lives. John William and his sisters lived together at Bridgedale. The stork had his time cut out as members of the family were blessed with children numerous times, providing much joy for Amy and May in their roles as aunts and later as great-aunts. They enjoyed an active family life, always taking part in christenings, birthdays and other family celebrations and gave much support and sympathy at funerals.

May Blechynden, Agnes Blechynden (nee Moore) wife of Ernest Blechynden, and Amy Blechynden, children, Betty Blechynden and Reg Blechynden taken at Bridgedale, Bridgetown

The First World War saw the beginning of the Red Cross; Amy and May were two of the first to join. They waited anxiously for news of the many young men from the area who joined up and served overseas. Among those were their nephews Leslie and Reuben Blechynden, sons of Arthur and Clara Blechynden and Amos Doust, son of Clara's sister Elizabeth and Henry Doust. Reuben Blechynden became a prisoner of war. Tragically Leslie Blechynden and Amos Doust were killed in action.

'Bridgedale': May Blechynden, Miss Ladden, Herbert Blechynden, Jim Dickinson, Isabell Maslin, Mina Doust. courtesy Ken Blechynden

John William became a very well respected, active and loved member of the community. Many people knew him as, and affectionately referred to him as, Uncle John. Amy and May looked after him, supporting him in all his endeavours and were themselves involved in many of his business and civic interests.

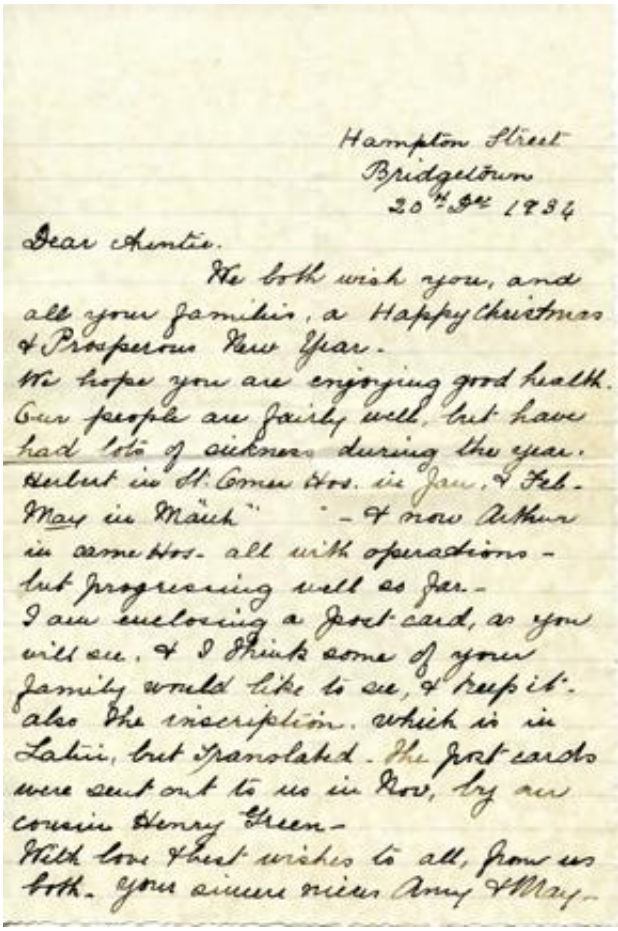
When John William Blechynden died after a three-month illness on 12 Jan 1931, 'The local community lost a friend to all'. In his Will dated 25 May 1927 he left £3,000 and property in trust for Amy and May so they could be provided for as they had no formal working skills. Their brother John's bequest enabled them to continue their valuable charitable work for the rest of their lives. Amy was fifty- three and May forty-nine when John died in 1931.John's two unmarried sisters continued to live at Bridgedale.

The following was quoted from John William's obituary in 1931:

"John, 'at all times took a very active interest in the civic business and sporting life of the district and was held in the highest respect of the whole community. He was one of the first members of the Bridgetown Agricultural Society and for some time filled the office of president of that body, of which he was elected a life member. He also filled the position of Chairman of the Nelson (now Bridgetown Road Board) for a number, of years. The deceased gentleman had engaged in many different businesses during his life. In the early days he was one of the leading transport merchants and had a number of teams on the roads carrying goods from Boyanup and Donnybrook prior to the extension of the railway to Bridgetown. . ."

During his lifetime John William owned farming property and at one time 'conducted an auctioneering business and a butchering business in town'. Amy and May were excellent cooks and one can imagine they hosted many a meeting and function at Bridgedale. They used their skills at the Bridgetown Agricultural Show every year providing morning and afternoon teas to the public, working tirelessly as they enjoyed chatting with family, friends and acquaintances from the community. In later years they were awarded life membership of the Bridgetown Agricultural Society.

Following are a couple of letters written to their 'Auntie' by Amy and May in 1934.



Hampton Street
Bridgetown
20th Dec 1934

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We both wish you, and all your families, a Happy Christmas & Prosperous New Year.

We hope you are enjoying good health. Our people are fairly well, but have had lots of sickness during the year. Herbert in St Omer Hos. in Jan. & Feb. May in March " - & now Arthur in same Hos. all with operations - but progressing well so far.

I am enclosing a post card, as you will see, & I think some of your family would like to see, & keep it. also the inscription, which is in Latin, but Translated. The post cards were sent out to us in Nov, by our cousin Henry Green.

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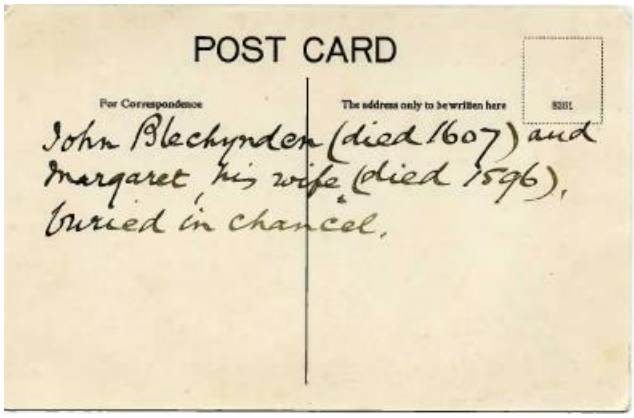
POST CARD

For Correspondence

The address only to be written here

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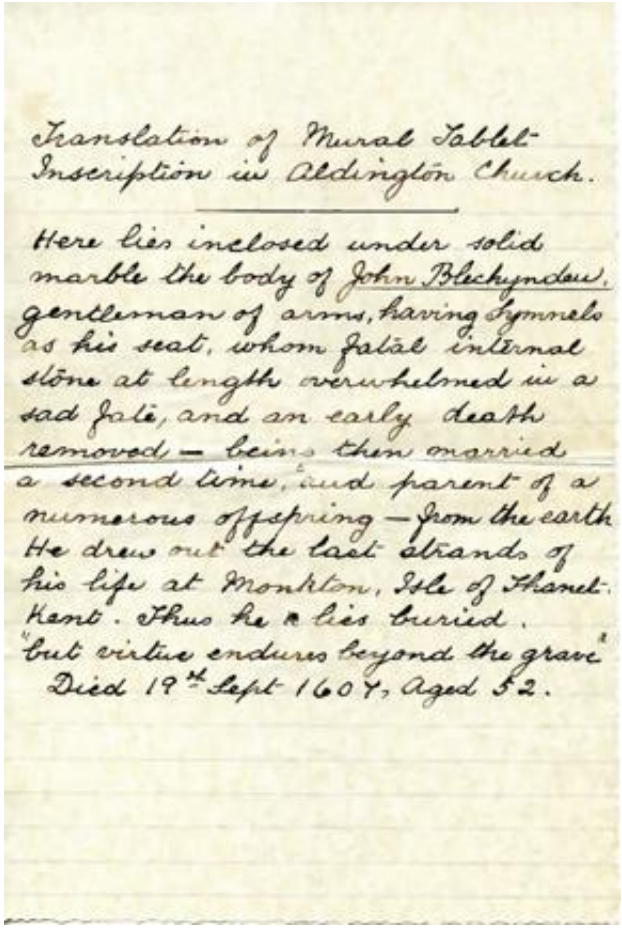
Above: *Post card mentioned in the letter*

Right: *Aldington Church*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Charles Edwin Blechynden (1848-1918) married **Caroline Mary Davies (1850-1942) in** 1872, Beverley, WA. In the letter with the post card, dated 20 Dec 1934, Amy and May wrote *Dear Auntie*. Caroline would have been Amy and May's Aunt. Caroline Mary Blechynden (nee Davies) died 8 Nov

1942, aged 92 years. At Beverley. At the time of the letter dated 1934, she would have been 84 years.

The following has been inserted in the **Introduction to the Blechynden story.** On 14 Jul 2019, a copy of two letters were given via Lindsay Adams, the great-grandson of Horace and Amy 'Ella' to Jill Feutrill (daughter of Reuben Blechynden). 'Reub' was the grandson of John Blechynden and Elizabeth Green. Reuben Blechynden's Letter to Ella Blechynden (Nee Craig), was dated 23 Jun 1962. He wrote, Dear cousin Ella. In Amy 'Ella' Craig's (Nee Blechynden's) response to Reub Blechynden, dated July 22-1962, she wrote, *Dear Cousin Reuben.*

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I think it is highly likely that the letter to *Dear Auntie*, was written to Caroline Blechynden as Caroline was Amy and May's Aunty. Following the death and funeral of Charlotte Blechynden, correspondence continued between the families from Beverley and Bridgetown. Elizabeth Blechynden (nee Green) died 1891 and John Blechynden died 1900, hence Amy and May became the matriarchs of their family. Caroline Blechynden (nee Davies) lived until 92 she was quite likely still very lucid.

When WW2 broke out in the late 1930's, they anxiously waited and watched for news of many members of their family who joined up and served overseas. Among them was their nephew Raymond Blechynden, the youngest son of Clara and Arthur Blechynden. He became a prisoner of war. Haywood Pearce, eldest son of their niece Lila Blechynden and Frank Pearce, trained in VIC then served overseas flying Beaufort Bombers in New Guinea. Fortunately, he survived and on return was the talk of the town when he flew a Beaufort over Bridgetown to take photos before demobbing. Amy and May continued to work with the Red Cross. As a result of their dedication and hard work they were awarded medals for their long service with the Red Cross.

Members of the Bridgetown Red Cross, 6 Dec 1935:

Back row: Mesdames – W. Hill; Woods; F. P. McAlinden; A. Hancock; S. Stevenson; J. R. Walter; McCoy; J. Ramage; J. Armstrong; May Blechynden; Miss May Thomson
Front row: *Mesdames – W. Livingstone, E. Mitchell; Amy Blechynden; W Abbots; sec – Red Cross; J. P. Stanley President; Miss M. M. Day, Treasurer- late sec for many years – H. M. Dallas; P. Ewing.*

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Amy and May at Bridgedale.

Amy Blechynden became unwell and died on 19 May 1938 in Hampton Street, Bridgetown. She was aged sixty-one years. She was buried in May 1938 in Bridgetown Cemetery, Bridgetown, WA.
It was a sad time for May who had not only lost a sister but her best friend.

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BEREAVEMENT NOTICE

THE Sister and Brothers of the late Amy Blechynden, of Bridgetown, wish to THANK all kind friends and relatives for kind acts received during her illness, and for telegrams, letters, cards, floral tributes and personal expressions of sympathy in their recent sad loss. Will all please accept this as a personal expression of gratitude.

Red Cross Society.—

We regret that in a recent report appearing in this paper covering the annual meeting of the Bridgetown Red Cross Society we omitted to mention the reference made to the late Miss Amy Blechynden. At this meeting the president (Mrs H. M. Dallas) referred to the passing of the late Miss Blechynden who she said, had been one of the outstanding workers for the society over a lengthy period. The meeting decided that a letter of sympathy should be forwarded to Miss May Blechynden.

May, now fifty-seven years old, must have initially felt very alone, but she was surrounded by an enormous family unit and had a large group of friends and acquaintances. She also had friends in Busselton and spent many happy times by the sea while visiting them. After Amy died in 1938, May sold the property for £2,000 in 1950. At that time the house had been converted into two flats. She left Bridgedale and lived on her property in Hampton Street Bridgetown next door to her brother Clarence (Bob) Blechynden.

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May was the last child of John and Elizabeth to survive. She was now the Matriarch of the Bridgetown Blechynden family.

By the mid-1960s 'Bridgedale' had deteriorated so badly it was due for demolition. This was not to be and the home became acknowledged as part of our State Heritage and operated by volunteers was open to the public. Much has happened since then. For details on the history and what became of the original home, go to the section on Bridgedale.

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Added since this article was originally written.

The recently restored graves and headstones of Amy and May Blechynden who are buried alongside each other at the Bridgetown Cemetery. See also the detailed description of this restoration and all the memorial headstones thereon in John and Elizabeth Blechynden's main section – see index. May's grave is on the left and Amy on the right.

What a wonderful life these two women lived, serving the community tirelessly and giving their all. They were much loved by family and were always there in times of crisis. Although I was not to know them in life, I am proud to be the great-great-niece of these two remarkable women.
Compiled by Dianne Black (nee Pearce).

WITH THE DISCOVERY OF TROVE - FOLLOWING ARE A FEW EXTRA ITEMS NOT INCLUDED ABOVE: Timetable of events from newspaper articles which can be found in *Trove* related to Amy and May Blechynden:

1901 Miss Blechynden presented the Sunday School gift to Rev. A. Cravin and Mrs Craven when they left Bridgetown.

***Blackwood Times* (Greenbushes, WA: 1905 - 1955), Fri 10 Jan 1913, pg 5**
10 Jan 1913 - Joy Bells. (nla.gov.au)
Wedding Herbert Edward Blechynden and Ellen Francis Bathurst. Gifts: Misses Amy and May Blechynden, forks and spoons.

***Blackwood Times* (Greenbushes, WA: 1905 - 1955), Fri 24 Oct 1913, pg 5**
24 Oct 1913 - JOY BELLS (nla.gov.au)
Wedding Clarence Henry Blechynden to Bessie Farris:
Gifts: Misses-: Amy and May Blechynden, (sisters), toilet set.

***Blackwood Times* (Greenbushes, WA: 1905 - 1955), Fri 8 Sep 1916, pg 3**
08 Sep 1916 - Orange Blossom (nla.gov.au)
1916 May Blechynden played the organ at St Paul's Church for the wedding of Lila and Frank Pearce.

***Blackwood Times* (Greenbushes, WA: 1905 - 1955), Fri 18 Nov 1910, pg 3**
18 Nov 1910 - Personal. (nla.gov.au)
1910 Miss May Blechynden who acted as organist at the Anglican Church for some years was presented with a gold watch by the members of the choir, prior to her departure on a trip to New Zealand.

***Southern Times* (Bunbury, WA: 1888 - 1916), Thu 22 May 1913, pg 4**
22 May 1913 - St Paul's Church. (nla.gov.au)
1912 The Sunday School at St Paul's Church was under the care of Miss Amy and Miss May Blechynden. One of the sisters was also the organist at this time.
St Paul's Church, BRIDGETOWN, PARISHIONERS' MEETING.

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***Southern Times* (Bunbury, WA: 1888 - 1916), Sat 29 Jul 1916, pg 4**
29 Jul 1916 - Bridgetown Red Cross (nla.gov.au)
1916 A spinning wheel was purchased by the Red Cross branch and Mrs Brockman and Miss Merry taught several members to spin. May Blechynden was one of these ladies. At this time Amy and May Blechynden were both members of the Bridgetown Red Cross.

***South Western Times* (Bunbury, WA: 1917 - 1929), Sat 15 Jun 1929, pg 2**
15 Jun 1929 - WEDDING (nla.gov.au)
Wedding Ivy May Blechynden to William Hyder.

***Manjimup Mail and Jardee-Pemberton-Northcliffe Press* (WA: 1927 - 1950), Fri 16 Jan 1931, pg 1**
16 Jan 1931 - OBITUARY. - Trove (nla.gov.au)
Obituary John William Blechynden. 1931 Amy and May resided with their unmarried brother, Mr J.W. Blechynden.

***Manjimup and Warren Times* (WA: 1927 - 1954), Thu 7 Apr 1932, pg 3**
07 Apr 1932 - Wedding (nla.gov.au)

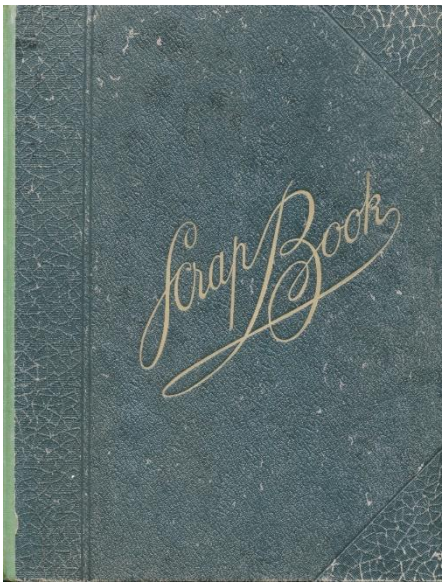
1932 Miss May Blechynden (aunt of the bride) received guests, in the absence of the bride's parents, at the marriage of Miss Ellen Blechynden to James Lee Steere.

The reception was held at Scott's Hotel, where friends of the happy couple assembled to extend their best wishes. The guests were received by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Steere, and Miss Amy Blechynden (aunt of the bride. Mrs Lee Steere wore a floral rock of georgette, with hat to match and carried a bouquet of red flowers and fern. Miss Blechynden wore pretty frock of bois-de-rose crepe de-chine with to match, and carried a bouquet of geld roses and fern.

***Bridgetown Advocate* (WA: 1938 - 1950), Thu 13 Feb 1941, pg 1**
13 Feb 1941 - BRIDGETOWN ROAD BOARD (nla.gov.au)
1941 *Miss May Blechynden asked the Road Board for crossover to her property near the new bridge in Hampton Street. This was granted.*

Electoral Roll:
1906, May Blechynden, Bridgetown.
1917, 1936, 1954 May Blechynden, Hampton St, Bridgetown.

MAY BLECHYNDEN'S NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS
Over many years, May added cuttings on the Blechynden family and friends from the local newspapers.



What a valuable treasure she has left.

(From the collection of data from her album, currently in the possession of Ken and Angela Blechynden), many of the cuttings have been translated and can be viewed in the individual Blechynden chapters.

The over-all cuttings added up to 50 pages, so the decision was made to put them into their own section.

Trove, which was not created during May's lifetime, has made it possible to add many more.

The scrap book. Courtesy Ken Blechynden, was handed down from his father, Ray, after he and Reub Blechynden handled the will and estate of "Auntie May Blechynden".

THIRTEENTH CHILD OF JOHN BLECHYNDEN & ELIZABETH GREEN

13. BLECHYNDEN, ADA JANE (1883-1888)

Ada Jane Blechynden was born into a large family on 23 May 1883, Geejelup (sic, Geegelup), WA [Reg. 105527]. She was the thirteenth child of John Blechynden and Elizabeth Green. who were married on 23 Feb 1860 in St. George's Cathedral, Perth, WA. Her father, John Blechynden was the eldest child of Harrison Blechynden and Charlotte Robus, and her mother, Elizabeth Jane Green was the third child of George Green and Jane Beacham. Both were from pioneering families who had emigrated to the new Swan River Colony in WA from Kent, England. More details can be found in their

individual chapters. Ada was one of four girls and nine boys: John William aged 21 years, George Harrison aged 20 ½ years, Edwin aged 18 ¾ years and James almost 17 years. (Ada was not to know her sister Charlotte Jane who sadly died at the age of 13 months in 1869), Arthur aged 13 years, Alfred 11 ½, Ernest aged 9 ¾, Herbert aged 7 years, Amy 6 years, Clarence almost 4 years and May aged 2 years.

The family lived at 'Bridgedale' which was the first house to be built in the newly zoned town called Bridgetown. Her older brothers John William, George, Edwin and James were by now working away from home as they began to establish lives of their own. Arthur had finished school and went to work with his father on his farm. During the day Alfred, Ernest, Herbert and Amy attended the Bridgetown Primary School. As baby Ada learned to walk and grew, she and May as the youngest of the children, played together and were the best of friends.

Tragically, Ada Jane Blechynden died on 2 Jan 1888, aged 4 ¾ years. It was a very sad day for the family when she joined her sister Charlotte and was buried in 1888 in the old Bridgetown Pioneer Cemetery, now a park.

Ada is remembered along with her sister Charlotte and father John on her mother's headstone located on the recently restored grave of her sister May's gravesite in Bridgetown

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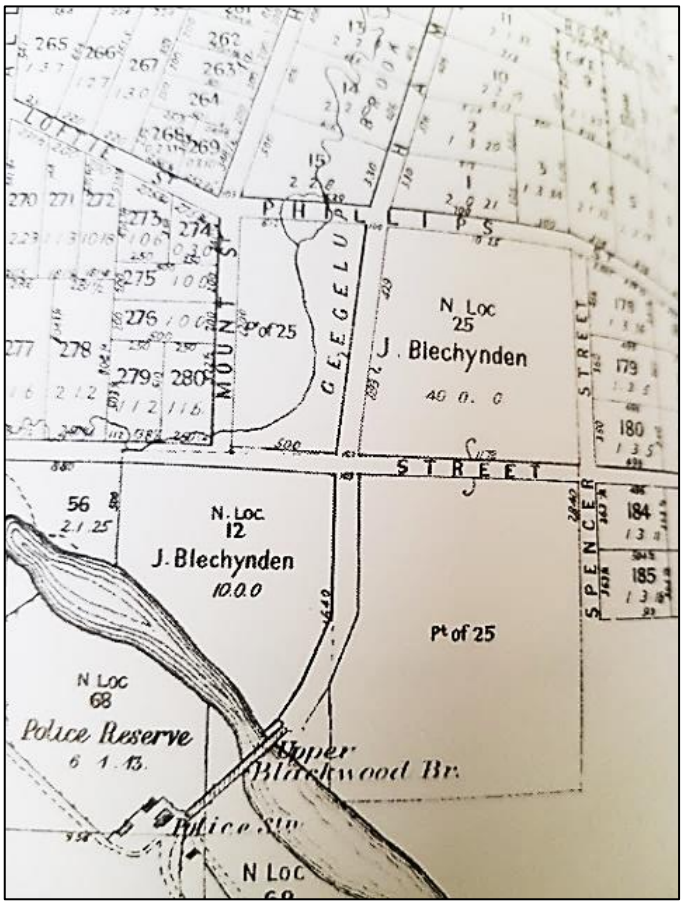
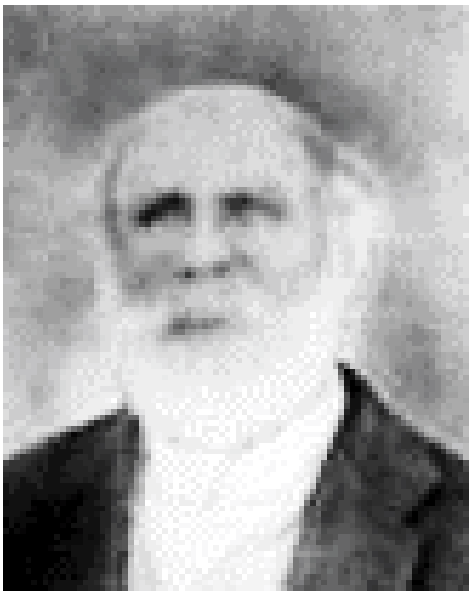
MAP SHOWING BLECHYNDEN HOLDINGS:

Photo of a section of a map 1895 printed in the publication Bridgetown the early years, by Fran Taylor. The map was Courtesy State Library of WA. The holding of J Blechynden. N Loc 25 bounded by Hampton and Phillips Street is where the other Blechynden houses are located. Aunt May on Hampton and Aunt Nellie and Audrey on about halfway along Phillips over the railway line bridge. The Anglican Church on corner of Hampton and Phillips.



Map showing Blechynden holdings

2. SARAH BLECHYNDEN (1841-1930) & JOHN PAGE (1831-1917)



Sarah was Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden's second child. She was born on 3 Mar 1841 in Perth.

On 30 Nov 1867, Sarah[2] married John Page in the Anglican Holy Trinity Church in York, WA.

They had six children.

John passed away on 27 Feb 1917 and Sarah on 2 Oct 1930 both at 'Spring Hill', Quindanning. They are buried together at the Quindanning Cemetery.

[2] *We do not have a younger photo of Sarah. We can imagine there was a similarity in looks to her sister Anne Elizabeth, above.*

Sarah Blechynden was baptised on 28 Mar 1841 by J.B. White, Chaplain, in Perth, WA. At the time of her birth, her brother John, born in Mar 1833, was almost nine years of age. Pondering the age gap makes one wonder if her mother, Charlotte, may have had a couple of miscarriages during this time.

EXTRACT FROM BATTYE LIBRARY RECORDS
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"COPY OF ORIGINAL RECORDS OF BAPTISMS AT PERTH
FROM 6TH DECEMBER 1829 TO 28TH SEPTEMBER 1832."

No	DATE OF BAPTISM	CHILDS NAME	PARENTS CHRISTIAN & SURNAME	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE	FATHERS PROFESSION	BY WHO BAPTISE
102	APRIL 28TH	JOHN	HARRISON BLECHYNDEN & CHARLOTTE.	MARCH 4TH 1833	PERTH.	BUTCHER.	J.B. WITTE COLONIAL CHAPLAIN
222	MARCH 28TH	SARAH HARRISON	HARRISON BLECHYNDEN & CHARLOTTE AUGUSTA	MARCH 3RD 1841	PERTH	YEOMAN	J.B. WITTE COLONIAL CHAPLAIN

Copy of Baptism records of John and Sarah Blechynden

Sarah's second name was Harrison, after her father's christian name and her grandmother's surname.

After completing his indentures working for William Brockman as a carpenter, her father, Harrison Blechynden, successfully obtained an allotment of land and was recorded as working as a butcher. Times were hard and fraught with difficulty in the new colony. Just before Sarah's birth, her parents' dreams came crashing down when they lost their allotment on 18 Nov 1840 due to non-payment of location dues. *(For more in-depth information re ownership and conditions at that time, see the earlier chapter on Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden.)*

Interestingly, her father's profession was recorded on her baptism certificate as being a yeoman: definition, (*a man holding and cultivating a small landed estate; a freeholder*). Looking towards the future for their family, Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden, with their children, John and Sarah - just a toddler at the time, travelled to lease a virgin property in the recently surveyed district of Beverley.

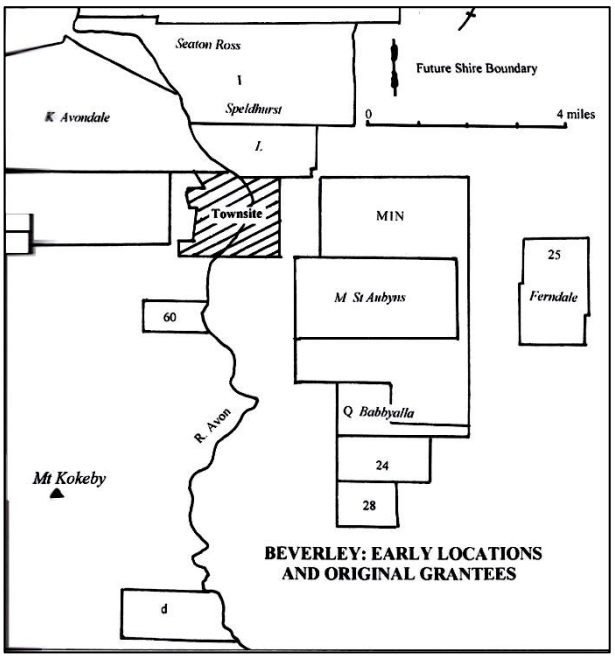
Beverley, Our journey through time, pg. 24:

By July 1837, it was estimated that 23 white settlers had lost their lives. . . Barracks were established at John Mann's property at the Dale, aptly named the Barracks, and at Turkey Cock Creek on 'St Aubyns'. Patrols were mounted from these barracks and at times the military also provided armed escorts across the Darling Range.

It is surmised that the Blechynden's initially stayed at 'St Aubyns', the soldiers from the barracks providing protection. On 19 Mar 1842, her sister Elizabeth was born, her birth registered as at 'St Aubyns', WA [Reg. 195], the property of Edward Pomeroy Barrett-Lennard (1799 -1878).

A fourth child, Henry George was born 6 Oct 1843, registered as 'Babbalalla' (sic, should be 'Babbyalla'), Beverley, WA [Reg. 278]. By this time, they had moved across to their newly built home. 'Babbyalla' was the property next door to 'St Aubyns'. and at that stage was owned by William Tanner.

BEVERLEY Our journey though time: BEVERLEY: early locations and original grantees, showing 'St Aubyns', 'Babbyalla' and the future townsite of Beverley.



BEVERLEY Our journey though time pg. 75.

In 1844 West Guildford gentleman farmer Edward Hamersley acquired 'Babbyalla' Estate immediately south of 'St Aubyns'. He leased the property to Harrison Blechynden.

Their fifth child, another boy Jesse William, was born in 1845, also registered at 'Babballall', (sic, should be 'Babbyalla'), WA [Reg. 564]. One can imagine their mother was kept very busy with five children. John was aged 12 years of age, the others all under four. Walter Edward, number six, was born 16 Jun 1846, 'Babalalla', (sic, should be 'Babbyalla'), WA [Reg. 808]. Their happiness was crushed when almost six months later Jessie, died in 11 Dec 1846, WA [Reg. 233], aged 20 months.

Four more children were added to the family: Charles Edwin born 15 Mar 1848, 'Babbalilla', (sic, should be 'Babbyalla'), WA [Reg. No. 1098], Thomas Harrison born 9 Sep 1849, York, WA Reg. No. 1376], Jesse William born 9 Jun 1851, Beverley, WA [Reg. 1705] and Joseph Blechynden born 9 Feb 1853, York, WA [Reg. 2018], registered under Blechenden. At this stage Sarah, was now almost 12 years and her brother John, 20 years. Sarah and Elizabeth would have taken on a great deal of responsibility helping their mother look after the younger ones.

No schools had been established in the district and the first one in Beverley was recorded about 1872. Some basic schooling was taught to the children by their mother and father who were both educated and John who would have had some schooling in Perth.

The two girls became very proficient at helping their mother, looking after the younger ones, learning to cook, washing and cleaning, working in the vegetable garden and looking after the domestic animals. As the children grew older, they all had set chores to do. Her brothers John and Henry George were busy from dawn until dusk, working on the farm, which had become a large and busy concern.

By 1852, a small service area consisting of a mud bat store and a wheelwright was being established at Edwards Crossing which was 13 kilometres away. One can imagine the family would have travelled by horse and cart to shop at the store for goods. Annual shows were recorded as taking place at York which was 28.5 kms - 17.7 miles away. One can also visualise the family travelling in their horse drawn wagon, entering and participating in different events at the show, socialising and mixing with other families.

In 1854, her oldest brother John walked to the Blackwood district at the age of 21, guided by two Aboriginals, and was so impressed with what he saw that he acquired two pastoral leases along the Blackwood River. Six years later John Blechynden married Elizabeth Green on 23 of Feb 1860, at St George's Cathedral in Perth. Sarah, aged 19 years and her sister Elizabeth, aged 18 years, would have enjoyed promenading at the wedding celebrations in the big city, attired in their best dresses and hats. The newlyweds spent their honeymoon travelling by bullock wagon to the primitive mud brick cottage which had been built on the north bank of the Blackwood River.

Sarah was now quite grown up and looking to the future. One can imagine it was not long before Sarah made her way to Bridgetown to visit her new sister-in-law and help with the birth of her first babies. It has been said she had some schooling in Bridgetown. It is known that John and Elizabeth's home was used as a school room for some time. Quite likely this was where Sarah had some formal learning. It is possible while in the newly named town of Bridgetown that she first met John Henry Markham Page, a convict who had obtained his Ticket of Leave, on the 6 Feb 1857, and a Conditional Pardon on 10 May 1860.

Speculating: Many people gathered at Bridgedale, the home of her brother John Blechynden at times for church services. Pioneering as farmers in the newly settled district, John Blechynden and John Markham Page may have known one another. It is highly likely that this is how Sarah was introduced to John. His address was recorded as Blackwood on their marriage certificate.

Sarah was aged 21 years when her sister 'Anne' Elizabeth was married 5 Mar 1862 to Thomas Edwards at 'Mount Pleasant', Edwards Crossing, Beverley. Most likely, she was her bridesmaid.

Romance bloomed and **SARAH HARRISON BLECHYNDEN (1841-1930)** was married 30 Nov 1867 in York, Anglican Holy Trinity Church, to **JOHN HENRY MARKHAM PAGE (1831-1917)**. As mentioned previously, on their marriage certificate his address was recorded as Blackwood. This was John Henry Markham Page's second marriage, more details to follow:

One can imagine that most of the family plus many friends from the Beverley district would have gathered to help celebrate Sarah and John Page's marriage. Sarah at the time of her marriage was 26 and John Page 34 years. Her siblings were aged as follows: John 34, Elizabeth 25, Henry 24, Walter 21, Charles 19, Thomas 18, Jesse 16 and Joseph 14 years of age. Quite likely Elizabeth stood in as her Matron of honour. One wonders if her brother John and Elizabeth and children would have made the trip from Bridgetown to join them.

AN AUSTRALIAN PARSONAGE - or The Settler and the Savage in Western Australia, by Mrs Edward Millett
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Janet_Millett

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, YORK, WA, c. 1869.

A water colour by Mrs Edward Millett, the property of Miss Madge Fleay of York. (Sketcher, watercolourist and writer who lived in WA from 1863-1869.)

Holy Trinity Anglican Church, York
https://ohta.org.au/organs/organs/HOLYTRINITYYORK.html

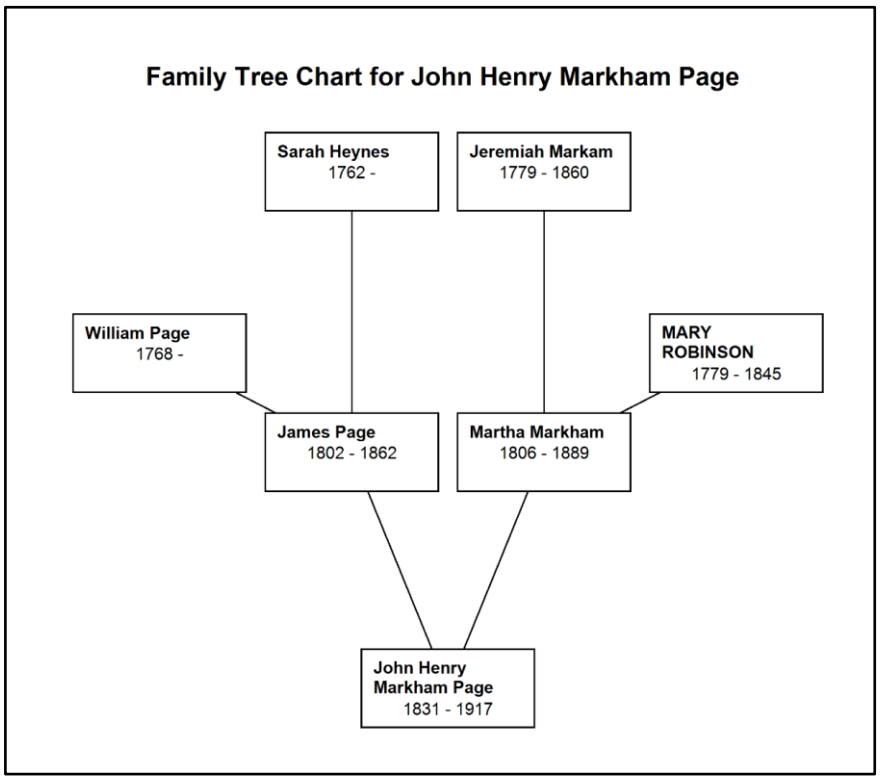
The previous church, consecrated in 1848, was the first church to be built in rural WA. It was replaced by the present building in 1858 which was enlarged in 1873, 1893 and 1907.

PAGE, JOHN HENRY MARKHAM (1831-1917)

John Henry Markham Page, the son of **JAMES PAGE (1801-1862)** and **MARTHA MARKHAM (1806-1889)** was born in 1831 and baptised 17 Apr 1831, Charlton by Newbottle, Northamptonshire, England.

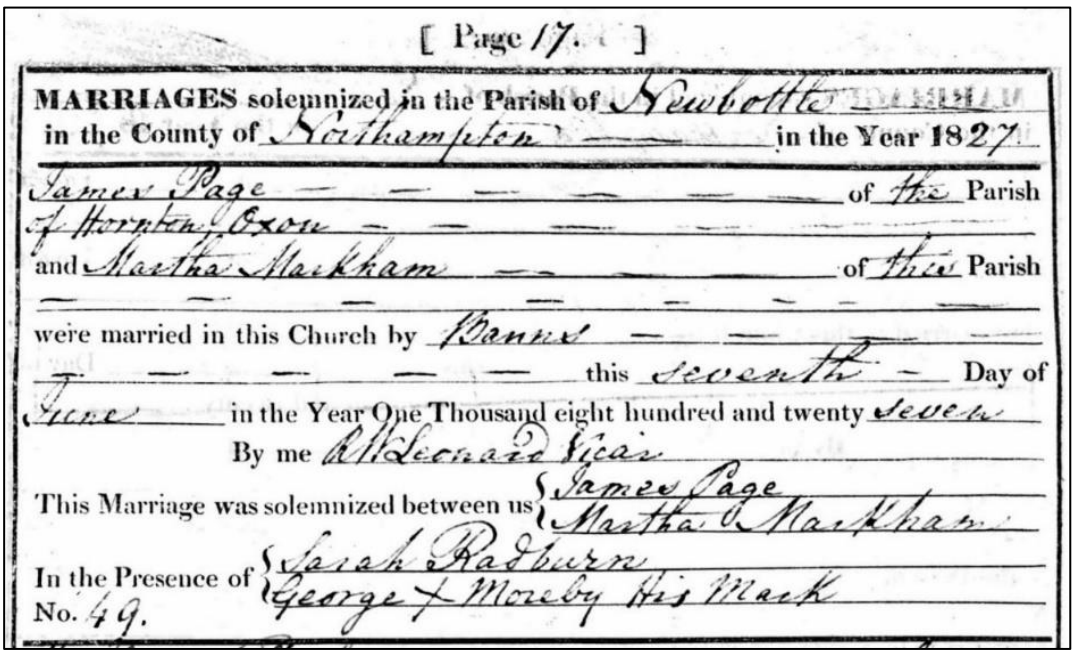
John Henry Markham Page died 27 Feb 1917, 'Spring Hill', Quindanning, WA [Reg. 15], aged 84 years. He was buried at Quindanning Cemetery. Via Brown, Swinburne Warson Family Trees, Ancestry.

The following three pages show details of John Henry Markham Page's parents, JAMES PAGE (1801-1862) and MARTHA MARKHAM (1806-1889) and family:



PAGE, JAMES was born about 1801, Hornton, Oxfordshire, England, chr 6 Dec 1801, Banbury, Oxfordshire, England.
His parents: **JOHN PAGE (1769-)** and **MARY EWER(S) (1773-)** were married 10 Sep 1794, Banbury, Oxford, England. He was the second of 5 children: Sarah born 1797, James ~1800, Thomas 1803, Esther 1806? and Joseph (1814). James Page died in 1862, Banbury, Oxfordshire England.

JAMES PAGE (1801-1862) married **MARTHA MARKHAM (1806-1889)** 7 Jun 1827, Newbottle, Northampton, England.


[Page 17.]

MARRIAGES solemnized in the Parish of Newbottle
in the County of Northampton in the Year 1827

James Page of the Parish
of Horton, Oxon
and Martha Markham of this Parish
were married in this Church by Banns this seventh Day of
June in the Year One Thousand eight hundred and twenty seven
By me R. Leonard Vicar

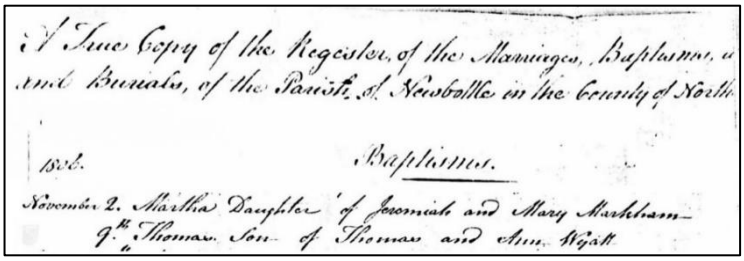
This Marriage was solemnized between us { James Page / Martha Markham

In the Presence of { Sarah Radburn / George + Moreby His Mark

No. 49.

Copy of Marriage Certificate: James Page and Martha Markham, 1827.

MARKHAM, MARTHA (~1806-1889), John Henry Markham Page's mother, was born about 1806, Charlton by Newbottle, Northamptonshire, England. She was baptised 2 Nov 1806.


A True Copy of the Register of the Marriages, Baptisms, and Burials, of the Parish of Newbottle in the County of North

1806. Baptisms.

November 2. Martha Daughter of Jeremiah and Mary Markham
9th Thomas Son of Thomas and Ann Wyatt

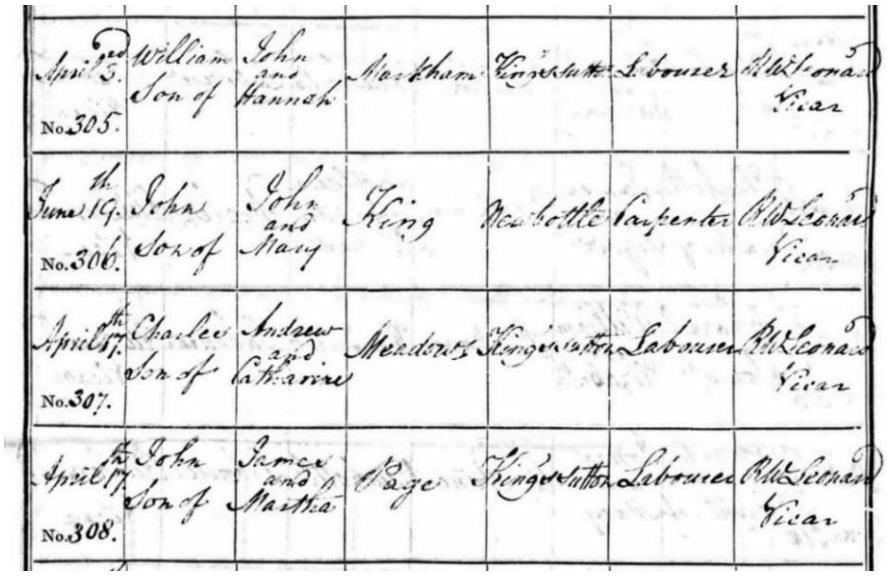
Baptism Martha Markham

Parents**: m.2 JEREMIAH 'WILLIAM' MARKHAM (~1781-1860)** and **MARY ROBINSON (~1779-1845).**

Martha Page (nee Markham) died in 1889, Banbury, Oxfordshire England.

NEWBOTTLE PARISH BAPTS. 1813 -1853. PAGE 38

ENTRY 307. JOHN PAGE, 1831, SON OF JAMES AND MARTHA PAGE
Baptism John Page, son of James and Martha, 17 Apr 1831. On the same page: Baptism of William Markham, son of John and Hannah, 3 Apr 1831. Note surname Markham: John Markham was probably Martha's brother. Both baptisms were solemnised in the Parish of Newbottle, in the County of Northampton, England, in the year of 1831.


April 3rd No. 305.	William Son of	John and Hannah	Markham	Kingsthorpe	Labourer	Rd Thomas Vicar
June 19th No. 306.	John Son of	John and Mary	King	Newbottle	Carpenter	Rd Thomas Vicar
April 17th No. 307.	Charles Son of	Andrew and Catharine	Mendoros	Kingsthorpe	Labourer	Rd Thomas Vicar
April 17th No. 308.	John Son of	James and Martha	Page	Kingsthorpe	Labourer	Rd Thomas Vicar

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CHILDREN OF JAMES PAGE (1801-1862) and **MARTHA MARKHAM (1806-1889):**
(Via the Winsome Family Tree, Ancestry).

1. MARY PAGE (1829-~1861) was born 1829, Horton, Oxfordshire, England, christened 1 Mar 1829, Newbottle, Northampton, England. She married WILLIAM STOCKLET (1821-) and they had a child BETSY STOCKLET (1850-). Mary died before 1861, Oxfordshire, England.

2**. JOHN HENRY MARKHAM PAGE (1831-1917)** was born in 1831 and baptised 17 Apr 1831, Charlton by Newbottle, Northamptonshire, England. His first marriage was to ESTHER UPTON (1826-1895), marriage Bann, 21 Dec 1851, St John the Baptist Church, Hornton, Oxfordshire, England. His second was to **SARAH HARRISON BLECHYNDEN (1841-1930)** 30 Nov 1867, Anglican Holy Trinity Church, York, WA [Reg. 2656]. John died 27 Feb 1917, Quindanning, WA [Reg. 17], aged 84 years. He was buried at Quindanning Cemetery. More details in this chapter.

3. ANN PAGE (1833-) was born 1833, Horton, Oxfordshire, England, christened 3 Mar 1833, Newbottle, Northampton, England. Death unknown. She married JOHN GRANT ROSSETER (1839-1930) 26 May 1868, St Briavels, Gloucester, England.

4. THOMAS PAGE (1835-1836) was born 1835, Horton, Oxfordshire, England. Thomas Page died as a baby in 1836, Horton, Oxfordshire, England.

5. SUSANNAH PAGE (1836-1919) was born 1836, Newbottle, Northamptonshire, England, christened 19 Feb 1837, Newbottle, Northampton, England. She married FRANK MACQUIRE (1834-1915) 1857, Northampton, Northamptonshire, England. Susannah died Mar 1919, Northampton, Northamptonshire, England.

6. ELIZABETH PAGE (1839-1894) (via Winsome Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 1839, Newbottle, Northamptonshire, England. She married EDWARD UPTON (1816-1906), Oct 1862, Banbury, Oxfordshire, England, son of JOHN UPTON (1791-1855) and REBECCA (1791-1869). Elizabeth died 1894, Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire, Warwickshire, England.

7. EDWIN PAGE (1841-) was born 1841, Horley, Oxfordshire, England. Death unknown.

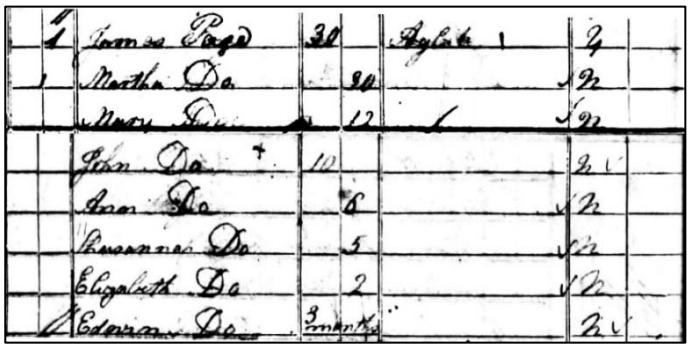
8. THOMAS PAGE (1844-1933) was born 1844, Horley, Oxfordshire, England. Thomas Page died March 1933, Banbury, Oxfordshire, England.

9. ELIZA PAGE (1846-1900) was born 1846, Horton, Oxfordshire, England. She married JOHN BURDEN (1837-1904) 1872, Banbury, Oxfordshire, England. Eliza died 1900, Oxfordshire, Eng.

JOHN HENRY MARKHAM PAGE (1831-1917)

CENSUS 1841: It is interesting to note there are a number of age discrepancies in the Census returns below. That is what was recorded and can't be altered.

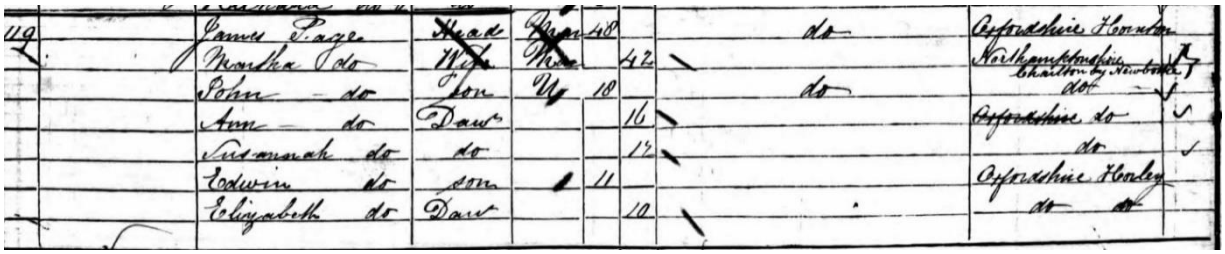
The Census of 1841 shows John Page aged 10 years with his family in Oxfordshire, Northamptonshire, England. James Page 30, Martha Page 30, Mary Page 12, John Page 10, Ann Page 6, Susannah Page 5, Elizabeth Page 2, Edwin Page 3 months.



Census 1841

CENSUS 1851: Note: ages over 15 were often rounded to the nearest five years.

The census of 1851 shows John still with his family in Oxfordshire, Northamptonshire, England. James Page 48, Martha Page 42, John 18, Ann Page 16, Susannah Page 12, Edwin Page 11, and Elizabeth 10.



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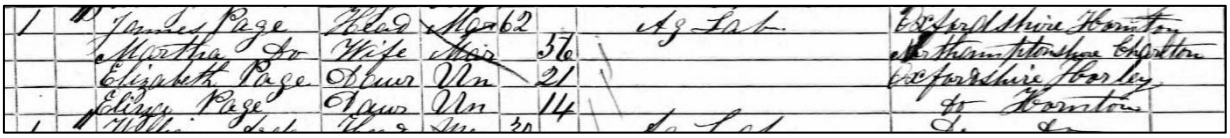
CENSUS 1861: The 1861 census, James 62 and Martha Page 56 are recorded with two children, Elizabeth 21 and Eliza 14.

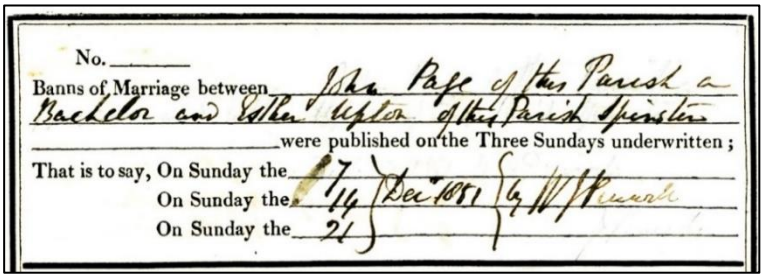


Census 1861

LIFE WAS HARD IN ENGLAND:

Life was hard in England in the 1840s and 50s. About 50% of the people were now living in towns. It was a time of rising crime and increasing squalor. Many laborers were without sufficient work to support their families. To feed their families they turned to crime. At the age of 17 years, in 1848 and most probably out of work, John Markham Page plus a couple of others, ran amuck. John Henry Markham Page was committed by Rev. W. Lloyd, charged on the 11 Jun 1848 at Hornton, Oxford, England – more details following. Three years later he married Esther Upton.

m.1 JOHN HENRY MARKHAM PAGE (1831-1917) married **ESTHER UPTON (1826-1895)** 21 Dec 1851, St John the Baptist Church, Hornton, Oxfordshire, England. John Page, bachelor, labourer of Hornton, son of James, labourer, witnessed by John Upton and Ann.


No. _____
Banns of Marriage between John Page of this Parish a Bachelor and Esther Upton of this Parish Spinster
were published on the Three Sundays underwritten;
That is to say, On Sunday the 7 } Dec 1851 } G. W. Lloyd
On Sunday the 14
On Sunday the 21

Marriage Banns:
John Page and Esther Upton, 1851

ESTHER UPTON (1826-1895)
Via Winsome and Browne Family Tree, Ancestry.

Esther Upton was christened 17 Sep 1826, Hornton, Oxfordshire, England, daughter of **JOHN UPTON (1791-1855)** and **REBECCA NASH (1789-1869)**, labourer. Esther Ashby, Page (nee Upton) died Jun 1895, Hornton, Oxfordshire, England.

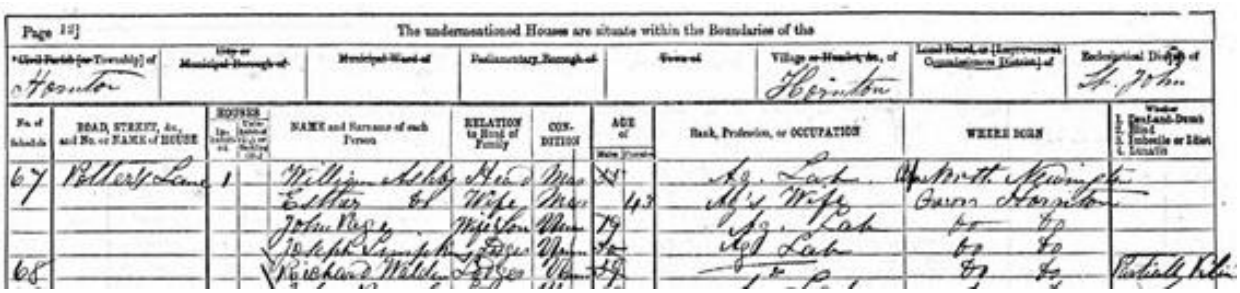
m.1 ESTHER UPTON (1826-1895), married **JOHN HENRY MARKHAM PAGE (1831-1917)** 25 Dec 1851, St John the Baptist Church, Hornton, Oxfordshire, England. For more details see below.
m. 2 ESTHER PAGE (NEE UPTON) (1826-1895) married **WILLIAM ASHBY (1813-1874)** Apr 1869 Banbury, Oxfordshire, England. William Ashby died in 1874.

WILLIAM ASHBY (1813-1874) Via Stones Family Tree, Ancestry.

William Ashby was born about 1813, North Newington, Oxfordshire, England. Parents: **JOSHUA ASHBY (1781-1855)** and **SARAH CLARK (1790-1848)**.
William Ashby died Apr 1874, Banbury, Oxfordshire, England aged 60 years.

Census 1851: William Ashby 30 Mar 1851, Stoke Damerel, Devon, England. Soldier, Picket Barracks .... List of soldiers in the Community Main Guard recorded Line 15, Pg 11

Census 1871 William Ashby, 55, Esther Ashby, 43, John Page, wife's son, 19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No. of Schedule	Road, Street, &c., and No. or Name of House	Houses Inhabited	Houses Uninhabited	Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of Male	Age of Female	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Blind / Deaf-Dumb / Idiot / Imbecile or Idiot / Lunatic
67	Pottery Lane	1		William Ashby	Head	Mar	54		Ag. Lab.	Upper North Newington	
				Esther	Wife	Mar		43	Ag's Wife	Barn Hornton	
				John Page	Nephew	Unm	19		Ag. Lab	do do	
				Joseph Page	Nephew	Unm	do		Ag. Lab	do do	
68				Richard Wilby	Lodger	Unm	19		do do	do do	Partially Blind

Census 1871

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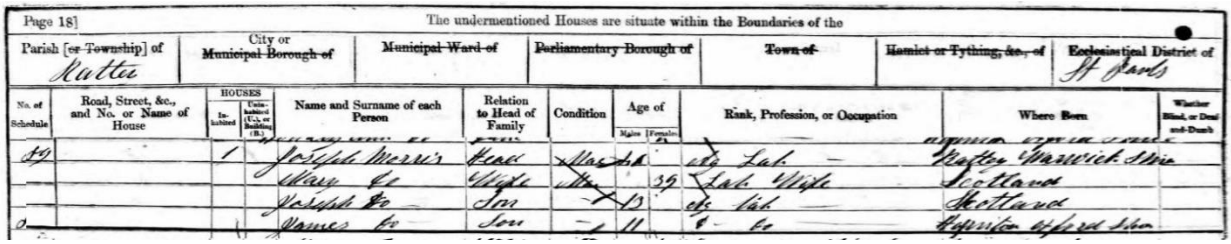
m.3. ESTHER ASHBY (PAGE – (nee UPTON) (1826-1895) married **JOSEPH MORRIS (1820-1893)**, 1878, Banbury, Oxfordshire, England. This was Joseph's second marriage.

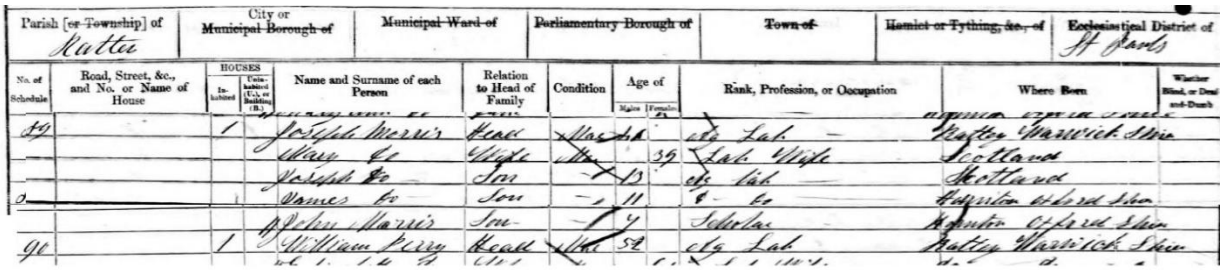
From his previous marriage, JOSEPH MORRIS (1820-1893 and MARY MORRIS had three children:
1. **JOSEPH MORRIS** born 1848, **2. JAMES MORRIS** born 1850, and **3. JOHN MORRIS** born 1854.

Census 1851 Joseph Morris, Agricultural Labourer, wife Mary 29 (from Scotland) and sons Joseph 3, and James, 11 months.



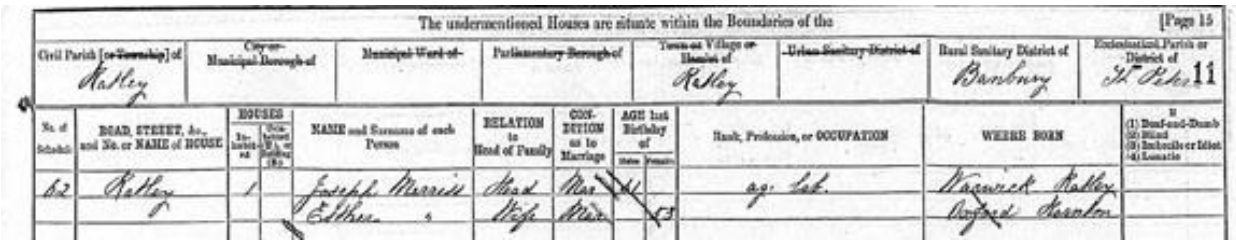
Census 1851

Census 1861 Joseph Morris, Agricultural Labourer, wife Mary 39 and sons Joseph 13, and James 11 and John, 7.



Census 1861 Morris

Census 1881 Joseph Morris aged 61 years and wife Esther aged 53 years.



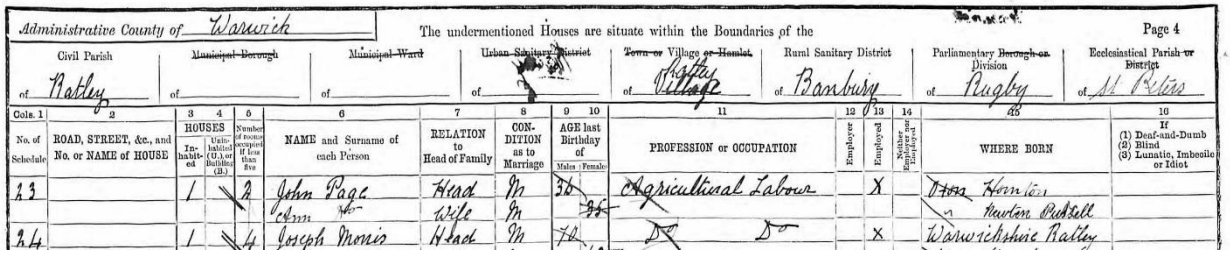
Census 1881

JOHN HENRY MARKHAM PAGE (1831-1917) & ESTHER UPTON HAD ONE CHILD:

1. JOHN HENRY PAGE (1852-) was baptised 24 Oct 1852, Hornton, Oxfordshire, England, father, **JOHN PAGE**, mother, **ESTHER PAGE**.

JOHN HENRY PAGE (1852-) was married 22 Sep 1884, at St. Etheldreda's Church, Horley Oxfordshire, England to **ANN FREEMAN (1857-)** born 1857, Purcell, Oxfordshire, England.

Census 1891 John Page 36 and wife Ann 35



Administrative County of Warwick — The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the — Page 4

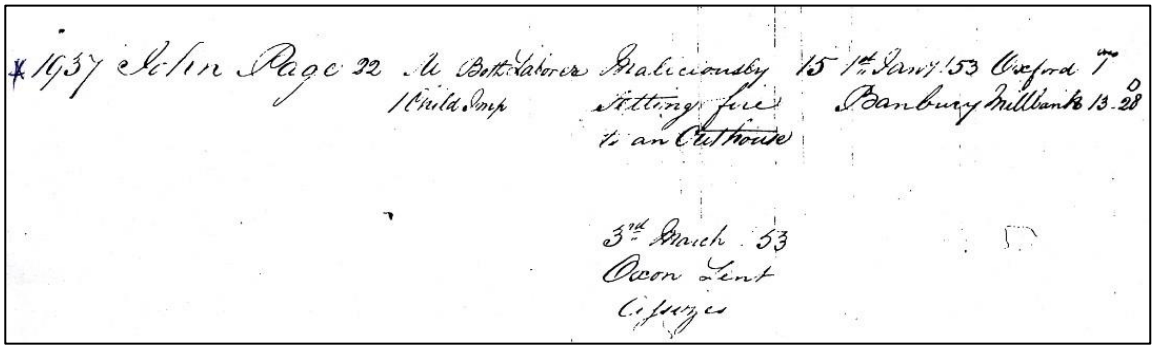
Civil Parish of Ratley; ~~Municipal Borough~~ of; ~~Municipal Ward~~ of; ~~Urban Sanitary District~~ of; ~~Town or~~ Village ~~or Hamlet~~ of Ratley Village; Rural Sanitary District of Banbury; Parliamentary ~~Borough or~~ Division of Rugby; Ecclesiastical Parish ~~or~~ District of St Peters

Cols. 1 No. of Schedule	2 ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	3 HOUSES Inhabited	4 Uninhabited (U.), or Building (B.)	5 Number of rooms occupied if less than five	6 NAME and Surname of each Person	7 RELATION to Head of Family	8 CONDITION as to Marriage	9 AGE last Birthday of Males	10 Females	11 PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	12 Employer	13 Employed	14 Neither Employer nor Employed	15 WHERE BORN	16 If (1) Deaf-and-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lunatic, Imbecile or Idiot
23		1		2	John Page	Head	M	36		Agricultural Labour		X		Ditto Hornton	
					Ann do	Wife	M		35					Newton Purcell	
24		1		4	Joseph Morris	Head	M	74		do		X		Warwickshire Ratley	

Census 1891 John and Ann Page

JOHN HENRY MARKHAM PAGE (1831-1917):

CONVICTED AT OXFORD ASSIZES IN 1853, DEPORTED TO AUSTRALIA ON 2 FEB, 1855: for burning down a cow shed in Hornton, Oxon and other ...
Convicted Date: 3 Mar 1853 Voyage Date: 2 Feb 1855 Colony: P W & T L Piece: HO 11/18, Place of Conviction: Oxfordshire. Term-15 years. Vessel: Stag.



* 1637 John Page 22 M Bott Labourer 1 Child Imp — Maliciously setting fire to an Outhouse — 15 1st Jany 1853 Oxford T — Banbury Millbank 13.28

3rd March 53 Oxon Lent Assizes

PAGE John (3322) 1832—M 1 chd farm lab, lit Prot. conv Oxford 1853 arson of outhouse 15yrs; arr *Stag* 23.5.1855 TL6.2.1857 CP10.5.1860.

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John PAGE was indicted on four accounts (Oxford Assize papers 1853.) 15 years Transportation. He was transported in a married state and left behind one spouse and one child - Esther PAGE (nee Upton) and John Henry PAGE.

Esther remarried, returned to her home village with young John Henry and never saw John Henry Markham Page again.

NB: Partners of transportees were allowed to remarry after 7 years in church, if they had not heard they were still alive.

Accession 128 Physical Description.

Reg. No	3322
Name:	PAGE, John
Age:	23.
Height:	5' 7 1/2"
Hair:	light.
Eyes:	blue
Visage:	long.
Complexion:	fresh.
Appearance:	stout.
Distinguising Marks	none.
Trade:	farm labourer
Married/single/widower:	married.
No. of Children:	1

Many years later, John Henry Markham Page, died in 1917 in Quindanning,

"According to John Henry Markham Page's will and last testament, he left a trust to pay a legacy to his nephews Edward and George Page the sum of 50 pounds of Sheffield Yorkshire ENG. (He had not forgotten the family he left in England.) Also, 100 acres to his daughter Maria Carrotts in Williams location 345.

The capital and income of his residuary to the Diocesan Trustees of the Church of England in WA whose receipt shall be a valid discharge of the same to be held in trust for or applied for the benefits of the Girls Orphanage Adelaide Terrace Perth .....

THE STAG: *https://convictrecords.com.au/ships/stag*

This 678-ton, barque the Stag, was built at Sunderland in 1842. It was employed as a convict transport for Western Australia and left London, England on February 5, 1855 bound for the Swan River Colony. She carried the fourteenth of 37 shipments of male convicts. The voyage took 107 days and the Stag arrived in Fremantle on May 23, 1855 with 89 passengers and 255 convicts [Erickson]. H.N. Clarke and Jos. Caldwell were the captain and surgeon respectively.

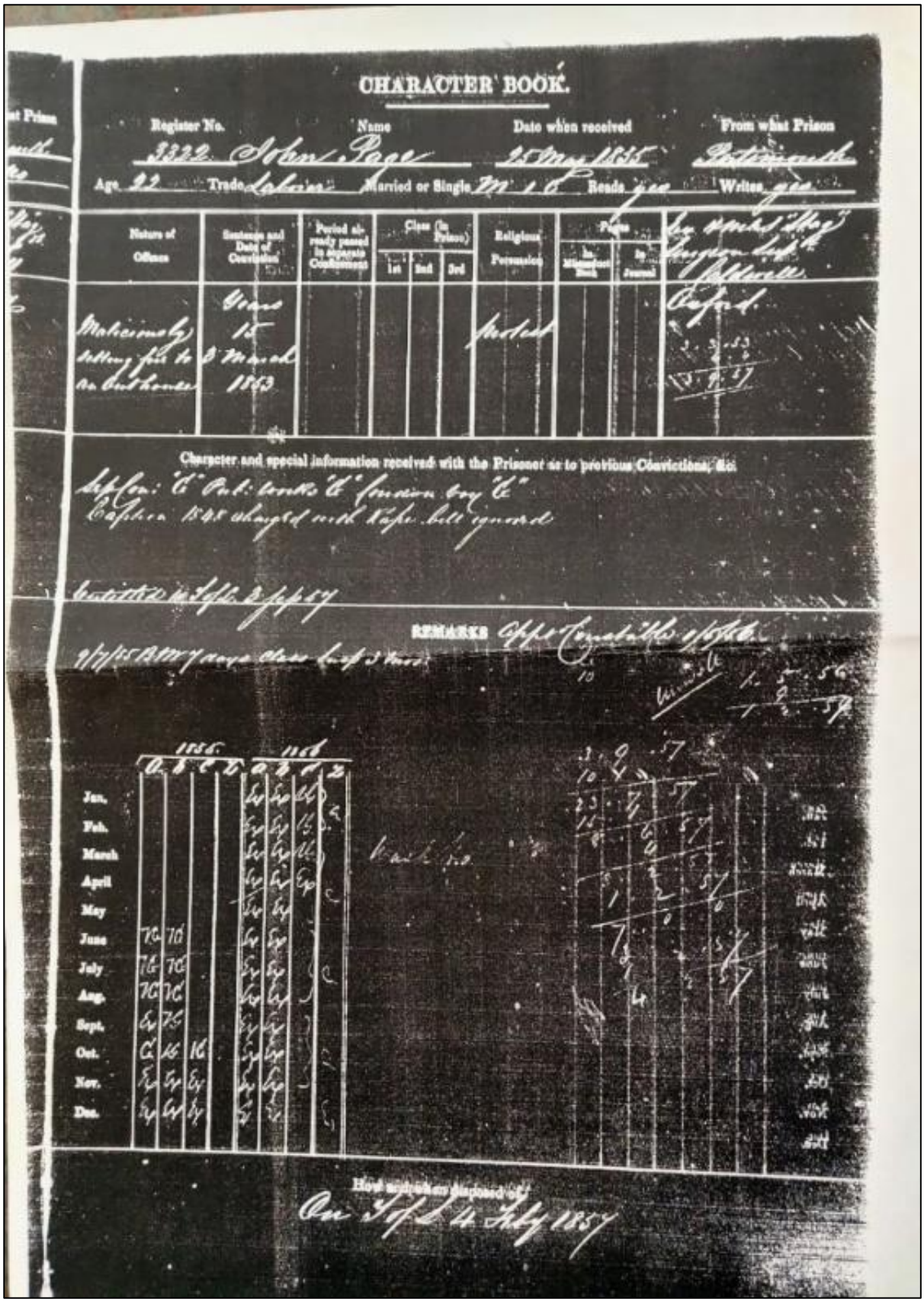
WA Character Books and General Registers 1850-1868
https://www.digitalpanopticon.org/WA_Character_Books_and_General_Registers_1850-1868
Two databases of records created by the Convict Establishment of in the Australian Colonies, 1787-1901. Records contain details of convicts both prior to and during their sentence of transportation. Our databases contain Character Book and General Register entries for all London convicts for the entire convict period of 1850-1868.

Origins and Content Character Books

Western Australian Character Books contain a record of each convict prisoner as they entered the convict establishment at Fremantle.

The books were intended to keep a record of the personal details, physical descriptions, and conviction histories of each new arrival, along with information regarding their 'character' prior to and during sentence. 'Character' was a term used to denote the behavioural and perceived moral qualities of each convict. A good character' might describe a convict with no previous convictions, or who had exhibited exemplary behaviour since their incarceration, likewise a 'bad character' might be given to a convict with a long history of prior offending, or who consistently contravened the rules and regulations of the Convict Establishment. The Character Books contain the name and register number of each convict, the date they arrived in the colony and the prison from which they came, as well as a convict's age, trade, marital status, and literacy levels. The books also record details of the crime for which a convict was transported, as well as any known previous convictions.

CHARACTER BOOK OF JOHN PAGE



CHARACTER BOOK.

Register No. 3322 Name John Page Date when received 25 May 1855 From what Prison Portsmouth

Age 22 Trade Labourer Married or Single M Reads yes Writes yes

Nature of Offence	Sentence and Date of Conviction	Period already passed in separate Confinement	Class (In Prison) 1st	2nd	3rd	Religious Persuasion	Prior Imprisonment Stock	Prior Imprisonment Journal	Where and by whom sentenced
Maliciously setting fire to a Barn or outhouse	Years 15 8 March 1853					Church			Oxford. 2.3.53

Character and special information received with the Prisoner as to previous Convictions, &c.

Left Gaol: "G" Pub: conduct "G" Industry "G"
Cashier 1848 charged with false bill ignored

Liberated on Lic. 6 Feb 57

REMARKS Office Constables 1st class

9/7/55 Allowy days class but 3 days

1856 1857

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Jan.					Ex	Ex	Ex	
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March					Ex	Ex	16	
April					Ex	Ex	Ex	
May					Ex	Ex		
June	7G	7G			Ex	Ex		
July	7G	7G			Ex	Ex		
Aug.	7G	7G			Ex	Ex		
Sept.	Ex	7G			Ex	Ex		
Oct.	G	16	16		Ex	Ex		
Nov.	Ex	Ex	Ex		Ex	Ex		
Dec.	Ex	Ex	Ex		Ex	Ex		

How and when disposed of

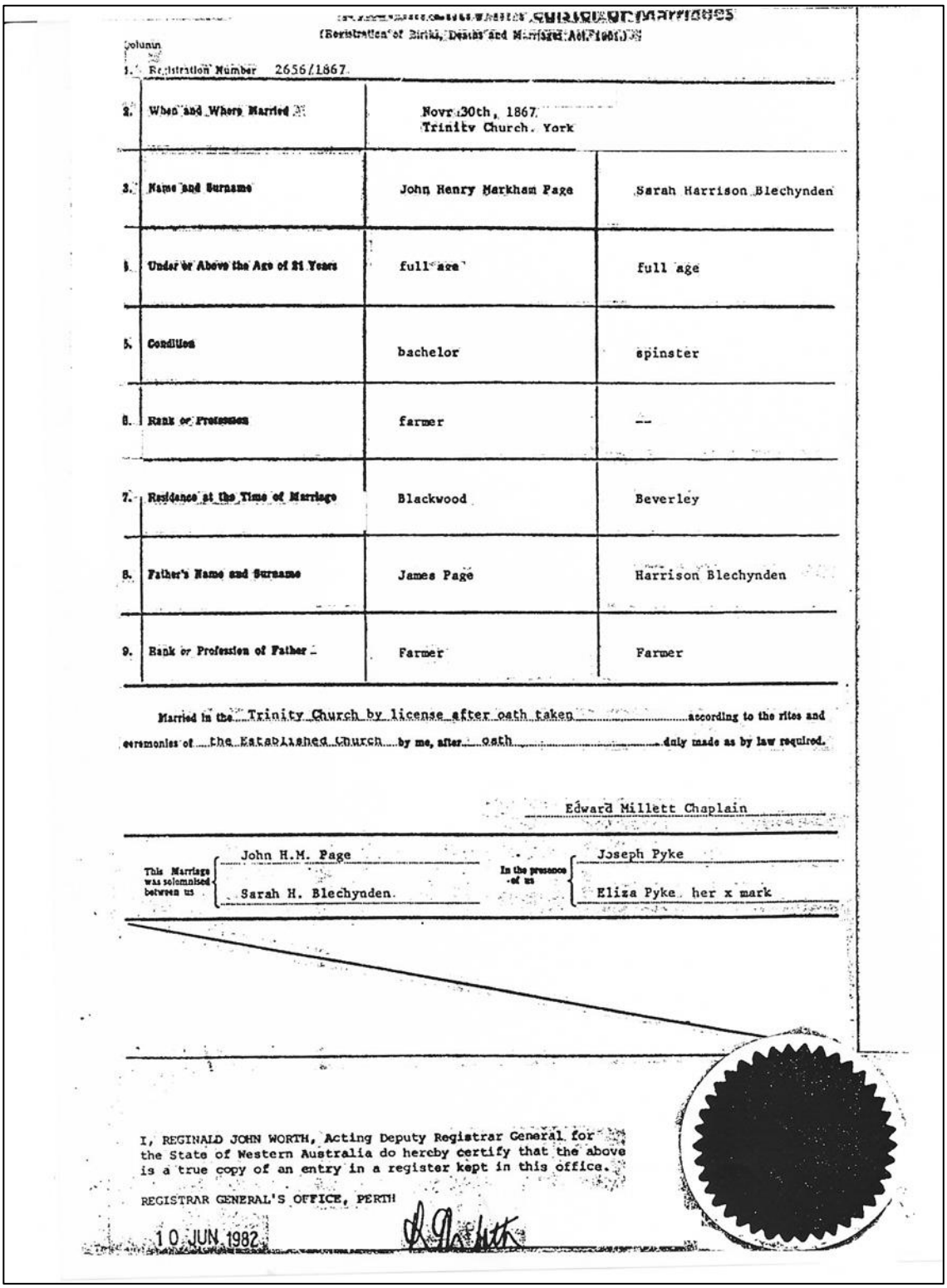
On T of L 4 July 1857

John Henry Markham Page was granted a **TICKET OF LEAVE** on the 6 Feb 1857.

CONDITIONAL PARDON 10 May 1860.
He was now a free man. John Page was a farmer at Blackwood in 1867.

JOHN MARKHAM PAGE and **SARAH HARRISON BLECHYNDEN** were married 30 Nov 1867 in Holy Trinity Church, York, John was aged 36 years and Sarah 26 years of age. John Page was recorded as being a farmer, Blackwood, at time of marriage and Sarah's place of residence was Beverley, where Sarah's family were now well established in the area.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE



CHURCH OF MARRIAGES

(Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Act, 1961)

Column

1. Registration Number 2656/1867.

2.	When and Where Married	Novr 30th, 1867. Trinity Church. York	
3.	Name and Surname	John Henry Markham Page	Sarah Harrison Blechynden
4.	Under or Above the Age of 21 Years	full age	full age
5.	Condition	bachelor	spinster
6.	Rank or Profession	farmer	--
7.	Residence at the Time of Marriage	Blackwood	Beverley
8.	Father's Name and Surname	James Page	Harrison Blechynden
9.	Rank or Profession of Father	Farmer	Farmer

Married in the Trinity Church by license after oath taken according to the rites and ceremonies of the Established Church by me, after oath duly made as by law required.

Edward Millett Chaplain

This Marriage was solemnised between us: John H.M. Page / Sarah H. Blechynden.

In the presence of us: Joseph Pyke / Eliza Pyke her x mark

I, REGINALD JOHN WORTH, Acting Deputy Registrar General for the State of Western Australia do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an entry in a register kept in this office.

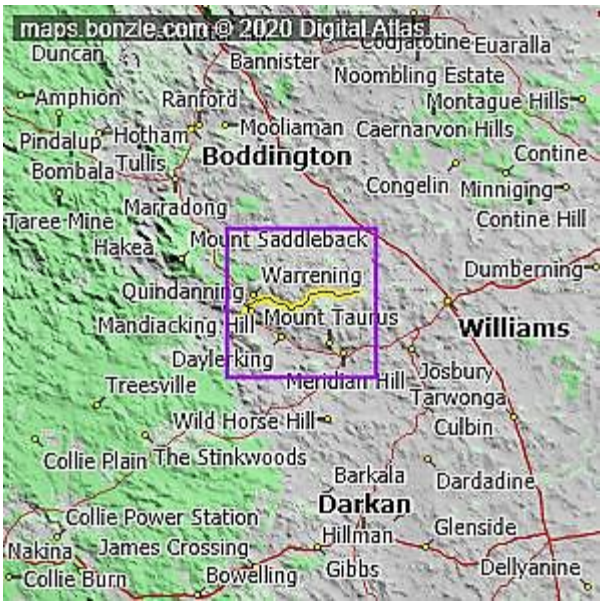
REGISTRAR GENERAL'S OFFICE, PERTH

10 JUN 1982

Copy of marriage certificate: John Page and Sarah Harrison Blechynden

Family sources have hinted that Sarah "ran away from home to marry John Page." The family story also says that Sarah's father Harrison gave them some land as a wedding gift. We have no recording or indication of where this land was, or its size. It is understandable perhaps why her father being strict with his girls was concerned that she wanted to marry someone who had been a convict, had been married before, fathered a child, and was ten years older than her.

John Page was now a free man and it seems that with time and some thought Harrison and Charlotte accepted the union.



"*The Williams*" book by H G Cowin (published 1971 recorded the following:

"*John Page acquired a pastoral lease on Warrening Gully during 1864 (before his marriage 1867) - descendants of the same name still occupy portions of the same lease in 1999. Warrening Gully Farm, Zilko Rd, Quindanning, WA. John was recorded as farming at Williams 1879-1899.*

Warrening Gully: Marradong-Quindanning Rd Quindanning
http://inherit.stateheritage.wa.gov.au/Public/Inventory/PrintSingleRecord/1ee9f806-4bae-4539-af0d-6c17b10212d0

Physical Description: *Warrening Gully is a tributary of the Williams River. It drains country to the north running almost parallel to the river which it joins west of the Quindanning bridge and it crosses the Marradong Road 1 km north of the Quindanning townsite.*

History: *An early pastoralist first in the area was John Page who, in 1864, acquired a lease hold on the Warrening Gully. His descendants farmed portions of the original lease for many years. A young baby (1 day) was buried at "Salt Spring", on the Page property in 1907. The origin of the name is not known, but is likely to have been derived from an Aboriginal word. Another derivative is "Warrenine Soils" which is a rich, red soil associated with dolerite rock.*

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John Henry Markham Page's Probate record listed property he owned. Some of these properties were described as follows:
Williams Location 362 (100 acres) can be found in Certificate of Title Volume 17 Folio 386
Williams Location 223 (97 acres) can be found in Certificate of Title Volume 626 Folio 36
Williams Location 208 (40 acres) can be found in Certificate of Title Volume 17 Folio 386
Williams Location 345 (100 acres) can be found in Certificate of Title Volume 596 Folio 89

Landgate: The property of John Page in Quindanning

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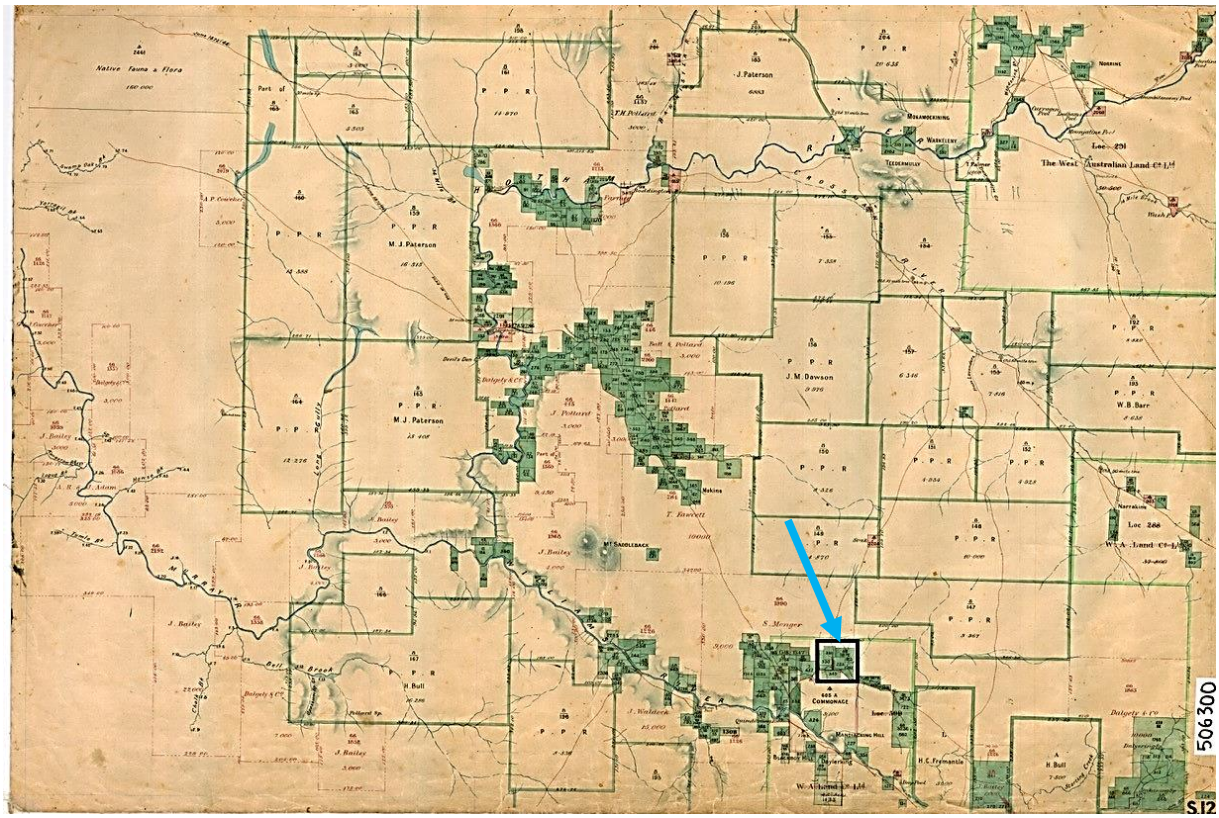


Comments via Landgate:

Landgate historical records typically did not include reference to farm names. However, a search of some old compilation surveys covering this area and a google search has allowed me to identify the following products.

Country Grant issued to John Page for Williams Location 223.

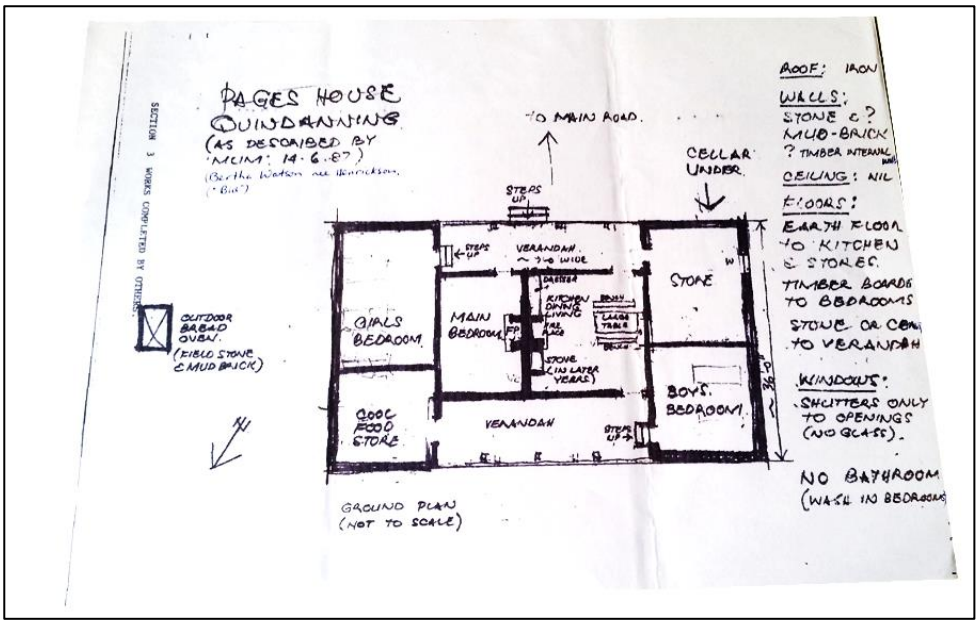
A couple of weeks later an Original Grant issued to John Page for the same Williams Location. This record was used to record ownership and encumbrances registered over the land during the time the record was active (1886-1915).

STATE LIBRARY OF WA POST OFFICE DIRECTORIES:

http://slwa.wa.gov.au/explore-discover/wa-heritage/post-office-directories

1894-1895, 1897, Williams, Page J farmer

House ruins of John and Sarah Page, Lot 223 off Zilko Rd, Quindanning, photo taken in 1995.



Drawing of the Page House, Quindanning

Continuing with the story of Sarah Harrison Blechynden and John Markham Page and their family:

Almost two years after they were married, Sarah and John's first child Susannah Markham Page, was born on 5 Oct 1869 at William's Bridge, Quindanning, WA [Reg. 11851]. Their second child James Henry Page, recorded under John Henry, later known as Jimmy, was born 1 Aug 1871, at William's Bridge, Quindanning, WA [Reg No. 13640]. It appears that Susannah and James Henry were baptised most probably on the same day, 5 May 1873, at Beverley.

Sarah's brother Charles Edwin Blechynden (1848-1918) was married in 1872 at St Paul's Anglican Church Beverley, to Caroline Mary Davies (1850-1942). John Henry was only eight months old but presumably the Pages would have gone across to Beverley for the wedding.

Sarah would have been shocked when she received the news her father Harrison Blechynden, had passed away on 17 Jul 1873 at Beverley, aged 71 years. The funeral was held at St Paul's Church, Edwards Crossing and he was laid to rest in the Cemetery at Edwards Crossing, Beverley, WA. It would have been a sad day as Sarah and John attended the funeral with their two small children: Susannah aged 3 ¾ and Jimmy almost 2 years, with other members of her family and friends who came to pay their respects to one of the first pioneers of the Beverley district.

Three months later her brother Walter Edward Blechynden (1846-1940) was married 27 Oct 1873 at the Picton Anglican Church Bunbury, to Jane Needs (1855-1938). One can imagine that Sarah, John and their two children Susan and Jimmy may have travelled to Bunbury for the wedding.

Their third child Martha Markham Page was born in 16 Apr 1874 also at Quindanning, WA [Reg. 15587]. Sarah and John would have enjoyed showing off their two children and new baby when they joined the family to help celebrate the wedding of her brother, Henry George Blechynden when he was married at the Catholic Church in York to Mary Ann Reilly on 27 May 1874.

The next three children were recorded as being born at William's Bridge. John Page, known as Johnny, was born on 30 Sep 1876, WA [Reg. 17530]. Their eldest child Susannah was almost seven years when they attended the wedding of Thomas Harrison Blechynden (1849-1933), who was married 24 Sep 1877, at the Northam Anglican Church to Annie Maria Dunham (1850-1933). Johnny was followed by Maria Page who was born 26 Mar 1879, WA [Reg. 19899] and Bertha Page born 15 Sep 1881, WA [Reg. 22263]. Sarah was kept extremely busy with her six children: Two sons and four daughters: Susannah (Susan) 12 years, James (Jimmy) 10 years, Martha 7 years, John (Johnny) 5 years, Maria 4 years and baby Bertha.

Another one of Sarah's brother's, Jesse William Blechynden, was married 13 Sep 1882 York to Emma Sarah Dunham (1862-1947). Emma Sarah and Anna Maria Dunham were sisters.

Big changes occurred in 1888 for Sarah's mother Charlotte Blechynden, when Bevan Hamersley inherited the property of 'Babbyalla' Estate and took up residence there in 1888. Charlotte went to live with Sarah's brother Charles Edwin and family at 'Roesland'.

A year later, Charlotte Blechynden died on 13 Sep 1889, at 'Roesland', Beverley. This was a very sad time for the whole family as she had been a loving mother and remained strong for them all. The funeral was held at St Paul's Church, Edwards Crossing and she was buried in the church's small cemetery next to her husband Harrison Blechynden. Sarah and John's children were aged: Susan – 20 years, Jimmy – 18 years, Martha – 15 years, Johnny – 13 years, Maria – 10 years and Bertha just 8 years. It would have been a large gathering. At the time of Charlotte's death eight out of Harrison and her nine living children were married and numbered 46 grandchildren, including one fostered.

Sarah's last brother Joseph Blechynden (1853-1938) was married 4 Oct 1893, at St Mary's Anglican Church, Beverley to Grace Emma Hancock (1858-1947).

Sarah and John's children grew up on the farm and were taught at a very young age, to ride a horse. The girls were taught home skills by their mother and the boys began helping on the farm, developing farming skills at an early age.

SUMMARY - SARAH HARRISON BLECHYNDEN AND JOHN HENRY MARKHAM PAGE HAD SIX CHILDREN:

More details on these children following in their own chapters.

1. SUSANNAH MARKHAM PAGE (1869-1960)
2. JAMES HENRY PAGE (1871-1947)
3. MARTHA MARKHAM PAGE (1874-1957)
4. JOHN PAGE (1876-1939)
5. MARIA PAGE (1879-1960)
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SCHOOLS AT QUINDANNING:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_schools_in_rural_Western_Australia
The first school in Quindanning commenced in 1893, too late for the Page children.

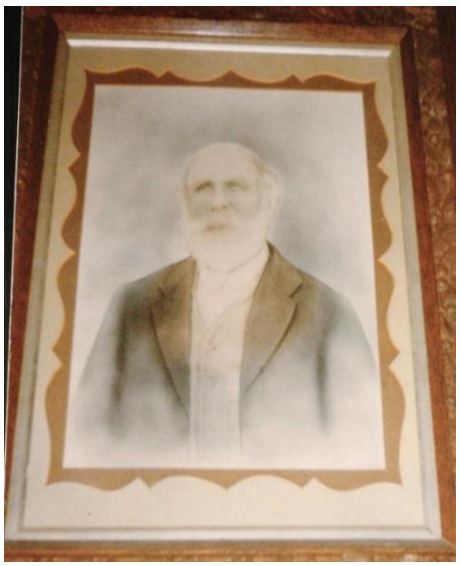
More About the History of The School at Quindanning:
http://inherit.stateheritage.wa.gov.au/Public/Inventory/Details/bf497496-b336-49ac-9039-36ecc5d9c25a
Situated close to the Williams/Quindanning Road some 400 metres east of the Quindanning Hall. The building had a residence attached and W.G. Clayer was the first teacher. This structure cost £517, was roofed with corrugated iron with outer walls of timber but without ceiling or lining. The school was situated between the two Cape Lilac trees on this site.

Mail Service at Quindanning:
http://inherit.stateheritage.wa.gov.au/Public/Inventory/Details/98a87653-fc30-4baf-83a3-a7ab55a53de5

In June 1889 George Lilley secured a contract to convey a fortnightly mail service from Williams River to Wandering via Daylerking, Marradong and Bannister River. This contract was for three years, at a cost of £48 per annum, the mail to be carried on horseback.

It was not until the beginning of 1895 that a change of mailmen took place. Then a settler living north-east of Williams, by name William Down secured a contract to carry the mail in a spring vehicle for three years at a figure of £45 per annum. This was a weekly service and the schedule was so arranged that he should arrive at the post office Williams at 2.30 pm thus enabling the staff at the local office sufficient time to sort the mail in time for William Henry Bingham to depart at 3:15pm with a regular mail for Daylerking.

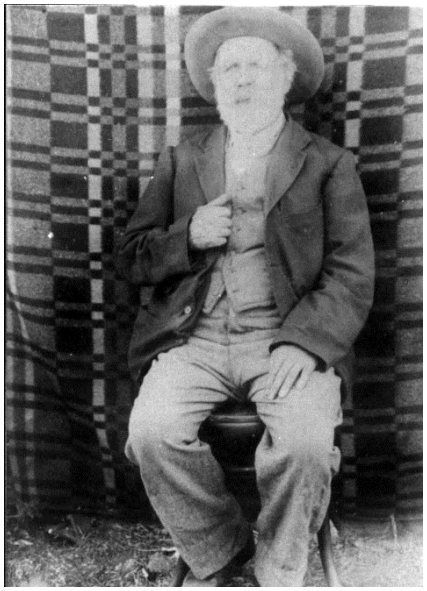
. . . At a later period, an exchange was established at Quindanning. The name Daylerking was discontinued and Quindanning became the official title so far as post office records were concerned.



PHOTOS OF JOHN 'HENRY' MARKHAM PAGE AND SARAH HARRISON PAGE (NEE BLECHYNDEN)

John 'Henry' Markham Page

Sarah Harrison Page (nee Blechynden)



John Henry Markham Page

WEDDING CELEBRATIONS:

There were times of celebration when each of their children found partners, married and had families of their own. Soon grandchildren began to arrive to the delight of Sarah and John.

The first wedding of Sarah and John's children was when their eldest daughter Susannah Markham Page (1869-1960) married Daniel Henrickson (1854-1938) on 17 Sep 1889 at Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 215]. This was just 4 days after the death of her grandmother, Charlotte Blechynden.

The next wedding was when James 'John' Henry Page (1871-1947) married Mary Ellen King (1876-1955) in 27 Jan 1894 in the Wesley Methodist Church in Perth, WA [Reg. 16].

The three younger girls were the next to marry: Martha Markham Page (1875-1957) married Manasseh (Sic) 'John' Borton Bailey (1875-1957) at Williams River in 1897, WA [Reg. No. 1606]. Bertha Page (1881-1944) married Joseph 'Joe' Edward Bailey at Williams Bridge in 1902, WA [Reg. 1983], brother of Manassa John Borton Bailey who married her sister, Martha Markham Page. And, Maria Page (1879-1960) married Robert Edward 'Bob' Carrotts at Williams Bridge 1 Sep 1903, WA [Reg. 2042].

The last to marry was when John Page (1876-1939) married Matilda Jane Guttrey (1890-1964) 15 Mar 1910 in St Alban's Church, Marradong, Williams, WA [Reg. 6], registered under Guttry.

THE STORIES OF SARAH AND JOHN PAGE'S CHILDREN FOLLOWING FURTHER ON.

WA Livestock Brands 1912-1962
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HORSE BRAND – John Page

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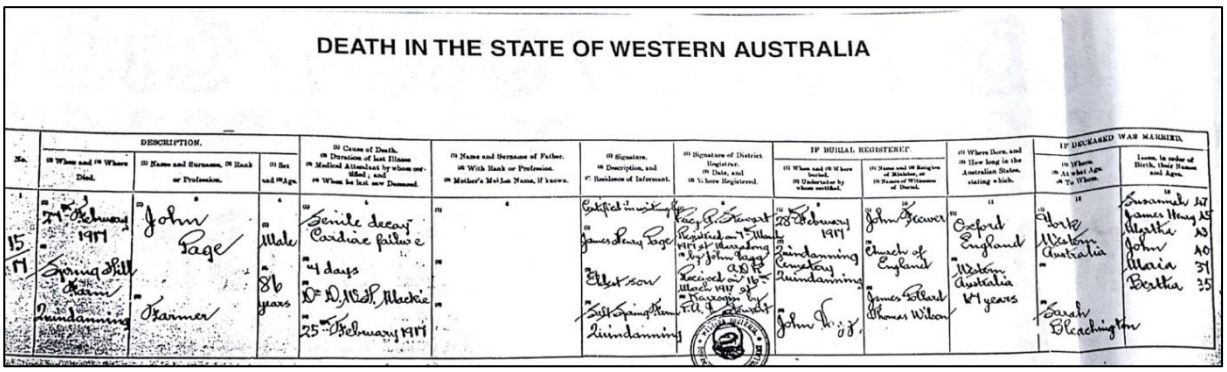
It was a sad day when John Page died 27 Feb 1917 at Spring Hill, Quindanning, of senile decay and cardiac failure. He was buried 28 Feb 1917, Quindanning Cemetery, Church of England. The death certificate below shows the following: Wife Sarah Blechynden, Children: Susannah 47, James Henry 45, Martha 43, John 40, Maria 37 and Bertha 35.



DEATH IN THE STATE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

No.	Description: When and Where Died	Name and Surname, Rank or Profession	Sex and Age	Cause of Death, Duration of last Illness, Medical Attendant by whom certified; and When he last saw Deceased	Name and Surname of Father, With Rank or Profession, Mother's Maiden Name, if known	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant	Signature of District Registrar, Date, and Where Registered	If Buried, Registered: When and Where buried, Undertaker by whom certified	Name and Religion of Minister, or Person of Witnesses of Burial	Where Born, and How long in the Australian States, visiting which	If Married or Widow: Where, At what Age, To Whom	Issue, in order of Birth, their Names and Ages
15	27th February 1917, Spring Hill Farm, Quindanning	John Page, Farmer	Male, 86 years	Senile decay, Cardiac failure, 4 days, Dr D. McD. Mackie, 25 February 1917		Certified to by James Henry Page, Eldest son, Spring Hill, Quindanning	Percy G. Stewart, Registrar, Received on 5th March 1917 at Quindanning, A.D. 19, Received on 19th March 1917 at Narrogin, by Fd. T. Gerdt	28 February 1917, Quindanning Cemetery, Quindanning, John Page	John Brewer, Church of England, James Edward Thomas Wilson	Oxford England, Western Australia, 64 years	Horle, Western Australia, Sarah Blechington	Susannah 47, James Henry 45, Martha 43, John 40, Maria 37, Bertha 35

Copy of Death certificate for John Page.

COPY OF PROBATE AND WILL OF JOHN HENRY MARKHAM PAGE:

PROBATE JOHN MARKAM PAGE –
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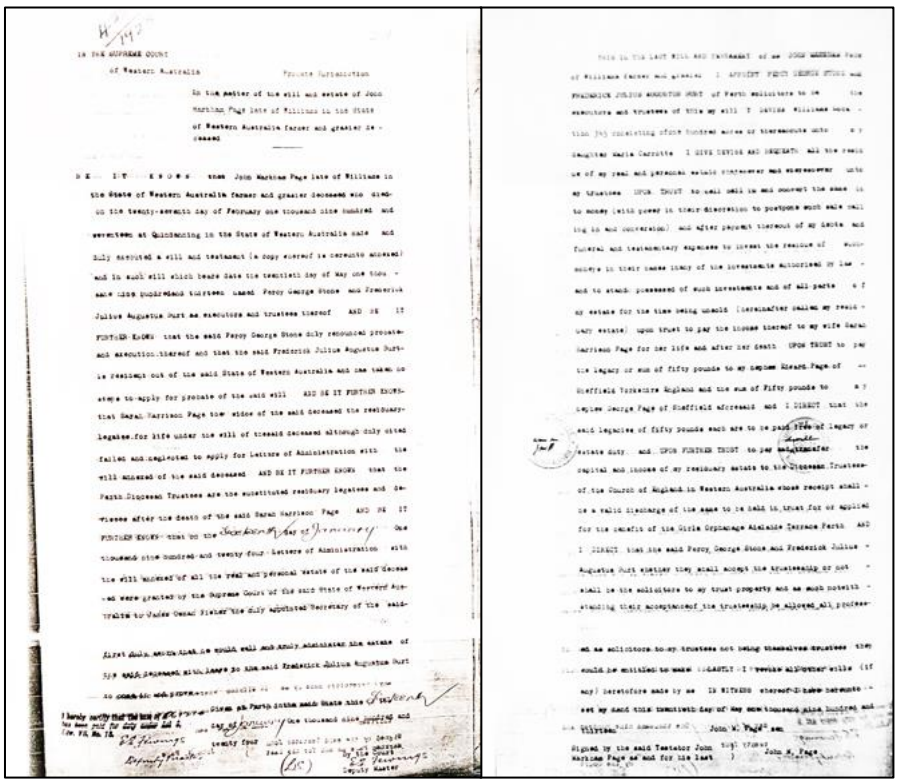

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PROBATE JOHN MARKAM PAGE –
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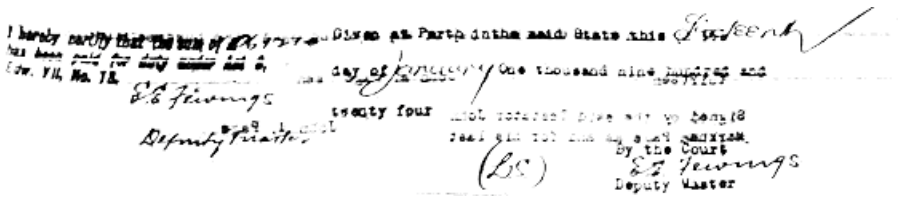
In The Supreme Court
of Western Australia
Probate Jurisdiction

In the matter of the will and estate of John Markham Page late of Williams in the State of Western Australia farmer and grazier deceased.

Be it known that John Markham Page late Williams in the State of farmer and grazier deceased who died on the twenty-seventh day of February one thousand nine hundred and seventeen at Quindanning in the State of made and duly executed a will and testament (a copy whereof is here unto annexed) and in such will which bears date the twentieth day of May on thousand nine hundred and thirteen named Percy George Stone and Frederick Julius Augustus Burt as executors and trustees thereof AND BE IT FURTHER KNOWN that the said Percy George Stone duly renounced probate and execution thereof and that the said Frederick Julius Augustus Burt is resident out of the said State of and has taken no steps to apply for probate of the said will AND BE IT FURTHER KNOWN that Sarah Harrison Page the widow of the said deceased the residuary legatee for life under the will of the said deceased although duly cited failed and neglected to apply for letters of Administration with the will annexed of the said deceased AND BE IT FURTHER KNOWN that the Perth Diocesan Trustees are the substituted residuary legatees and devisees after the death of the said Sarah Harrison Page AND BE IT FURTHER KNOWN that on the *Sixteenth day of January* one thousand nine hundred and twenty four letters of Administration with the will annexed of all the real and personal estate of the said deceased were granted by the Supreme Court of the said State of of James Osman Fisher the duly appointed Secretary of the said first duly sworn that he would well and truly administer the estate of the said deceased with leave to the said Frederick Julius Augustus Burt to come in and prove.
Given at Perth in the said State this Sixteenth Day of January one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.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By the Court
E.J. Jennings
Deputy Master

WILL OF JOHN MARKAM PAGE - twentieth day of May one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.
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THIS IS THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of me John Markham Page of Williams farmer and grazier.

I APPOINT PERCY GEORGE STONE and FREDERICK JULIUS AUGUSTUS BURT of Perth solicitors to be the executors and trustees of this my will I DEVISE Williams Location 345 consisting of one hundred acres or thereabouts unto my daughter Maria Carrotts.

I GIVE DEVISE AND BEQUEATH all the residue of my real and personal estate whatsoever and wheresoever unto my trustees UPON TRUST to sell call in and convert the same in to money (with power in their discretion to postpone such sale calling in and conversion) and after payment there out of my debts and funeral and testamentary expenses to invest the residue of such moneys in their names in any of the investments authorised by law and to stand possessed of such investments and of all parts of my estate of the time being unsold (here in after called my residuary estate) upon trust to pay the income there of to my wife Sarah Harrison Page for her life and after her death UPON TRUST to pay the legacy or sum of fifty pounds to my nephew Edward Page of Sheffield Yorkshire England and the sum of fifty pounds to my nephew George Page of Sheffield aforesaid and I DIRECT that the said legacies of fifty pounds each are to be paid free of legacy or estate duty and UPON FURTHER TRUST to pay and transfer the capital and income of my residuary estate to the Diocesan Trustees of the Church of England in whose receipt shall be a valid discharge of the same to be held in trust for or applied for the benefit of the Girls Orphanage Adelaide Terrace Perth and I DIRECT that the said Percy George Stone and Frederick Julius Augustus Burt whether they shall accept the trusteeship or not shall be the solicitors to my trust property and as such not with- standing their acceptance of the trusteeship be allowed all professed as solicitors to my trustees not being themselves trustees they would be entitled to make LASTLY I revoke all other wills (if any) heretofore made by me IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand this twentieth day of May one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

John M. Page sen, Signed by the said Testator John)
Markham Page as and for his last)
John M. Page
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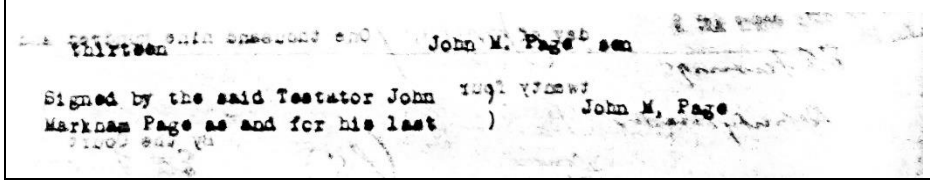
Wm Morance) Clerks to Messieurs Stone & Burt
F. Gillett) Solicitors, Perth W.A.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DEATH OF SARAH HARRISON PAGE (NEE BLECHYNDEN) (1841-1930)

Sarah Harrison Page (nee Blechynden) died 2 Oct 1930, 'Spring Hill', Quindanning, WA [Reg. 57], burns, aged 89 years. She is buried in the Quindanning, Cemetery, WA.

West Australian **(Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Thu 9 Oct 1930, page 16**
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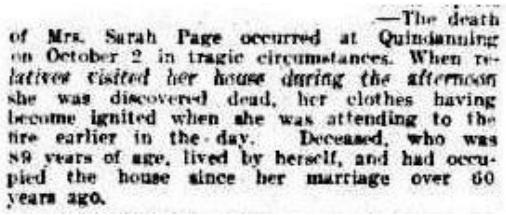
A LONELY TRAGIC END Old Lady burnt to Death at Quindanning

Williams newspaper item: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Sunday Times **(Perth, WA: 1902 - 1954), Sun 12 Oct 1930, pg 27**
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Graves of John Page and Sarah Page (nee Blechynden), Quindanning Cemetery

QUINDANNING CEMETERY

Row 6
PAGE, John

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JOHN PAGE
DIED 27TH FEB 1917
AGED 84 YEARS
ALSO
SARAH PAGE
DIED 2ND OCT 1930
AGED 89 YEARS.
ERECTED BY THEIR LOVING SON
AND DAUGHTER
JOHN & MARIA.

Headstone of John Page and Sarah Page (nee Blechynden), Quindanning Cemetery

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PROBATE OF SARAH HARRISON PAGE –
2nd day of October One thousand nine hundred and thirty**.**

Sarah Harrison Page's Probate record listed her address as "Spring Hill" Quindanning via Williams in the State of Western Australia.

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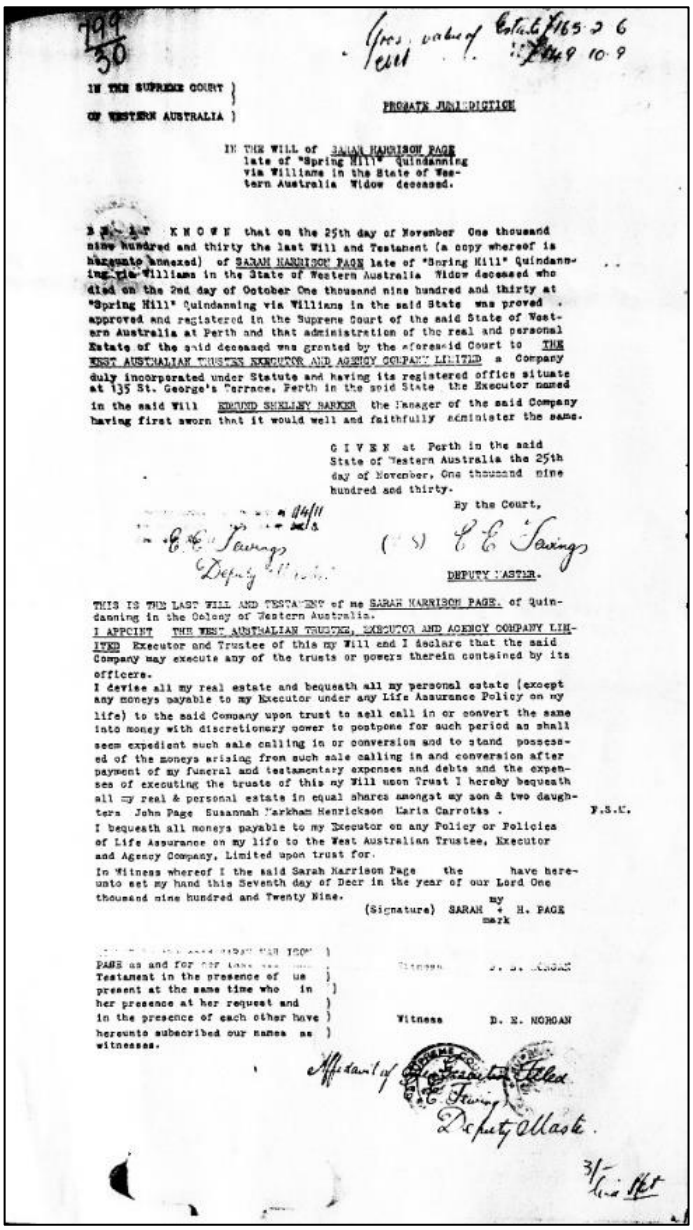

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IN THE SUPREME COURT
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE WILL of SARAH HARRISON PAGE late of "Spring Hill" Quindanning via Williams in the State of Western Australia Widow deceased.

BE IT KNOWN that on the 25th day of November One thousand nine hundred and thirty the last Will and Testament (a copy whereof is hereunto annexed) of SARAH HARRISON PAGE late of "Spring Hill" Quindanning via Williams in the State of Western Australia Widow deceased who died on the 2nd day of October One thousand nine hundred and thirty at "Spring Hill" Quindanning via Williams in the said State was proved approved and registered in the Supreme Court of the said State of Western Australia at Perth and that administration of the real and personal Estate of the said deceased was granted by the aforesaid Court to THE WEST AUSTRALIAN TRUSTEE EXECUTOR AND AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED a Company duly incorporated under Statute and having its registered office situate at 135 St. George's Terrace, Perth in the said State the Executor named in the said Will EDMUND SHELLEY BARKER the Manager of the said Company having first sworn that it would well and faithfully administer the same.

GIVEN at Perth in the said State of Western Australia the 25th day of November, One thousand nine hundred and thirty.

By the Court,

(Sd) E. E. Savings
DEPUTY MASTER.

THIS IS THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of me SARAH HARRISON PAGE, of Quindanning in the Colony of Western Australia.
I APPOINT THE WEST AUSTRALIAN TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR AND AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED Executor and Trustee of this my Will and I declare that the said Company may execute any of the trusts or powers therein contained by its officers.
I devise all my real estate and bequeath all my personal estate (except any moneys payable to my Executor under any Life Assurance Policy on my life) to the said Company upon trust to sell call in or convert the same into money with discretionary power to postpone for such period as shall seem expedient such sale calling in or conversion and to stand possessed of the moneys arising from such sale calling in and conversion after payment of my funeral and testamentary expenses and debts and the expenses of executing the trusts of this my Will upon Trust I hereby bequeath all my real & personal estate in equal shares amongst my son & two daughters John Page Susannah Markham Henrickson Maria Carrotts . F.S.K.
I bequeath all moneys payable to my Executor on any Policy or Policies of Life Assurance on my life to the West Australian Trustee, Executor and Agency Company, Limited upon trust for.
In Witness whereof I the said Sarah Harrison Page the have hereunto set my hand this Seventh day of Dear in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and Twenty Nine.

(Signature) SARAH H. PAGE
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PAGE as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us present at the same time who in her presence at her request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

Witness D. E. MORGAN

Affidavit of Execution filed
E. Savings
Deputy Clerk.

PROBATE OF SARAH HARRISON PAGE - 2nd day of October One thousand nine hundred and thirty**.**

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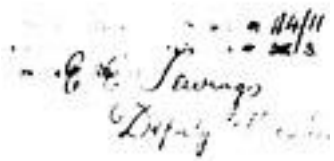

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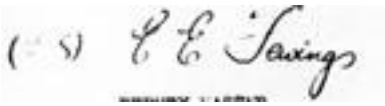

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I APPOINT THE WEST AUSTRALIAN TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR AND AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED Executor and Trustee of this my Will and I declare that the said Company my execute any of the trusts or powers therein contained by its officers.

I devise all my real estate and bequeath all my personal estate (except any money payable to my Executor under any Life Assurance Policy on my life) to the said Company upon trust to sell call in or convert the same into money with discretionary power to postpone for such period as shall seem expedient such sale calling in or conversion and to stand possessed of the moneys arising from such sale calling in and conversion after payment of my funeral and testamentary expenses and debts and the expenses of executing the trusts of this my Will upon Trust I hereby bequeath all my real & personal estate in equal shares amongst my son & two daughters John Page Susannah Markham Henrickson Maria Carrotts. (F.S.M.)

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(Signature) Sarah. (My + Mark)

H. Page

Signed by the said SARAH HARRISON
PAGE as and for her last Will and

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA, **Probate Jurisdiction.** *IN THE MATTER of the WILL of SARAH HARRISON PAGE late of "Spring Hill" Quindanning via Williams in the State of Western Australia Widow deceased. Notice is hereby given that all Creditors and other persons having CLAIMS AND DEMANDS against the Estate of the above-named SARAH HARRISON PAGE late of "Spring Hill," Quindanning, via Williams in the State of Western Australia Widow deceased ARE HEREBY REQUIRED to send Particulars in writing of their Claims and Demands to the Executor THE WEST AUSTRALIAN TRUSTEE* 2nd day of October One thousand nine hundred and thirty.	*EXECUTOR AND AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED of 135 St. George's Terrace, Perth on or before the 5th day of January 1931 after which day the said Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the Claims and Demands of which the said Executor shall then have had notice.* *DATED the **3rd day of December 1930**. RALPH J. STODDART of W.A. Trustee Buildings, 135 St. George's Terrace, Perth. Solicitor for the Executor.*

MORE DETAILS ON EACH OF THE CHILDREN OF SARAH HARRISON BLECHYNDEN AND JOHN HENRY MARKHAM PAGE FOLLOWING:

FIRST CHILD OF SARAH BLECHYNDEN & JOHN PAGE

1. PAGE, SUSANNAH MARKHAM (1869-1960) & HENRICKSON, DANIEL (1854-1938)

Susannah Markham Henrickson (nee Page)

Susannah Markham Page was born 5 Oct 1869 at William's Bridge, Quindanning, WA [Reg. 11851]. She was baptised in 1873. Her mother, Sarah, was aged 28.

SUSANNAH MARKHAM PAGE (1869-1960) married **DANIEL HENRICKSON (1854-1938)** on 17 Sep 1889 at Mount Pleasant Church, Arthur River, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 215]. C/E. Susannah was 20 years of age and Daniel 35 years. They had eleven children as follows:

1. HENRICKSON, JAMES HENRY (1889-1892),
2. HENRICKSON, LEWIS ANDREW (1891-1986),
3. HENRICKSON, ANNIE EMILY (1893-1978),
4. HENRICKSON, MARTHA 'MATT' MARKHAM (1895-1984),
5. HENRICKSON, CHARLES ERNEST (1897-1980),
6. HENRICKSON, BERTHA SUSANNA (1899-1989),
7. HENRICKSON, SARAH 'MAY' (1901-1930),
8. HENRICKSON, ELIZA 'PEARL' (1903-1987),
9. HENRICKSON, ETHEL 'BEATRICE' (1906-1911),
10. HENRICKSON, IRMA 'IRM' MARGARETTA (1908-1996), and
11. HENRICKSON, GERTRUDE 'GERT' EMMELINE (1911-2011)

More details on the marriage, the Henrickson's and Sarah and Daniel's children further on. Firstly, there is a little about Susannah's younger life.

Being the eldest of the children, Susannah had to mind sheep in the bush. The paddocks were not fenced. During these periods she was alone, the only company she had were the friendly Aborigines who kept watch on her in case of any accidents. Her father apparently was a strict parent. The only schooling that she received was during 12 months spent with the Blechynden's, (Uncle John and Aunt Elizabeth in Bridgetown). A school was later built in 1893, in Quindanning about five miles from the farm.

As Sarah and John Page worked to establish themselves and bring up their family, we need to emphasise the hardships experienced in this new colony due to the lack of infrastructure and isolation. In these undeveloped areas of virgin bush at this time there were no fences, no schools, hospitals or churches. It was a big responsibility for Susannah as a very young girl of eleven years being sent out to mind the sheep.

The following is a long, repetitive and at times amusing article in which John Page, was charged with stealing three ewes and three lambs, belonging to Mr. William Lavender, a sheep farmer, at the Williams, on the 23 Jun 1881. John Page was acquitted.

Susannah, the daughter of John Page, then just eleven years, *(the last witness) who was in charge of the flock* was brought before the judge and discussions followed as to whether she was old enough and had enough understanding as to the difference between right and wrong. The fact that she had never been to a church or school was the subject of some disbelief.

Following is a transcribed summary of this very lengthy article to emphasise the isolation and lack of infrastructure and the expectations and disbelief by others as to lack of experience of this very young girl. See snapshot of the whole article. To view the full four-page article follow the link.

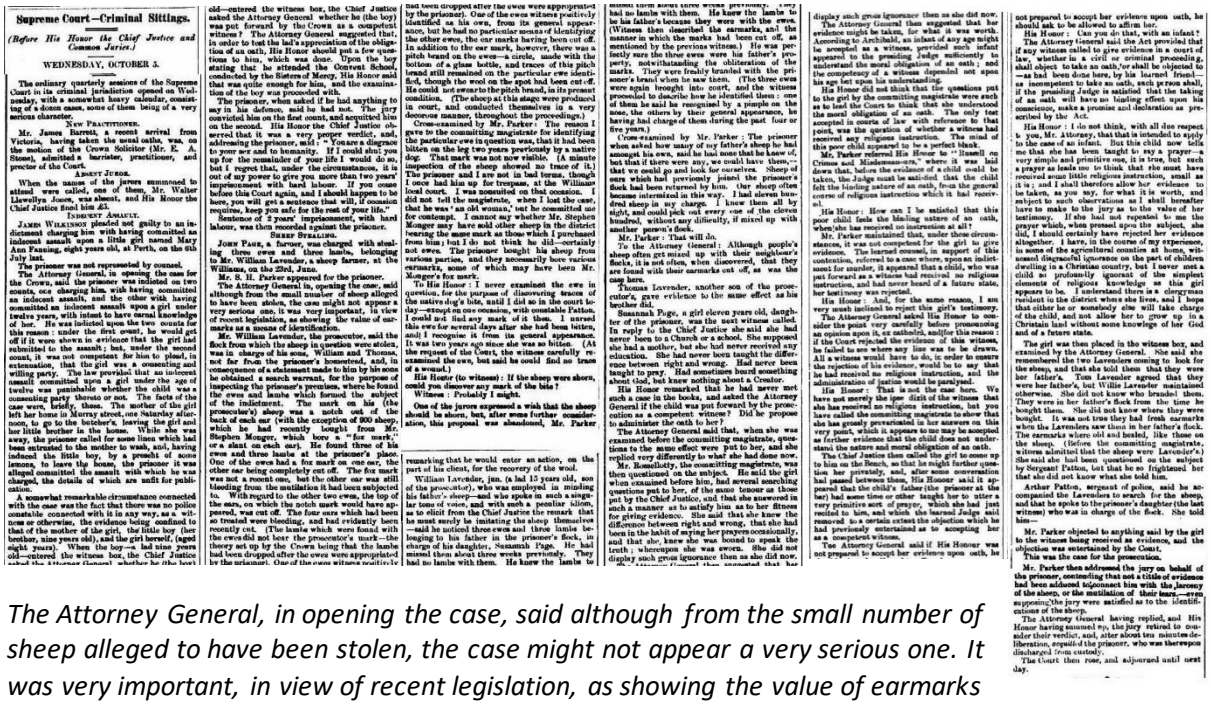
West Australian **(Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Fri 7 Oct 1881, pg 3**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article2985738.txt

Supreme Court-Criminal Sittings.
(Before His Honor the Chief Justice and Common Juries.)
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5.

SHEEP STEALING.

JOHN PAGE, a farmer, was charged with stealing three ewes and three lambs, belonging to Mr. William Lavender, a sheep farmer, at the Williams, on the 23rd, Jun.

Image: A snapshot of the article on sheep stealing, Mr John Page versus Mr William Lavender.



Supreme Court—Criminal Sittings.

(Before His Honor the Chief Justice and Common Juries.)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5.

The ordinary quarterly sessions of the Supreme Court in its criminal jurisdiction opened on Wednesday, with a somewhat heavy calendar, consisting of a dozen cases, some of them being of a very serious character.

NEW PRACTITIONER.

Mr. James Barrett, a recent arrival from Victoria, having taken the usual oaths, was, on the motion of the Crown Solicitor (Mr. E. A. Stone), admitted a barrister, practitioner, and proctor of the Court.

ABSENT JUROR.

When the names of the jurors summoned to attend were called, one of them, Mr. Walter Llewellyn Jones, was absent, and His Honor the Chief Justice fined him £5.

INDECENT ASSAULT.

JAMES WILKINSON pleaded not guilty to an indictment charging him with having committed an indecent assault upon a little girl named Mary Ann Fanning, eight years old, at Perth, on the 6th July last.

The prisoner was not represented by counsel.

The Attorney General, in opening the case for the Crown, said the prisoner was indicted on two counts, one charging him with having committed an indecent assault, and the other with having committed an indecent assault upon a girl under twelve years, with intent to have carnal knowledge of her. He was indicted upon the two counts for this reason: under the first count, he would get off if it were shown in evidence that the girl had submitted to the assault; but, under the second count, it was not competent for him to plead, in extenuation, that the girl was a consenting and willing party. The law provided that an indecent assault committed upon a girl under the age of twelve was punishable whether the child was a consenting party thereto or not. The facts of the case were, briefly, these. The mother of the girl left her home in Murray street, one Saturday afternoon, to go to the butcher's, leaving the girl and her little brother in the house. While she was away, the prisoner called for some lines which had been entrusted to the mother to wash, and, having induced the little boy, by a present of some lemons, to leave the house, the prisoner it was alleged committed the assault with which he was charged, the details of which are unfit for publication.

A somewhat remarkable circumstance connected with the case was the fact that there was no police constable connected with it in any way, as a witness or otherwise, the evidence being confined to that of the mother of the girl, the little boy (her brother, nine years old), and the girl herself, (aged eight years). When the boy—a lad nine years old—entered the witness box, the Chief Justice asked the Attorney General whether he (the boy) was put forward by the Crown as a competent witness? The Attorney General suggested that, in order to test the lad's appreciation of the obligation of an oath, His Honor should put a few questions to him, which was done. Upon the boy stating that he attended the Convent School, conducted by the Sisters of Mercy, His Honor said that was quite enough for him, and the examination of the boy was proceeded with.

The prisoner, when asked if he had anything to say in his defence, said he had not. The jury convicted him on the first count, and acquitted him on the second. His Honor the Chief Justice observed that it was a very proper verdict, and, addressing the prisoner, said: "You are a disgrace to your sex and to humanity. If I could shut you up for the remainder of your life I would do so, but I regret that, under the circumstances, it is out of my power to give you more than two years' imprisonment with hard labour. If you come before this Court again, and I should happen to be here, you will get a sentence that will, if occasion requires, keep you safe for the rest of your life."

Sentence of 2 years' imprisonment, with hard labour, was then recorded against the prisoner.

SHEEP STEALING.

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Mr. S. H. Parker appeared for the prisoner.

The Attorney General in opening the case, said although from the small number of sheep alleged to have been stolen, the case might not appear a very serious one, it was very important, in view of recent legislation, as showing the value of earmarks as a means of identification.

Mr. William Lavender, the prosecutor, said the flock from which the sheep in question were stolen, was in charge of his sons, William and Thomas, not far from the prisoner's homestead, and, in consequence of a statement made to him by his sons he obtained a search warrant, for the purpose of inspecting the prisoner's premises, where he found the ewes and lambs which formed the subject of the indictment. The mark on his (the prosecutor's) sheep was a notch out of the back of each ear (with the exception of 900 sheep, which he had recently bought from Mr. Stephen Monger, which bore a "fox mark," or a slant on each ear). He found three of his ewes and three lambs at the prisoner's place. One of the ewes had a fox mark on one ear, the other ear being completely cut off. The fox mark was not a recent one, but the other ear was still bleeding from the mutilation it had been subjected to. With regard to the other two ewes, the top of the ears, on which the notch mark would have appeared, was cut off. The four ears which had been so treated were bleeding, and had evidently been recently cut. (The lambs which were found with the ewes did not bear the prosecutor's mark—the theory set up by the Crown being that the lambs had been dropped after the ewes were appropriated by the prisoner). One of the ewes witness positively identified as his own, from its general appearance, but he had no particular mark to identify the other ewes, the ear marks having been cut off. In addition to the ear mark, however, there was a pitch brand on the ewes—a circle, made with the bottom of a glass bottle, and traces of this pitch brand still remained on the particular ewes identified, though the wool on the spot had been cut off. He could not swear to the pitch brand, in its present condition. (The sheep at this stage were produced in court, and conducted themselves in a very decorous manner, throughout the proceedings.)

Cross-examined by Mr. Parker: The reason I gave to the committing magistrate for identifying the particular ewe in question was, that it had been bitten on the leg two years previously by a native dog. That mark was not now visible. (A minute inspection of the sheep showed no trace of it.) The prisoner and I are not in bad terms, though I once had him up for trespass, at the Williams local court. I was nonsuited on that occasion. I did not tell the magistrate, when I lost the case, that he was "an old woman," but he committed me for contempt. I cannot say whether Mr. Stephen Monger may have sold other sheep in the district bearing the same mark as those which I purchased from him; but I do not think he did—certainly not ewes. The prisoner bought his sheep from various parties, and they necessarily bore various earmarks, some of which may have been Mr. Monger's fox mark.

To His Honor: I never examined the ewe in question, for the purpose of discovering traces of the native dog's bite, until I did so in the court to-day—enough on one occasion, with constable Patton. I could not find any mark of it then. I nursed this ewe for several days after she had been bitten, and I recognise it from its general appearance. It was two years ago since she was so bitten. (At the request of the Court, the witness carefully examined the ewe, but said he could find no trace of a wound.)

His Honor (to witness): If the sheep were shorn, could you discover any mark of the bite?

Witness: Probably I might.

One of the jurors expressed a wish that the sheep should be shorn, but, after some further consideration, this proposal was abandoned, Mr. Parker remarking that he would enter an action, on the part of his client, for the recovery of the wool.

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Mr. Parker: That will do.

To the Attorney General: Although people's sheep often get mixed up with their neighbour's flocks, it is not often, when discovered, that they are found with their earmarks cut off, as was the case here.

Thomas Lavender, another son of the prosecutor's, gave evidence to the same effect as his brother did.

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His Honor did not think that the questions put to the girl by the committing magistrate were such as to lead the Court to think that she understood the moral obligation of an oath. The only test accepted in courts of law with reference to that point, was the question of whether a witness had received any religious instruction. The mind of this poor child appeared to be a perfect blank.

Mr. Parker referred His Honor to "Russell on Crimes and Misdemeanors," where it was laid down that, before the evidence of a child could be taken, the Judge must be satisfied that the child felt the binding nature of an oath, from the general course of religious instruction which it had received.

His Honor: How can I be satisfied that this poor child feels the binding nature of an oath, when she has received no instruction at all?

Mr. Parker maintained that, under these circumstances, it was not competent for the girl to give evidence. The learned counsel, in support of this contention, referred to a case where, upon an indictment for murder, it appeared that a child, who was put forward as a witness had received no religious instruction, and had never heard of a future state, her testimony was rejected.

His Honor: And, for the same reason, I am very much inclined to reject this girl's testimony.

The Attorney General asked His Honor to consider the point very carefully before pronouncing an opinion upon it, or authorit, and for this reason: if the Court rejected the evidence of this witness, he failed to see where any line was to be drawn. All a witness would have to do, in order to ensure the rejection of his evidence, would be to say that he had received no religious instruction, and the administration of justice would be paralysed.

His Honor: That is not the case here. We have not merely the poor child of the witness that she has received no religious instruction, but you have called the committing magistrate to show that she has grossly prevaricated in her answers on this very point, which it appears to me may be accepted as further evidence that the child does not understand the nature and moral obligation of an oath.

The Chief Justice then called the girl to come up to him on the Bench, so that he might further question her privately, and, after some conversation had passed between them, His Honour said it appeared that the child's father (the prisoner at the bar) had some time or other taught her to utter a very primitive sort of prayer, which she had just recited to him, and which the learned Judge said removed the certain contested objection which he had previously entertained as to accepting her as a competent witness.

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His Honor: Can you do that, with an infant?

The Attorney General said the Act provided that if any witness called to give evidence in a court of law, whether in a civil or criminal proceeding, shall object to take an oath, or shall be objected to—as had been done here, by his learned friend—as incompetent to take an oath, such person shall, if the presiding Judge is satisfied that the taking of an oath will have no binding effect upon his conscience, make a promise and declaration as prescribed by the Act.

His Honor: I do not think, with all due respect to you, Mr. Attorney, that that is intended to apply to the case of an infant. But this child now tells me that she has been taught to say a prayer—a very simple and primitive one, it is true, but such a prayer as leads me to think that she must have received some little religious instruction, small as it is; and I shall therefore allow her evidence to be taken, as you say, for what it is worth, and subject to such observations as I shall hereafter have to make to the jury as to the value of her testimony. If she had not repeated to me the prayer which, when pressed upon the subject, she did, I should certainly have rejected her evidence altogether. I have, in the course of my experience, in some of the agricultural counties at home, witnessed disgraceful ignorance on the part of children dwelling in a Christian country, but I never met a child so profoundly ignorant of the simplest elements of religious knowledge as this girl appears to be. I understand there is a clergyman resident in the district where she lives, and I hope that either he or somebody else will take charge of the child, and not allow her to grow up in a Christian land without some knowledge of her God and of a future state.

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Mr. Parker objected to anything said by the girl to the witness having received as evidence, and the objection was entertained by the Court.

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Note: One can imagine Susannah would have been terrified and overwhelmed by the loud voices and questions.

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The article gives an indication of the life and her family at the age of sixteen years. A few quotations from it have been added below. Refer to the link if you want to read it in its entirety.

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Cross-examined; Deverill's father lives two or three miles off; he left his father's house when quite a child: he was living at Lilly's when this took place; up to six months ago he often stayed and had a meal with us; Susannah knew him very well; she may have pricked him with pins under the table two or three years ago when they were children; when Ainsworth came across her in the bush, it was she who told me of it; Ainsworth gave her some presents for washing his things for him; Martin gave her a concertina and some other things but it was with my knowledge; (His Honor; girls often receive presents without anything being meant by it.) There was no rain near the time of the occurrence.

Re-examined; if there was rain I do not remember it; my daughter was generally in the bush and might be away when the prisoner came; Martin gave her the concertina because her father had often promised and never given her one.

George Lilly, a farmer on the Williams, said the prisoner was at work for me last Nov. on the 24 h. of that month I sent him after some horses; this was about sundown; on his return I asked him why he had been so long and he replied he could not find the horses; I said that was no excuse, that the horses were put out under the fence and that I heard the bell; the next day, in consequence of what I had heard, I asked him if it was true that when I sent him for the horses he was molesting Susannah Page; he only laughed; I then said did you really interfere with her; he replied he did, he said he threw her down on the ground and had a long tussle with her; I asked him what he threw her down for; his reply was to the effect that it was for an improper purpose and that he did not succeed; I asked him "if he ill-used her," he said he did not.

Cross-examined; The general reputation of the girls not good have seen her with my shepherd when the sheep lay up in the middle of the day for water; they were having some dinner; this is the only time I have seen them in company in the bush; I have seen Martin and the family altogether at Page's; the girl bears the character of going about the bush with men; I know Martin to have given her presents; I supplied some of them.

Re-examined; I did not care what Martin did with his money; At the Williams I did not say of the girl what I say now; I was not asked.

Attorney General; do you consider that the fact of a man speaking to a girl in the bush is ground for calling her a bad character?

Witness: No; not unless they were seen together often; I did not see Ainsworth speak to her more than once; I was first told of the present affair by a Mrs. Fox.

By the foreman of the jury; when the prisoner told me of his conduct I did not reprove him, but told him if he was not more careful he would get himself into trouble.

Joseph Farley, Sergt. of Police, said; I was taken by Susannah Page to the spot where the occurrence took place; a girl crying out there could not be heard at Page's house; no track remained; there was rain shortly before I went; on the same day, the 4th. of December, I met the prisoner; I asked his name and he told me; he knew me; I told him I had a warrant and read the contents; he said "she was just as bad as I was; whenever she met me she was always talking about the same thing; there have always been the same carryings on when we have been talking together, and my mother and sister have been outside; my sister knows that Miss Page has been wanting to come and see me; my brother James has often seen her take liberties with me.

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Susannah Page (recalled) gave some very contradictory evidence as to some details.

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SUSANNAH MARKHAM PAGE (1869-1960) married **DANIEL HENRICKSON (1854-1938)** on 17 Sep 1889 at Mount Pleasant Church, Arthur River, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 215]. C/E. Susannah was 20 years of age and Daniel 35 years.

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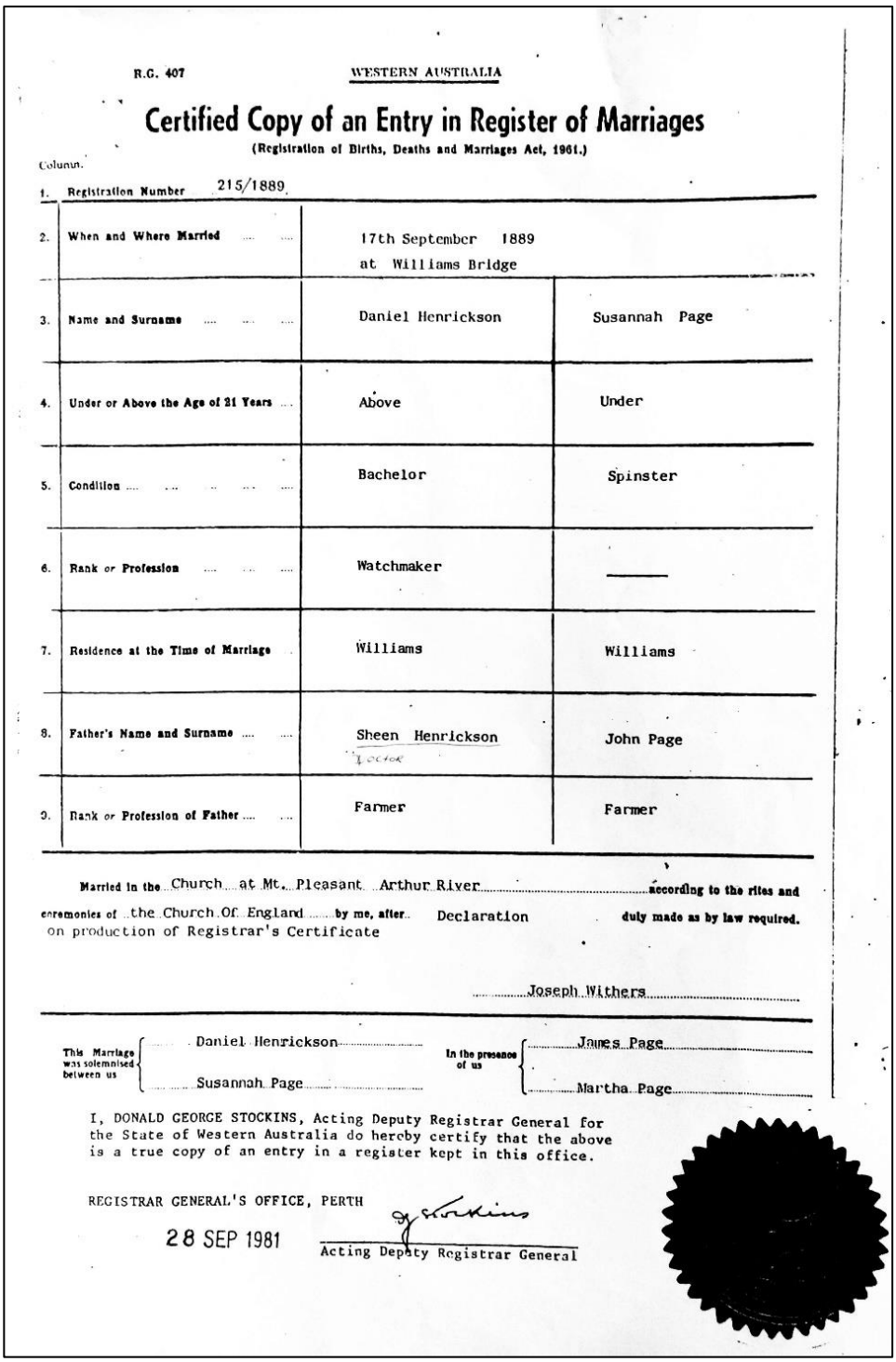

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(Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Act, 1961.)

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1.	Registration Number	215/1889	
2.	When and Where Married	17th September 1889 at Williams Bridge	
3.	Name and Surname	Daniel Henrickson	Susannah Page
4.	Under or Above the Age of 21 Years	Above	Under
5.	Condition	Bachelor	Spinster
6.	Rank or Profession	Watchmaker	———
7.	Residence at the Time of Marriage	Williams	Williams
8.	Father's Name and Surname	Sheen Henrickson Doctor	John Page
9.	Rank or Profession of Father	Farmer	Farmer

Married in the Church at Mt. Pleasant Arthur River according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church Of England by me, after Declaration duly made as by law required. on production of Registrar's Certificate

Joseph Withers

This Marriage was solemnised between us: Daniel Henrickson, Susannah Page

In the presence of us: James Page, Martha Page

I, DONALD GEORGE STOCKINS, Acting Deputy Registrar General for the State of Western Australia do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an entry in a register kept in this office.

REGISTRAR GENERAL'S OFFICE, PERTH

28 SEP 1981

Acting Deputy Registrar General

Copy of Marriage Certificate of Daniel Henrickson and Susannah Page

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Following are a few paragraphs on the Church of England in the Williams district at that time.

inHERIT - Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Shire of Williams
http://inherit.stateheritage.wa.gov.au/Public/Inventory/PrintSingleRecord/b4118532-6d32-475b-9411-24ae9d38341f

This church was one of three churches inspired by the work of the Rev. Joseph (Holy Joe) Withers - the others being Mount Pleasant (Arthur River) and Kojonup (Eticup).

In 1879 the Reverend Joseph Withers, formerly of Bunbury, was stationed at The Williams River and holding divine services at five different places. However, during 1880 a reserve of 50 acres was set aside for a Church of England parsonage at Bannister townsite which is situated about five miles east of the present townsite of Williams. A building to be known as The Parsonage was built of pug and stone. (1). Site 241. Soon after his arrival at the Bannister townsite, the Reverend Withers began to agitate for the erection of a church building near the Williams River bridge with the result that in January 1882, a reserve, (No 508A), was set aside for a church. The first Church of England was built of locally made bricks during 1882 and consecrated in January 1883. However, its proximity to the river and the low-lying nature of the site resulted in damage to the foundations and structure. This building remained in use for 38 years and finally it was declared unsafe for regular worship, resulting in land being acquired over the river in the new townsite and a new Church built in 1925. (2). A large Olive tree marks the site of the first church. . .

. . . Withers remained at Williams until the end of 1887 and in 1889 his replacement was Rev. F.G. Gillett.

LANDGATE: TOWN NAMES
https://www0.landgate.wa.gov.au/maps-and-imagery/wa-geographic-names/name-history/historical-town-names?fbclid=IwAR2cfLZk17p5wfGgcJP5YZO2k_oN0ks7LzUBhq-R2_2KXooo2nWLRq2D_hE#D

WILLIAMS
Latitude 33° 01' S Longitude 116° 54' E
The townsite of Williams is located in the great southern agricultural region, 160 km south east of Perth and 32 km west south west of Narrogin. Land in the vicinity of Williams was settled in the 1830's, but the area only slowly developed in the 1830's and 40's. In the early 1850's the arrival of convicts in WA resulted in the road from Kelmscott to Albany being developed, and a bridge built over the Williams River. An Inn was built near the bridge, and in 1869 a Police Station was built on the south side of the river.
As most of the land in the area was privately owned, settlers in the area petitioned the government in 1894 to purchase private land on the north side of the Williams River adjacent to the Albany Road Bridge to create a townsite. After negotiations 140 acres were purchased from Mr E Hamersley, survey of lots made, and the townsite of Williams gazetted in 1897. Although only costing 5 pounds per acre, attempts to recover the cost by selling blocks was unsuccessful, and the costs had to be reduced in 1899 before blocks would sell.
In 1902 farm land south of Williams was subdivided by the government and sold as Marjidin Estate. Portion of the land was reserved for government purposes, and when the route of the new Narrogin to Darkan railway was decided in 1905, a subdivisional scheme of 1/4 acre blocks was surveyed and in 1906 was gazetted as the townsite of Marjidin. The Williams railway station was in the townsite, and December 1906 the name of the station was altered to Marjidin. This action so upset the Williams community that 6 months later the name was changed back to Williams, and soon after the Marjidin townsite was renamed as an extension of Williams.
Williams derives its name from the Williams River which flows through the townsite. The river was discovered by the explorer Thomas Bannister in 1831, and first shown named on an 1833 map. It is believed named by Governor Stirling in 1832, most likely after King William IV who ascended the throne in 1831. The name has been shown on maps as William's River and William River.

HENRICKSON, DANIEL / TANELI ERKINPOIKA HEIKKILÄ (1854-1938)
****PLEASE NOTE: DANIEL HENRICKSON** (1854-1938)**- IS NOT - the Daniel Henrickson mentioned** on a number of Family Trees in Ancestry, as being born in Kymi Huruksela Rysa, Finland whose parents were: AAREN HENRICK HENRICKSON (1833-1868) and ANNA MARIA SYLVARDOTTER (1837-).

Daniel Henrickson

RECENT RESULTS FROM DNA

DANIEL HENRICKSON

Daniel Henrickson (Taneli Erkinpoika Heikkilä) was born 16 Mar 1854 in Heikkilä, Oulainen, Finland. His father's name was, Erkki Juhonpoika Heikkilä, mother, Liisa Juhontytär Heikkilä. Nationality of both his mother and father, Finnish. Daniel often quoted his father's name as Aaron in various forms. Maybe that was his English version of Erkki.

Taneli Erkinpoika Heikkilä (born Mar 16 1854 Oulainen) was not married with anyone in Finland, according to Raahe parish office and there is absolutely no note of marriage. (Sanna Heikkilä)

The DNA evidence in 2021 and earlier suggests strongly that sailor Daniel Heikkilä from Brahestad deserted 1876 in Philadelphia can be identified as sailor Daniel Henrickson arriving 1882 to Australia. (Antti Alfthan)

Daniel was born in Oulainen, Finland March 16 1854, youngest in the family. His mother died when Daniel was 10, father and the eldest brother died in the Great Famine 1868 in Finland, only Daniel and his elder brother Antti (Anders, Andrew) surviving. Both moved later to a major port city Raahe (Brahestad) enlisting as sailors. Birth year 1860 in Daniel's later documents is obviously incorrect. (AA)

Daniel stated he arrived in Australia from New Zealand in 1883 per the (Duke of Sutherland) at Port Adelaide where he resided for nine months. He worked on the Midland Railway with Mr Keane over three years, and in Williams 40 years. He also lived in London, England, about four years and New Zealand for two years. Daniel Henrickson died 13 February 1938, farm residence, Boddington, (registered as Williams), WA [Reg. 22]. He was buried 15 Feb,1938, at Quindanning Cemetery. On his Statutory Declaration below he states his father was Aaron Henrickson yet on his marriage certificate his father's name is written as Sheen Henrickson. On his death certificate his father is documented as Aaron Henrickson. Maybe 'Sheen' was a nickname Daniel used for his father when he married Susannah although it more likely a misinterpretation of his accent by the person who wrote it down.

Note: Debbie, his granddaughter has over many, years researched extensively by correspondence and Internet to find out more about Daniel's family.

SUMMARY STATUTORY DECLARATION - DANIEL HENRICKSON

DANIEL HENRICKSON. Naturalized Australian:1927. Born:1860 (new results indicate he was born in 1854). Arrived in Australia: 1883? Married: Susannah PAGE. Resided: in 1927: Boddington, WA. Emigrated: via New Zealand to Adelaide, SA. Lived: London, ENG: 4 years. New Zealand: 2 years. Adelaide, SA: 9 months
Father: Aaron Henrickson. Midland Railways, WA, 3 years with Mr Keane. "Wilvawen" West, W.A.: 40 years. (I, Debbie Miles, think this is a misspelling for "Williams" West. W.A.)

Form B. 3.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

STATUTORY DECLARATION

Referred to in Paragraph 1 of annexed Application.

HOME & TERRITORIES 08107 1827

1. Name in full. (Write clearly.) I, Daniel Henrickson

do solemnly and sincerely declare that—

1. My name is Daniel Henrickson

2. My place of residence is at Boddington

in the State of Western Australia

3. My personal description is as follows:—

Age 66 67 Height 5ft 5in

Colour of Hair Fair Colour of Eyes Blue

Any special Peculiarities

4. My occupation is Farmer in which capacity

2. Name and address of employer. I am at present and have been ~~employed by~~

at Boddington

for a period of 8 Years

5. I was born on the 15th day of August in the

3. Name of city, town, or locality. year 1860, at Priastadt in the

4. County, State, Department, Province, or as the case may be. in the country of Finland

6. My nationality is Finnish

5. French, Italian, or as the case may be. The nationality of my father was Finnish

His full name was Aaron Henrickson

The nationality of my mother prior to her marriage was Finnish

7. I arrived in Australia from New Zealand

on the day of in the year 1883

6. Name of ship. per the Name forgotten and disembarked at the

port of Port Adelaide

7. State places and periods in each. 8. Since my arrival in Australia I have resided at Adelaide 9 months, On Midland Railway (with Mr Keane) as a Blacksmith over 3 years, and in Williams & Quindanning 10 years

9. During the period of my residence in the Commonwealth of Australia I have made the following journeys to other countries, viz.:—

Country Visited.	Period of Absence. From (date)	To (date)	Object of Journey.
Nil			

8. State each country and period in each. 10. After leaving the country of Finland and before coming to Australia, I resided in the following countries for the period stated: England (London) abt 4 Years, New Zealand 2 years.

C.18423.

Statutory Declaration: Daniel Henrickson

Records from the WA Postal Directory show that following his time working for the Midland Railway, Daniel Henrickson worked as a Blacksmith and farmer in the Boddington, Williams and Quindanning

area. There are records of another Henrickson in the Post Office Directories. 1902 Henrickson and Knutson, contractors, 31 Barrack St, Perth: Henry Henrickson (H and Knutson)

Via Debbie Miles: The Statutory Declaration also stated Daniel HENRICKSON was born 15 Aug 1860 Priastadt, Finland. (I, Debbie MILES, haven' t found the place "Priastadt" in any records & feel that it was miss interpretation of spelling). "Kristinestad" may be the correct place in Finland?) Recent research suggests it was probably *Oulainen*.

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Saturday, April 19, 2003

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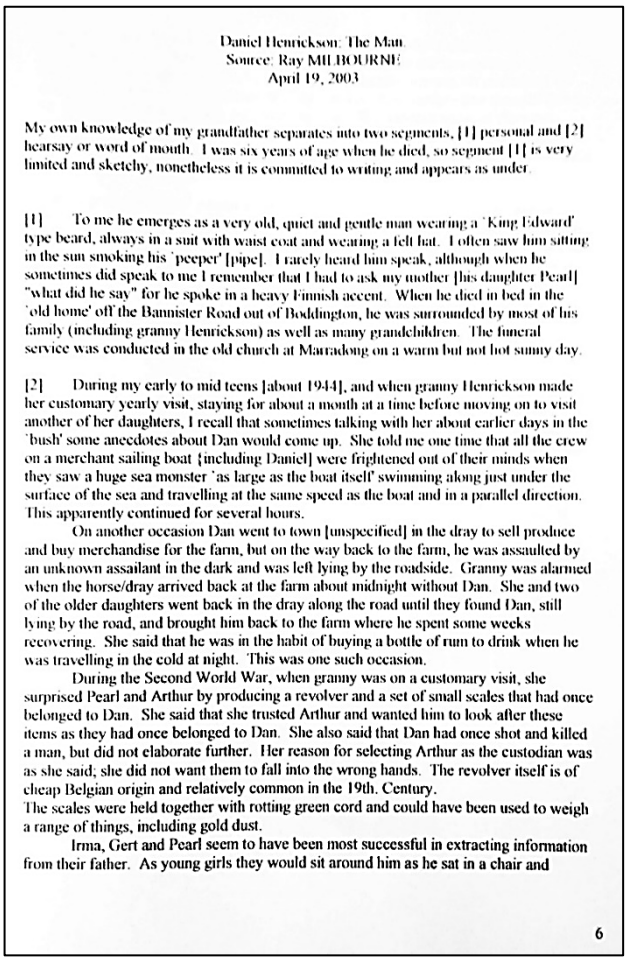

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Another family story told by daughter "Irma" TURTON (nee HENRICKSON):

"As far as she can remember learning from "Granny" (Susannah HENRICKSON), Grandfather Aaron HENRICKSON was a doctor? He wanted Daniel to follow in his footsteps. However, He was more interested in the sea. His brother Andrew went with the father to California to study medicine.

Grandfather, "Daniel HENRICKSON" spoke only "broken English" all his life & found it difficult to communicate with his family. Sometimes his wife assumed that from Daniel's stories, that he had a brother Andrew and at least three sisters, named: Pearl, Annie and Herma. These names he passed on

to his own daughters. Whether or not there were more in the family, she doesn't know.

Daniel joined a ship and took three years of world sailing before eventually reaching Australia. There he left ship and wandered the countryside finding work. Eventually he could turn to his hand to blacksmithing, a farrier and watchmaker. He also could make and build with clay bricks.

Once a family man, he did most of the machining of clothes for the family. As she (Irma) remembers him, he liked going down the "Pub". He also was a little quick tempered! His eye sight was first class, right up to the time of his death in 1938. Never needing to wear glasses.

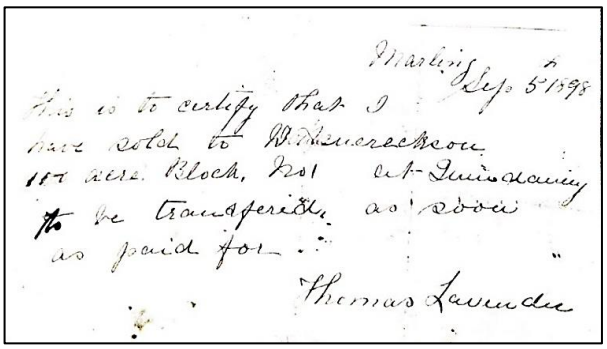
Each night he would retire to bed early, 8.30pm with the words "Well Mummy, time for bed". He always wore a waist coat and always the sleeves of his shirt rolled down. From Irma's memory, the family lived in an old house of TUNBRIDGE's before going to the farm. Not sure if it was before in the "Humpy" on the Boddington block. She thinks it could have been while waiting for said, "Humpy" to be built.

When the move was made to the farm, the older members of the family had either married or were working. The younger ones stayed with one or other of the married sisters to enable them to attend school.

Daniel would always take the family in the buggy to any of the country dances around the area. Built a fire and had a meal, then bedded down the children in the hall or buggy. He liked to have a beer with his mates.

In the farm yard, was a big Fig tree. Under it he built a Bow Shed, for the Christmas and other family gatherings. One of the visitors she remembers, was Nora BLECHYNDEN, who was Susannah's 1st cousin, one generation removed."

D HENRICKSON 100 ACRE BLOCK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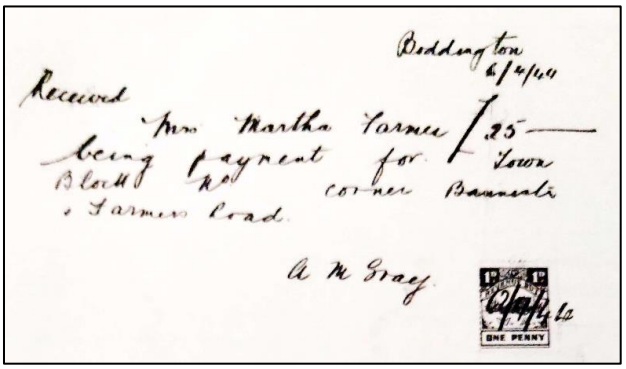
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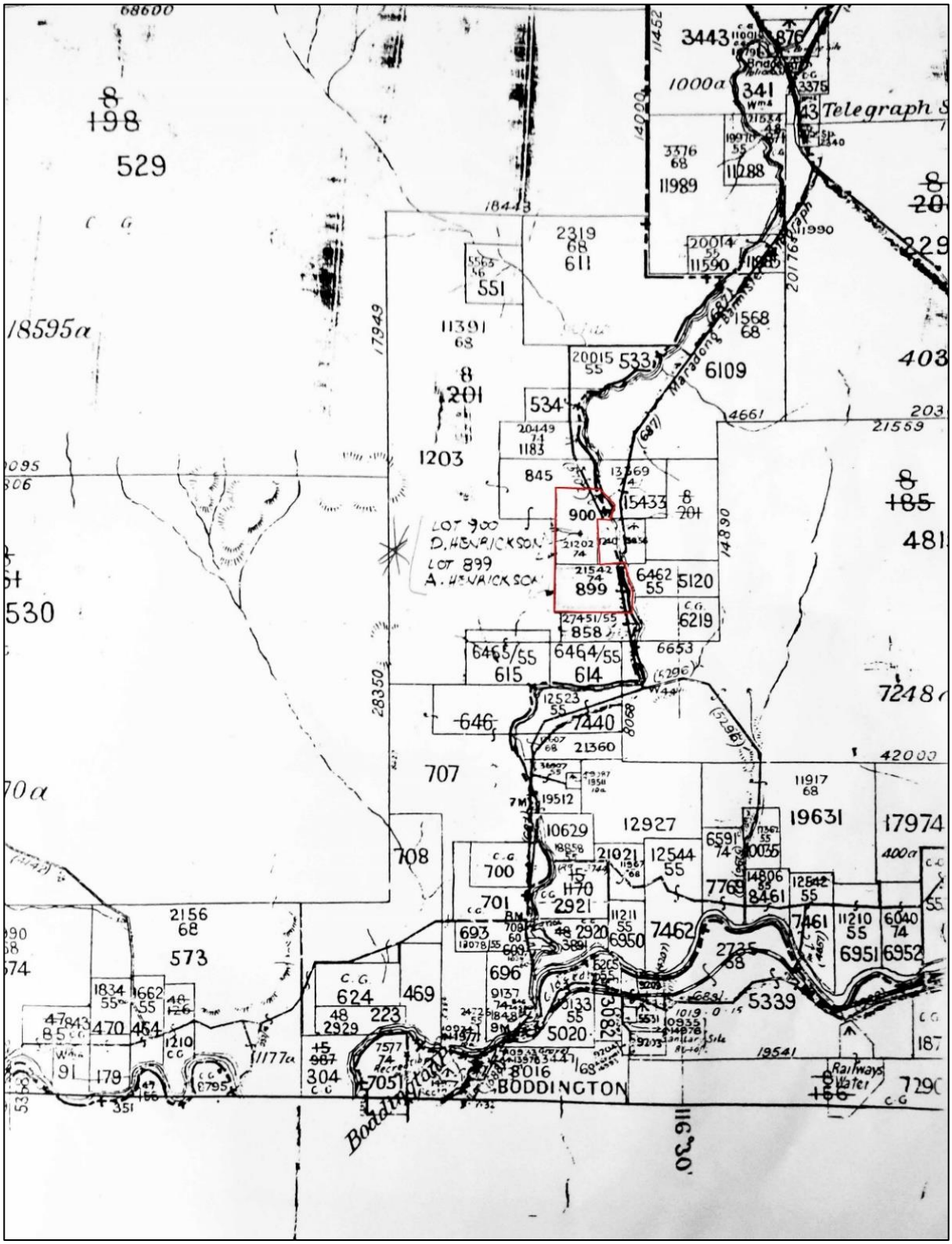
MAP: LOT 900 D HENRICKSON AND LOT 899 A. HENRICKSON, BODDINGTON, WA



Map showing lot 900, D. Henrickson and lot 899, A. Henrickson, Boddington, WA – see red outline.

Henrickson family photo. First child James Henry died of poisoning. Children born according to age: Lewis Andrew, Annie Emily, Martha Markham, Charles Ernest, Bertha Susanna, Sarah May and baby Eliza Pearl born in 1903. Surmising: L-R Charles Ernest, Martha Markham, Sarah May, Annie Emily, Bertha Susanna, Daniel nursing Eliza Pearl, Susannah and Lewis Andrew.
Note: More children born later. Ethel Beatrice, Irma Margaretta, Gertrude Emmeline, Alma Ethyl

Written on the back of the photo:

Grandparents (Henrickson's) house on lot 100, (approx 5 miles from Boddington towards Bannister)

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(Photo taken in 1991)

AUSSIE TOWNS: WILLIAMS WA: https://www.aussietowns.com.au/town/williams-wa
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Arthur River, WA: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arthur_River,_Western_Australia

Following the introduction of convicts in labour to the Swan River Colony in the early 1850s, the road from Perth to Albany was completed and a number of small settlements sprang up along it to support pastoralists who had been granted grazing leases in the area from as early as 1854. Arthur River gradually developed into a thriving centre with a police barracks and gaol (1866), the Mount Pleasant Inn (1869), St Paul's Church (1885) still surviving to this day as remnants of the original settlement, and a post office, blacksmith, doctor and trading post also being built around that time. By the end of the century, it was the major centre in the area.

Map showing Quindanning, Williams and Arthur River.

Shire of West Arthur Municipal Heritage Inventory

Municipal Heritage Inventory - Shire of West Arthur
pg.9 The importance of the Albany Road in the development of the Swan River settlement was responsible
for the thriving settlement at the 125 mile - known then as Mount Pleasant - (now called Arthur River) after the Inn of the same name built for the Spratt family. In time, the post office, blacksmith shop, Church and Piesse's store were all to be built in this vicinity. The 125 mile was also a key point in the changing of horses for the Mail Coach before the building of the Police Barracks at the 131 mile in 1867.

Old bush schools: life and education in the small schools of WA 1893 to 1961:
https://ro.ecu.edu.au/ecuworks/7075/

P.6: ***In 1903 the Education Department undertook to authorize the establishment of provisional schools*** *where an average attendance of ten, but less than twenty, could be guaranteed. The Department would provide books, furniture, apparatus and a grant of £4/10/- per head of average attendance. Parents were to provide a room and to make the teacher's salary up to £60 per annum. This meant that where two or three families had settled in an outback district with homes within two or three miles of each other, schooling could be provided for a minimum of financial effort on the part of the parents.*

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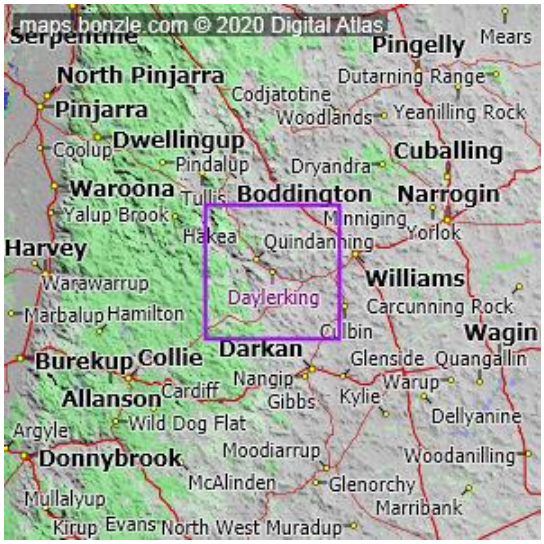
DAYLERKING SCHOOL

Physical Description: *Situated close to the Williams/Quindanning Road some 400 metres east of the Quindanning Hall. The building had a residence attached and W.G. Clayer was the first teacher.*
The second school in the Quindanning area replacing the Daylerking school some 5kms to the east, opened on 15 Jul 1901 and operated spasmodically until 1907.



Map showing Daylerking and Quindanning

STATE LIBRARY OF WA POST OFFICE DIRECTORIES:
http://slwa.wa.gov.au/explore-discover/wa-heritage/post-office-directories

1897, 1898, **Henrickson, Daniel**, farmer Daylerking

1898-1909, **Henrickson, Daniel**, Blacksmith Daylerking

1910 **Henrickson, Daniel,** farmer, Quindanning, Marradon

1911, 1912 **Henrickson, Daniel** Blacksmith, farmer, Quindanning

1913 **Henrickson, Daniel**, blacksmith, Daylerking

1914 **Henrickson, Daniel**, blacksmith and farmer Coolup

1915 **Henrickson Daniel**, farmer, Coolup

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1917-1938 **Henrickson Andw**, blacksmith, Boddington

Electoral Roll:
1910, Susan Markham Henrickson, Marradong Rd, Williams, married.
1916, Daniel Henrickson, Boddington, blacksmith.
1921, 1925, Daniel Henrickson, Boddington, blacksmith, Susan Markham, Bannister Rd, Boddington, home duties.
1921, Lewis Andrew Henrickson, Bannister Rd, Boddington, labourer, Charles Ernest Henrickson, Bonnington, farm labourer.
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1949, 1954, 1958, Susan Markham Henrickson, Bannister Rd, Boddington, home duties.

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Narrogin Observer and Williams District Representative **(WA: 1905 - 1930), Sat 30 Nov 1907, pg 2.**
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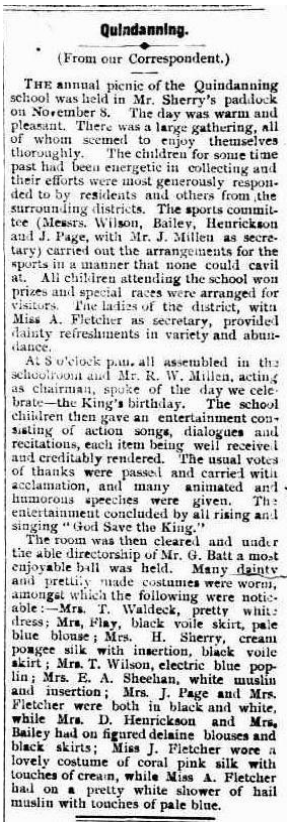

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In this article a number of Henrickson, Page, Wilson and Sherry children are mentioned receiving prizes:

Daily News **(Perth, WA: 1882 - 1950), Tue 27 Dec 1910, pg 8**
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QUINDANNING NEWS.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)

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Great Southern Leader **(Pingelly, WA: 1907 - 1934), Fri 13 Aug 1909, pg 7**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article157054108.txt

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Great Southern Leader **(Pingelly, WA: 1907 - 1934), Fri 4 Dec 1908, pg 2**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article157051317.txt

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(From Our Own Correspondent.)

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Memories of Ethel "Min" Maloney (nee HENRICKSON):

"Daniel and Susannah HENRICKSON resided: Waroona, Coolup, Wuraming, Dwellingup, Quindanning and then Boddington District. W.A. (All being mill towns.)

Occupation: Sailmaker, Mariner, Builder, Blacksmith, Farmer & Clock/watch Repairer.

Daniel's farm house to 1936, Bannister Rd. Boddington. W.A., He owned this block of land at the junction of the Marradong Rd. in the Boddington townsite. He built a small 3 roomed "humpy" in one corner close to a well, in one corner of this block. The family lived here while Daniel looked for work. He could build, turn his hand to blacksmithing and mend clocks.

Eventually they bought a 160-acre farm on the road to Bannister about 5 miles out of town. He built a home for his son, Andrew on his adjoining block. This was a 4 roomed dwelling similar to the mill homes. He also built a home for the family on the farm. This was a 4 roomed weather board house plus a long Batt- Brick kitchen.

There were 3 open fire places inside made from Batt (clay) bricks. In front of the house there was a small footbridge used to cross the river to post & pick up the mail in their letter box on the main Boddington/ Bannister Road. W.A.

In the paddock, nearest the house at the rear entrance (which was the gate mostly used) was the hay shed. Outside of which the Chaff Cutter powered by a horse going around in a circle harnessed to a pole attached to a motor driving a wheel. "Min HENRICKSON" would sometimes ride the horse to keep him going.

Daniel also had a Blacksmith forge, as he was a tradesman at shoeing horses. "Outside the back gate were two sheds (one either side). In one, was kept the sulky (built by Daniel) used as their means of transport to Boddington. W.A. In the other shed, was the remains of an old "Cadillac" car. This had broken down halfway on a journey from Perth. During this period and their returning to collect it, a lot of the parts had disappeared. What remained, was brought to the farm and kept in the shed for spare parts.

The farm was later sold to Ned Lovegrove, after Daniel's death in 1938. "Granny moved back to town, she stayed for a while with daughter Martha" Matt" while Uncle Arthur (MILBOURNE) and Uncle Charlie TURTON, built the 4 roomed house on the Boddington Block. The farm was sold to Ned LOVEGROVE.

Now owned by (1991) Keilmanns and used as shearers quarters,1991.... There are a few original fruit trees left in the orchard. These were planted by "Granny" PAGE, Susannah Markham PAGE. (Christmas Red Plum trees). The shed houses a sulky built by Daniel. Clay bricks at Grass Valley, Quindanning. W.A. (also the bricks at Aunty Matt's Home) 3 miles from Quindanning were made by Daniel. Left here in 1911.

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFCATE OF NATURALIZATION

Copies sent to the West Australian 21 Mar 1927
Daily News 22 Mar 1927.
Dated at Boddington 31 Mar 1927.

For Office Use Only.
Papers in order
Prepare Ex. Col. Min.
Approved Ex. Col. JUN 2 5 1927
Oath Sent JUN 2 0 1927
No. of Cert.
Date of Cert. SEP 2 8 1927
Cert. Posted OCT 1 8 1927
Card written, etc. OCT 1 2 1927

FORM A.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Nationality Act 1920-1925.

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

1. Name in full. 1. I, Daniel Henrickson

2. Address and occupation. of Boddington West Australia Farmer

3. French, Italian, or as the case may be. of Finnish nationality, hereby apply for a Certificate of Naturalisation under the *Nationality Act* 1920-1925, and in support thereof submit a Statutory Declaration setting out particulars regarding myself.

2. I desire that the names of such of my children mentioned in the Statutory Declaration herewith as are under the age of 21 years and are residing in Australia with me shall be included in my Certificate of Naturalisation.*

4. If no children, or this is not desired, please strike out.

3. I forward under separate cover copies of the following newspapers

West Australian 21st March 1927
Daily News 22nd March 1927

in which are marked copies of the advertisement inserted by me.

5. Names of three natural-born British subjects, two of whom are householders, and one of whom is a Justice of the Peace, Postmaster, Teacher of a State School, or Police Officer.

4. I also forward certificates from the following:—

(a) A. H. Crane of Boddington
(b) A. O. Kerr of Boddington
and (c) J. A. Pocock, P.M. of Bannister near Boddington

of two of whom are householders, certifying to my character, and that I have an adequate knowledge of the English language.

6. Ordinary Signature of Applicant. Daniel Henrickson

(Also to be signed below where marked X.)

Dated at Boddington the 31st March 1927

X *Specimen Signature.*

Copy of Application for Naturalization

Henrickson ladies: Annie Waldock, Martha Farmer, Pearl Milbourne, Irma Turton, Gertrude McQuoid, Min Maloney

Daniel Henrickson, photo digitally repaired in Photoshop

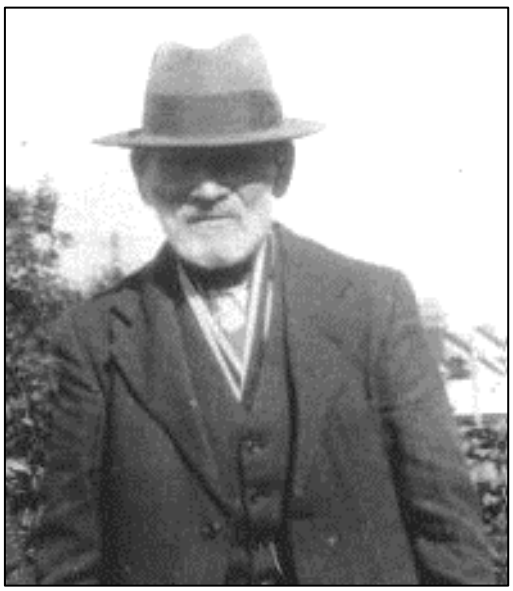
Susannah and Dan Henrickson, digitally coloured

Susannah (nee Page) and Dan Henrickson

Henrickson Family: 17 Apr 1971:

Back row, L-R*: Irma Margaretta Turton (nee Henrickson), Bertha Susanna 'Susan or Bid' Watson (nee Henrickson), Gertrude Emmelene 'Gert/ Betty' McQuoid (nee Henrickson), Ethyl Alma 'Min/Minny' Maloney (nee Henrickson)*
Front row, L-R: *Martha Markham 'Matt' Farmer (nee Henrickson), Lewis Andrew 'Andrew' Henrickson,*

Charles Ernest Henrickson and Eliza 'Pearl' Milbourne nee Henrickson



Dan Henrickson

Susannah Henrickson (nee Page)

Daniel Henrickson died 13 Feb 1938 in Boddington, WA. He is buried at Quindanning Cemetery, WA. See https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/173226939/daniel-henrickson

DEATH CERTIFICATE DANIEL HENRICKSON 13 FEBRUARY 1938

DEATH IN THE STATE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

1	REGISTRATION NUMBER	Williams 22/38
2	(1) Date of death (2) Place of death	13th February 1938 Boddington
3	(1) Given names and surname (2) Occupation	Deniel Henrickson Blacksmith
4	(1) Sex (2) Age	Male 78 years
5	(1) Cause of Death (2) Duration of last illness (3) Name of Doctor (4) Date last seen alive	Senility Hypostatic Pneumonia Cardiac Failure - J A Gollan MB BS 13th February 1938
6	(1) Father's name (2) Usual occupation (3) Mother's Maiden name	Aaron Henrickson Unknown Eliza Unknown
7	(1) Informant's Name (2) Description (3) Address	Certified in writing by Arthur Milbourne Son-in-Law West Perth
8	(1) District Registrar (2) Date of Registration (3) Place	A W Wyndham Williams 10th March 1938
9	(1) Date of Burial or Cremation (2) Place (3) Person Certifying	15th February 1938 Anglican Cemetery, Quindanning G L Stagbouer
10	(1) Officiating Minister (2) Religious Denomination (3) Witnesses	Brian MacDonald Anglican
11	(1) Place of Birth (2) Years lived in each Australian State	Rierstart, Finland WesternAustralia 50 years
12	(1) Place of Marriage (2) Age at Marriage (3) To Whom Married	Williams, WA Over 21 years Susannah Markham Page
13	(1) Issue Living (2) Issue Deceased	Lewis Andrew 46], Annie Emily 44, Hazel Markham 42, Charles Ernest 40, Bertha Susanah 38, Eliza Pearl 34, Irma Margretta 29, Gertrude Emiline 27, Ethel Alma 24 Deceased 1 Male, 2 Females

*** END OF RECORD ***

Copy of death certificate of Daniel Henrickson 13 Feb 1938

***West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Tue 15 Feb 1938, pg 1. See**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article41616590.txt

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Via Debbie: Found out this morning some interesting information, for me anyway...I never knew...from a cousin.

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Susannah Markham Henrickson (nee Page) died 1 Sep 1960, Perth, WA. Burial Quindanning, WA.
https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/173226954/susannah-markham-henrickson

QUNDANNING CEMETERY Row 4 last in row.

HENRICKSON, Daniel
IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
DANIEL HENRICKSON
PASSED AWAY
13TH FEB 1938
Also
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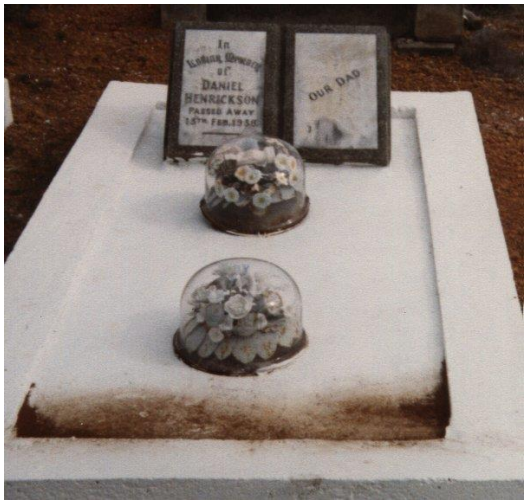

Grave of Daniel Henrickson and Susannah Markham Henrickson (nee Page), Quindanning Cemetery.

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FOLLOWING IN MORE DETAIL:

1st CHILD OF SUSANNAH MARKHAM PAGE & DANIEL HENRICKSON

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Eastern Districts Chronicle **(York, WA: 1877 - 1927), Sat 17 Aug 1878, pg 2**
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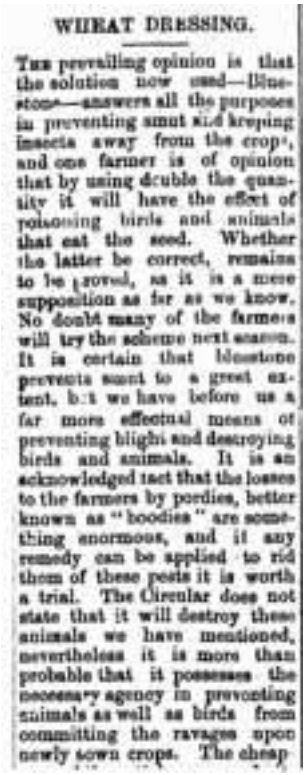
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2. HENRICKSON, LEWIS ANDREW (1891-1986) was born 24 Apr 1891, Quindanning, (Williams Bridge), WA [Reg. 657]. Lewis married **MAY TURTON (1900-1982)** 30 Dec 1918, Wandering, (Beverley), registered in 1919, WA [Reg. 3]. Lewis's sister, Irma Margaretta Henrickson married May's brother Charles Reginald Turton in 1924

Lewis Andrew and Charles Ernest Henrickson

Lewis Andrew Henrickson died 24 Jan 1986, Boddington, WA, aged 95 years. Buried 27 Jan 1986 Boddington Cemetery, WA, C/E.

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

No.	When and where Married	Christian Name and Surname of the Parties	Age	Condition of the Parties (Bachelor or Spinster, Widower or Widow)	Rank or Profession, or Occupation	Residence		Father's Christian Name and Surname	Rank or Profession of Father	Mother's Christian Name and Maiden Name
						Present	Usual			
	1918 December 30th at Wandering	Lewis Andrew Henrickson	27	Bachelor	Farmer	Boddington	Boddington	Daniel Henrickson	Farmer	Susan Page
		May Turton	18	Spinster	Home Duties	Wandering	Wandering	Robert Turton	Blacksmith	Elizabeth Feast

Married at Wandering according to the rite of the Church of England by me, after Banns, or Authorisation duly made, as by law required.

Signature of Minister or District Registrar: W. T. Riley

I certify that the consent of Robert Turton the father of May Turton a minor (or of a Ward of the Court), was given to the Marriage between the parties named in this Certificate.

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This marriage was celebrated between us: Lewis Andrew Henrickson, May Turton

In the presence of us: Robert Turton, Elizabeth Turton

Copy of Marriage Certificate of Lewis Andrew Henrickson and May Turton

May Henrickson (nee Turton) with baby

The next few pages have details of May Turton's parents Robert Turton (1864-1950) and Elizabeth Feast (1862-1945) and family:

ROBERT TURTON (1864-1950) May's father

Robert Turton was born 7 Jul 1864, Guildford, WA [Reg. 7950]. Parents: **WILLIAM TURTON (1831-1916)** and **MARY CATHERINE JONES (1848-1911)** who were married 22 Jan 1863, St Stephens Church, Wandering, WA [Reg. 1952]. Robert Turton died 25 May 1950, Boddington, WA [Reg. 21]. Buried Wandering Cemetery, WA.

The Obituary of Robert Turton gives an excellent summary of the Pioneering Turton family. To avoid repetition, this can be found further on in the chapter about IRMA MARGARETTA HENRICKSON (1908-1996) who married CHARLES REGINALD TURTON (1907-1986).

ELIZABETH FEAST (1862-1945) May's mother

Elizabeth Feast was baptised 8 Nov 1862, Perth WA [FHL No 1363650]. Parents recorded as: **HENRY FEAST** and **SARAH**.

m.1 HENRY FEAST (1808-1881) and **SARAH ANN PUCKERING (1832-1913)** who were married 4 May 1859, St George's Cathedral, Perth WA [Reg. 1360]. Registered as Sarah Puckering.
Elizabeth Turton (nee Feast) died 26 Apr 1945, Williams, WA [Reg. 19]. Buried Wandering Cemetery, WA.

ROBERT TURTON (1864-1950) AND ELIZABETH FEAST (1862-1945) HAD TEN CHILDREN:

1. HERBERT ROBERT TURTON (1886-1886) was born 23 Sep 1886, Wandering, WA [Reg. 28995]. Herbert died aged 14 days on 7 Oct 1886, Wandering WA [Reg. 14342]. Buried Wandering Cemetery, WA

2. HENRY ALBERT 'HARRY' TURTON (1887-1938) married **SARAH ANN 'TOPSY' BAILEY (1891-1968)**, 1910, Beverley, WA [Reg. 4].

3. RUTH AMELIA TURTON (1890-1967) married **FREDRICK RODDA (1881-1955)**, 4 Oct 1906, Beverley, WA [Reg. 24].

4. WILLIAM THOMAS TURTON (1892-1969) married **ELIZABETH MARY DOWSETT (1898-1972)**, Jun 1917, Beverley, WA [Reg. 20].

5. FRANK MEREDITH TURTON (1894-1962) married **ELLEN EMILY 'NELL' DOWSETT (1896-1970)**, 1919, Williams, (Wandering), WA [Reg. 9].

6. MAUD TURTON (1897-1971) married **ERNEST JAMES TAYLOR (1884-1937)**, 30 Apr 1917, Beverley, WA [Reg. 15]. Ernest and Maud were 1st cousins. Ernest's mother Mary and Maud's mother Elizabeth were sisters)

7. MAY TURTON (1900-1982) married **LEWIS ANDREW HENRICKSON (1891-1986)**, 1919, Beverley WA [Reg. 3].

8. IRENE ROSE TURTON (1902-1903) Died as a baby. Born 19 Dec 1902, Wandering, WA [Reg. 31]. Died 17 Jan 1903, Wandering WA [Reg. 2951], aged 29 days.

9. LUCY LETICIA TURTON (1904-1952) married **JOSEPH JOHN PRIEST (1899-1972)**, 14 May 1924, Wandering, WA [Reg. 22].

10. CHARLES REGINALD TURTON (1907-1986) married **IRMA MARGARETTA HENRICKSON (1909-1996)**, 1933, Beverley, WA. [Reg.12].

More details re the Turton family can be viewed in the chapter on Irma Margaretta Henrickson (1908-1996) 'Irm'.

Photo titled: Andrew and Charles Henrickson with spouses on a picnic: (not in order): Lewis Andrew Henrickson and May Turton; Charles Ernest Henrickson and Catherine Scarr and Gloria Dawn Bingham (nee Henrickson), Charles and Catherine Henrickson's daughter

Electoral Roll:

1910, Robert Turton, Wandering, farmer, Elizabeth, married.
1915, 1921, Robert Turton, Carrabin, Wandering, farmer, Elizabeth, East Pingelly, housewife.
1937, Robert Turton, Carrabin, Wandering, farmer, Elizabeth, home duties.
1943, Robert Turton, Boddington, Blacksmith, Elizabeth, home duties.
1949, Robert Turton, Boddington, Blacksmith.

Continuing with the story of Lewis Andrew Henrickson and May Turton:

CHILDREN OF LEWIS ANDREW HENRICKSON (1891-1987) AND MAY TURTON (1900-1982): Alan, Beryl, Lilian, Lawrence Henry (DNA), Iris, Irene, Norman, Kevin, Colin and Coral Rose Henrickson.

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1916, 1917, Lewis Andrew Henrickson, Quindanning, labourer.
1925, 1931, 1958, 1977, 1980, Lewis Andrew Henrickson, Bannister Rd, Boddington, labourer, May Henrickson, home duties.

The article following tells of Andrew Henrickson recovering from a broken jaw.

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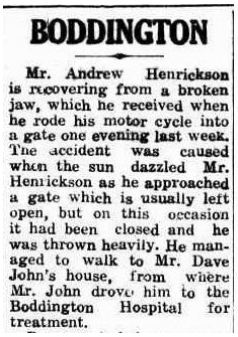
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Note: Don't confuse May Henrickson (nee Turton) with Sarah 'May' Henrickson, seventh daughter of Susannah and Daniel at Quindanning Cemetery. Her headstone is also inscribed May Henrickson. See her section further on.

3rd CHILD OF SUSANNAH MARKHAM PAGE & DANIEL HENRICKSON

3. HENRICKSON, ANNIE EMILY (1893-1978)
Annie Emily Henrickson was born 27 Apr 1893, Quindanning, (Williams Bridge), WA [Reg. 910]. Her mother was incorrectly recorded as Susan Bates (sic, instead of Page). She died on 27 Aug 1978 in Quindanning, WA and is buried in Quindanning Cemetery.

ANNIE EMILY HENRICKSON (1893-1978) married **JOHN EDWARD WALDOCK Jnr (1888-1964)** 26 Sep 1912, Waroona, (Murray), WA [Reg. 16].

Wedding, 1912: Bride, Annie Emily Henrickson; groom, John Edward Waldock; bridesmaids: Martha and Bertha Henderson.

JOHN EDWARD WALDOCK Jnr (1888-1964)

John Edward Waldock was born 5 Oct 1888, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 1413], parents registered as **JOHN WALDOCK** and **ANN ELIZABETH HAINES**.
John Edward Waldock (1888-1964) died 7 Dec 1964, Quindanning, WA [Reg. 91]. Buried Quindanning Cemetery.

The following six pages are details of John Edward Waldock's parents, John Waldock (1843-1900) and m.2 Hannah Elizabeth Haines (1851-1909). They also contain an article about the murder of his father's first wife, Catherine Waldock (nee Fletcher) and the hanging of Henry Walter Sherry.

JOHN WALDOCK (1843-1900) Senior - John Edward Waldock's (1888-1964) father
Via smith/davies/barbard Family Tree, Ancestry

John Waldock was born 1843, baptised 23 Jul 1843, Ashwell, Hertfordshire, England. Parents: **JESSE WALDOCK (1817-1874)** and **MARIA (MARIAH / ANN MARIA) HASSALL** who were married 24 Oct 1840, Royston, Ashwell, Hertfordshire, England.

JOHN WALDOCK (1843-1900) Senior was married twice:

m. 1 JOHN WALDOCK (1843-1900) Snr married **m.2 'CATHERINE' FLETCHER (1855-1885)** 22 Nov 1870, Pinjarra, WA [Reg. 3177]. Registered as Catherine Fletcher.

'CATHERINE' KATHLEEN FLETCHER (1855-1885)

Kathleen Fletcher was born 3 Aug 1855, Harvey, WA [Reg. 2894]. Registered as Kathleen Fletcher. Parents: **JOHN FLETCHER (1824-1896)** and **MARY O'BRIEN (1831-1928)**, who were married 26 Jun 1854, Pinjarra, WA [Reg. 716], registered as Mary Brien.

CHILDREN OF JOHN WALDOCK (1843-1900) AND CATHERINE FLETCHER (1855-1885):

1. WILLIAM JOHN WALDOCK (1873-1955) married **MARGARET GERTUDE ACRES (1893-1984)** 1918. Perth, WA [Reg. 52].

2. THOMAS HENRY WALDOCK (1876-1955) married **ELIZA GERTRUDE KING (1886-1939)** 19 Mar 1906, Williams, WA [Reg. 5].

3. MINNIE WALDOCK (1879-1963) married **HENRY HERBERT 'HARRY' SHERRY (1872-1943)** 14 Apr 1896, Perth WA [Reg. 688]. Step siblings.

4. ALICE HENRIETTA WALDOCK (1884-1974) married **HENRY NORTON WHITE (1879-1943)** 1902, Quindanning, WA [Reg. 1975].

Catherine Waldock (nee Fletcher) died 16 Sep 1885, WA [Reg. 14058], registered as Catherine Waldock, aged 31 years. **(Murdered)**. Details of the circumstances that led up to her murder can be found in the article **EXECUTION OF HENRY SHERRY.**
This is described in great detail two pages further on.

As is described further on in the article on the execution of Henry Sherry, William John Waldock aged 12 years and Thomas Henry aged 9 years were with their mother Catherine Waldock when she was approached by Henry Walter Sherry and witnessed when she was shot. What a horrific experience for them both. One they would never get over. Their lives changed forever. When their father remarried, the family had increased to 12 children.

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m.2 JOHN WALDOCK (1843-1900) Snr married **m.2 ANN ELIZABETH SHERRY (nee HAINES) (1851-1909)**, 1888, Quindanning, WA [Reg. 81]. Registered as Ann Elizabeth Sherry. **Note:** Ann Elizabeth Sherry (nee Haines) was the wife of Henry Walter Sherry who had murdered John Waldock's first wife Catherine.

It is all very complicated. Following are the details of Hannah Elizabeth Haines 'Ann' and her marriage to Henry Walter Sherry.

HANNAH ELIZABETH HAINES (1851-1909) 'Ann', 'Annie' and 'Anna'
Note. Hannah Elizabeth was known mostly as Ann and Annie. Birth record as Hannah Elizabeth, first marriage as Anna Elizabeth, second marriage Ann Elizabeth, death, Annie E.

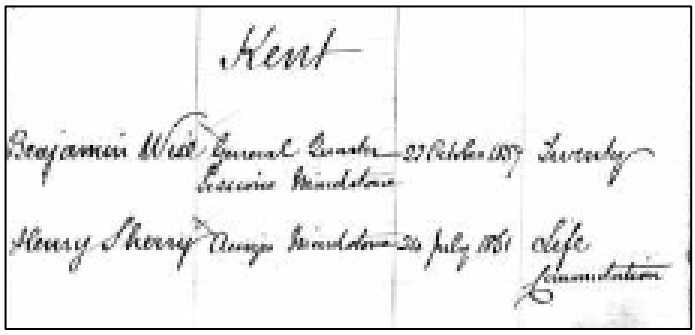
Hannah Elizabeth Haines was born 1851, Fremantle, WA [Reg.1660]. **Name recorded as Hannah Elizabeth**. Parents: **WILLIAM HAINES (1828-1871)** and **RACHEL HEATH (1825-1857)** who were married 8 Apr 1850, All Saints Church, Lambeth, Surrey, England. She was a domestic servant to Captain Fawcett of Pinjarra. Annie E Waldock (Sherry nee Haines) died 1909, Subiaco, WA [Reg. 31]. Registered as Annie E.

m.1 ANNA ELIZABETH HAINES (1851-1909) married **HENRY WALTER SHERRY (1839-1885)**, 1870, Pinjarra, WA [Reg. 3164], **registered under Anna Elizabeth Haines.**
Hannah Elizabeth Haines and Henry Walter Sherry had seven living children (plus one stillborn).
Henry Walter Sherry committed murder and was hanged in Perth Prison in 1885.
Hannah 'Annie' was remarried in 1888 to John Waldock (1843-1900). Details relating to the murder and hanging can be found in the article **EXECUTION OF HENRY SHERRY** *following.*

HENRY WALTER SHERRY (1939-1885)
Via Mulligan Family Tree, Ancestry

Henry Walter Sherry was born 1839, Stourmouth, Eastry Dist, Kent, England. Parents: **JOHN SHERRY (1813-1880)** and **ELIZA PETLEY (1816-1857)** who were married 14 Oct 1833, Stourmouth, Kent, England.

CONVICT:
Henry Sherry (fruit salesman, was convicted of arson of Dwelling House, date 24 Jul 1861, trial place Maidstone.
He was sentenced for life and transported via *Lord Dalhousie, arrival WA, 28 Dec 1863.*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Benjamin West Journal Reader 27 October 1857 Seven years transportation

Henry Sherry Assign Wandsbeck 26 July 1861 Life transportation

His conduct as a convict was exemplary and he obtained his ticket of leave 9 Mar 1866. Conditional Pardon 13 Mar 1875, Pinjarra, labourer. Worked for Capt. Fawcett who was granted a number of such workers. He was well thought of by the captain and accompanied at least one consignment of horses to Colombo, Ceylon, 26 Dec 1878. (Ceylon is now Sri Lanka.) Later took up land at Quindanning, WA.

CHILDREN OF HANNAH ELIZABETH HAINES (1851-1909) 'ANNIE' AND HENRY WALTER SHERRY (1839-1885):

Henry Walter Sherry and Annie Elizabeth Sherry (nee Haines) had seven living children (plus one stillborn). All the children's births recorded their mother's name as Annie except for Emily, where her mother's name was recorded as Ann.

1. AMY ELIZA HAINES SHERRY (1871-1943) married **RICHARD FLECHER** 1892, Perth, WA [Reg. 402].

2. HENRY SHERRY (1872-1943) married **MINNIE WALDOCK (1879-1963)** 14 Apr 1896, Perth, WA [Reg. 688], registered under Harry. Step siblings.

3. CECILIA ELIZABETH SHERRY (1874-1950) married **FREDERICK JOHN HUTCHINS (1864-1903)** 1896, Williams, WA [Reg. 1039].

4. WALTER SHERRY (1876-1945) married **DOROTHY MAUD KING (1897-1950)** 1892, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 547].

5. STILLBORN SHERRY (1878-1878) Stillborn 1878, Yokonup, WA [Reg 19119].

6. ADA SHERRY (1879-1945) married **GEORGE HENRY MUNDAY (1886-1953)** 24 Jan 1910, Williams District, WA [Reg. 3].

7. ALICE MALINDA SHERRY (1883-1959) married **HERBERT WILLIE SEMMENS (1895-)** 1901, Narrogin, WA [Reg. 1790].

8. EMILY EVALINE SHERRY (1886-1889)

Emily Evaline Sherry was born 1886, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 28188], after her father's death in 1885 and registered under Sherry. She died on 5 Feb 1889, Williams, WA [Reg. 93], registered under Waldock.

In 1885 Henry Walter Sherry committed murder and as a result was hanged in the Perth Prison on 27 Oct 1885 [Reg. 13421], aged 47 years. He is buried in East Perth Cemetery, WA.

***West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Wed 28 Oct 1885, pg 3. See**
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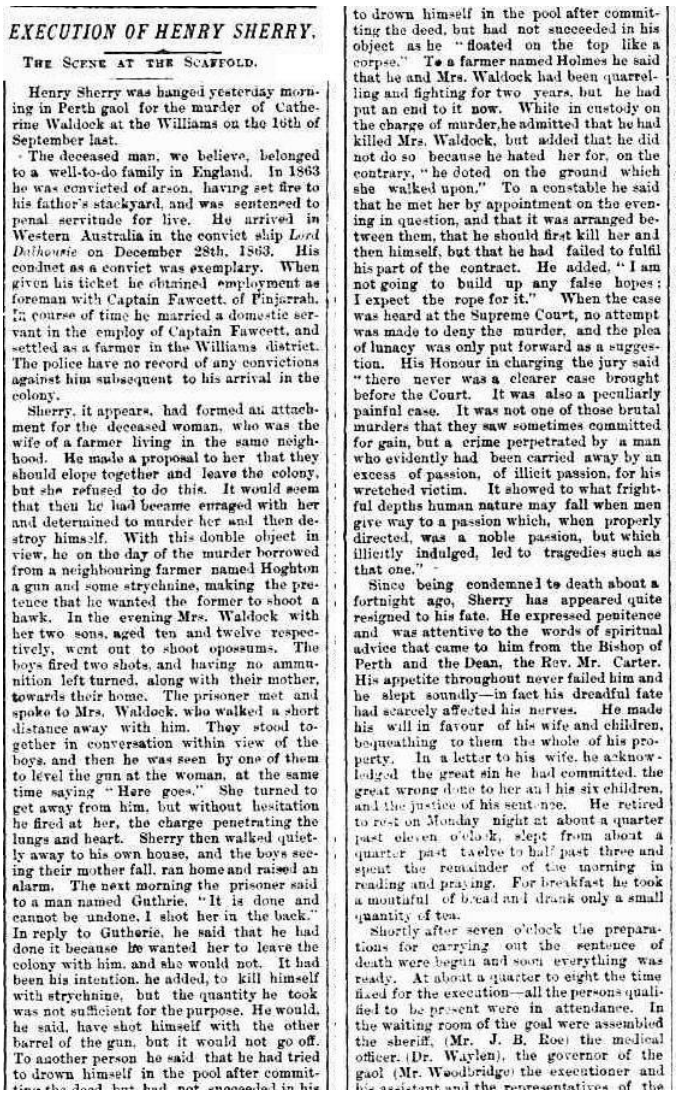
EXECUTION OF HENRY SHERRY.

THE SCENE AT THE SCAFFOLD.

Henry Sherry was hanged yesterday morning in Perth gaol for the murder of Catherine Waldock at the Williams on the 16th of Sep last.

The deceased man, we believe, belonged to a well-to-do family in England. In 1863 he was convicted of arson, having set fire to his father's stackyard, and was sentenced to penal servitude for life. He arrived in Western Australia in the convict ship Lord Dalhousie on December 28th, 1863. His conduct as a convict was exemplary. When given his ticket he obtained employment as foreman with Captain Fawcett, of Pinjarrah, (sic). *In course of time, he married a domestic servant in the employ of Captain Fawcett, and settled as a farmer in the Williams district. The police have no record of any convictions against him subsequent to his arrival in the colony.*

Sherry, it appears, had formed an attachment for the deceased woman, who was the wife of a farmer living in the same neighbourhood. He made a proposal to her that they should elope together and leave the colony, but she refused to do this. It would seem that then he had become enraged with her and determined to murder her and then destroy himself. With this double object in view, he on the day of the murder borrowed from a neighbouring farmer named Hoghton a gun and some strychnine, making the pretence that he wanted the former to shoot a hawk. In the evening Mrs. Waldock with her two sons, aged ten and twelve respectively, went out to shoot opossums. The boys fired two shots, and having no ammunition left turned, along with their mother, towards their home. The prisoner met and spoke to Mrs. Waldock, who walked a short distance away with him. They stood together in conversation within view of the boys, and then he was seen by one of them to level the gun at the woman, at the same time saying " Here goes." She turned to get away from him, but without hesitation he fired at her, the charge penetrating the lungs and heart. Sherry then walked quietly away to his own house, and the boys seeing their mother fall, ran home and raised an alarm. The next morning the prisoner said to a man named Guthrie, " It is done and cannot be undone, I shot her in the back." In reply to Gutherie, (sic) *he said that he had done it because he wanted her to leave the colony with him, and she would not. It had been his intention, he added, to kill himself with strychnine, but the quantity he took was not sufficient for the purpose. He would, he said, have shot himself with the other barrel of the gun, but it would not go off. To another person he said that he had tried to drown himself in the pool after committing the deed, but had not succeeded in his object as he "floated on the top like a corpse." To a farmer named Holmes he said that he and Mrs. Waldock had been quarrelling and fighting for two years, but he had put an end to it now. While in custody on the charge of murder, he admitted that he had killed Mrs. Waldock, but added that he did not do so because he hated her for, on the contrary, " he doted on the ground which she walked upon." To a constable he said that he met her by appointment on the evening in question, and that it was arranged between them, that he should first kill her and then himself, but that he had failed to fulfill his part of the contract. He added, " I am not going to build up any false hopes I expect the rope for it." When the case was heard at the Supreme Court, no attempt was made to deny the murder, and the plea of lunacy was only put forward as a suggestion. His Honour in charging the jury said " there never was a clearer case brought before the Court. It was also a peculiarly painful case. It was not one of those brutal*



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Sherry, it appears, had formed an attachment for the deceased woman, who was the wife of a farmer living in the same neighbhood. He made a proposal to her that they should elope together and leave the colony, but she refused to do this. It would seem that then he had became enraged with her and determined to murder her and then destroy himself. With this double object in view, he on the day of the murder borrowed from a neighbouring farmer named Hoghton a gun and some strychnine, making the pretence that he wanted the former to shoot a hawk. In the evening Mrs. Waldock with her two sons, aged ten and twelve respectively, went out to shoot opossums. The boys fired two shots, and having no ammunition left turned, along with their mother, towards their home. The prisoner met and spoke to Mrs. Waldock, who walked a short distance away with him. They stood together in conversation within view of the boys, and then he was seen by one of them to level the gun at the woman, at the same time saying "Here goes." She turned to get away from him, but without hesitation he fired at her, the charge penetrating the lungs and heart. Sherry then walked quietly away to his own house, and the boys seeing their mother fall, ran home and raised an alarm. The next morning the prisoner said to a man named Guthrie, "It is done and cannot be undone, I shot her in the back." In reply to Gutherie, he said that he had done it because he wanted her to leave the colony with him, and she would not. It had been his intention, he added, to kill himself with strychnine, but the quantity he took was not sufficient for the purpose. He would, he said, have shot himself with the other barrel of the gun, but it would not go off. To another person he said that he had tried to drown himself in the pool after committing the deed, but had not succeeded in his object as he "floated on the top like a corpse." To a farmer named Holmes he said that he and Mrs. Waldock had been quarrelling and fighting for two years, but he had put an end to it now. While in custody on the charge of murder, he admitted that he had killed Mrs. Waldock, but added that he did not do so because he hated her for, on the contrary, "he doted on the ground which she walked upon." To a constable he said that he met her by appointment on the evening in question, and that it was arranged between them, that he should first kill her and then himself, but that he had failed to fulfil his part of the contract. He added, "I am not going to build up any false hopes; I expect the rope for it." When the case was heard at the Supreme Court, no attempt was made to deny the murder, and the plea of lunacy was only put forward as a suggestion. His Honour in charging the jury said "there never was a clearer case brought before the Court. It was also a peculiarly painful case. It was not one of those brutal murders that they saw sometimes committed for gain, but a crime perpetrated by a man who evidently had been carried away by an excess of passion, of illicit passion, for his wretched victim. It showed to what frightful depths human nature may fall when men give way to a passion which, when properly directed, was a noble passion, but which illicitly indulged, led to tragedies such as that one."

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Three years after Catherine's death John Waldock married a second time. Ann Elizabeth Sherry (nee Haines) had been married to Henry Walter Sherry, who had murdered John Waldock's wife, Catherine, in 1885 and been hanged in Perth Prison on 27 Oct 1885.

m.2 JOHN WALDOCK (1843-1900) Snr married **m.2 ANN ELIZABETH SHERRY (nee HAINES) (1851-1909) 'ANN'**, 1888, Quindanning, WA [Reg. 81]. She was registered under Ann Elizabeth Sherry.

At her death in 1885, John Waldock and Catherine had five children:

Henry Sherry and Ann Elizabeth Sherry (nee Haines) had seven living children (plus one stillborn). Emily Evaline Sherry was born in 1886 following her father's death and registered under Sherry. For details of these children, see further back.

All of this is very intriguing and would make a book on its own.

Following their marriage John and Ann had three children themselves:

CHILDREN OF JOHN WALDOCK (1843-1900) AND ANN ELIZABETH SHERRY (NEE HAINES) (1851-1909):
On their birth registration their mother's name recorded as Ann Elizabeth.

1. JOHN EDWARD WALDOCK (1888-1964) married **ANNIE EMILY HENRICKSON (1893-1978)** 26 Sep 1912, Waroona, (Murray), WA [Reg. 16].

2. HERBERT HARDING WALDOCK (1891-1964) married **FLORENCE SELINA LAVENDER (1900-1933)**, 1930, Williams, WA [Reg. 23]. Birth name recorded as Harding Waldock.

m.2 HERBERT HARDING WALDOCK (1891-1964) married **GLADYS MAY HARDING (1905-1998)**, 1939, Plantagenet, WA [Reg. 24].

3. CHARLES AUBREY WALDOCK (1893-1965) married **ROSE EVELYN MCNESS (1899-1943)**, 1918, Williams, WA [Reg. 2].

m.2 CHARLES AUBREY WALDOCK (1893-1965) married **LETITIA EVELYN AUGUSTA SHERRY**, 1946, Williams, WA [Reg. 35].

In summary, Ann Haines/Sherry/Waldock (1851-1909) gave birth to a total of 11 children including one stillborn. John Waldock snr (1843-1900) fathered seven children, four with Catherine and three with Ann.

Continuing with the story of Annie Emily Henrickson (1893-1978) and John Edward Waldock (1888-1964):

ANNIE EMILY HENRICKSON (1893-1978) AND JOHN EDWARD WALDOCK (1888-1964) HAD TWO CHILDREN:

1. HARDING WALDOCK (1913-2006) 'Mick'

m.1 HARDING WALDOCK (1913-2006) 'Mick' married **m.3 WINNIFRED MYRTLE BUNGEY (SALTER, NEE ANDERSON) (1910-1960)** 1945, Perth, WA [Reg. 2150]. No children.

m.1 WINNIFRED MYRTLE ANDERSON) (1910-1960) married **GEORGE CYRIL SALTER (1895-1964)** 1931, Perth, WA [Reg. 338].

m.2 WINNIFRED MYRTLE SALTER (NEE ANDERSON) (1910-1960) married **DENNIS GEORGE BUNGEY** 1937, Perth, WA [Reg. 338]. Divorced.

m.2 HARDING WALDOCK (1913-2006) 'Mick' married **m.2 LILA KATHLEEN GRIEVE (NEE PLUNKETT (1926-1996)** 1960, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 367]. They had four children.

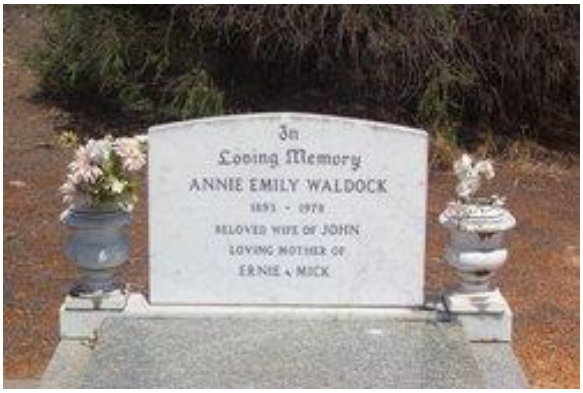
m.1 LILA KATHLEEN PLUNKETT (1926-1996) married OLIVER KELVIN GRIEVE (1920-1978) 1944, Perth, WA [Reg. 1987]. They had one son.

2. ERNEST EDWARD STANLEY WALDOCK (1915-2004) 'Ernie' married **JOAN EDITH WHITE (1925-2001)** 1947, Williams, WA [Reg. 18].

Electoral Roll:
1910, 1916, John Edward Waldock, Quindanning, farmer.
1925, 1949, 1958, John Edward Waldock, Quindanning, farmer, Annie Emily, Orange Grove, Quindanning Rd, Williams, married.

John Edward Waldock (1888-1964) died 7 Dec 1964, Quindanning, WA [Reg. 91]. Buried Quindanning Cemetery. See https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/132219948/annie-emily-waldock

Annie Emily Henrickson (1893-1978) died 27 Aug 1978, Quindanning, WA. Buried Quindanning Cemetery. See https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/132220282/john_edward-waldock



Headstone Annie Emily Waldock (nee Henrickson), Quindanning Cemetery

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4th CHILD OF SUSANNAH MARKHAM PAGE & DANIEL HENRICKSON

4. HENRICKSON, MARTHA 'MATT' MARKHAM (1895-1984)
Martha Markham Henrickson was born 25 Apr 1895, Quindanning, (Williams District), WA [Reg. 835]. Martha Markham Farmer (nee Henrickson) died 18 Jan 1984, Boddington Hospital, WA, aged 88 years. Buried 21 Jan 1984, Marradong Cemetery, WA, Anglican Section.

MARTHA MARKHAM HENRICKSON (1895-1984) married **WILLIAM HENRY CHARLES FARMER (1894-1964)** 1915, Williams, WA [Reg. 29].

Wedding 1915: William Henry Charles Farmer 'Harry' and Martha Markham Henrickson

FARMER, WILLIAM HENRY 'HARRY' CHARLES (1894-1964)

William Henry Charles Farmer was born 9 Mar 1894, Arthur River, WA [Reg. 425], father, **CHARLES HANCOCK FARMER (1866-1935)**, mother, **EMILY AMELIA FLEAY (1867-1943)** who were married 1889, Mount Pleasant, WA [Reg. 214].
William Henry Charles Farmer died 31 Oct 1964, Marradong, [Reg. No. 3490], aged 70 years. Buried St Alban's Cemetery, Marradong, WA.

Service WW I: Farmer William Harry Charles: SERN Depot: POB Arthur WA: POE Perth WA: NOK W Farmer Martha. 'Harry' was a truck driver. Posted to the 3rd Australian Corps Motor Brigade, his service number being, WX 21519. Served 722 days in the Australian Army, based in WA. He was discharged 29 Mar 1944 for essential services.

The following four pages consist of details about William Henry Charles Farmer's parents: Charles Hancock Farmer (1866-1935) and Emily Amelia Fleay (1867-1943):

CHARLES HANCOCK FARMER (1866-1935) William Henry Charles Farmer's father

Charles Hancock Farmer was born 21 Apr 1866, Beverley, WA [Reg. 9184]. Parents: **THOMAS FARMER (1835-1900)** and **ELIZA MARY HANCOCK (1845-1924)** who were married 21 Apr 1863, Beverley, WA [Reg. 1985]. Charles Hancock Farmer died 1935, Perth, WA [Reg.51].

EMILY AMELIA FLEAY (1867-1943) William Henry Charles Farmer's mother

Emily Amelia Fleay was born 4 Feb 1867, Williams River, WA [Reg.9763]. Parents: **HENRY WALTER FLEAY (1841-1908)** and **EMILY ALICE ELIZABETH QUARTERMAINE (1847-1928)** who were married 1864, Beverley, WA [Reg. 2138]. Emily Amelia Farmer (nee Fleay) died 1943, Marradong, (Williams), WA [Reg. 71].

CHILDREN OF CHARLES HANCOCK FARMER (1866-1935) & EMILY AMELIA FLEAY (1867-1943):

1. VIOLET PEARL FARMER (1890-1938) married **THOMAS JOSEPH BATT (1881-1957)** 23 Sep 1908, Marradong, (Williams), WA [Reg. 20].

2. THOMAS WALTER FARMER (1892-1959) married **MARY JANE ROBERTS (1895-1986)**, 1916, Marradong, (Williams), WA [Reg. 28].

3. WILLIAM HENRY CHARLES FARMER (1894-1964) married **MARTHA MARKHAM HENRICKSON (1895-1984)**, 25 Oct 1908, Marradong, (Williams), WA [Reg. 29].

4. VICTORIA GERALDINE MAY FARMER (1896-1955) married **FREDERICK ATHOLSTAN NICHOLS (1892-1979)**, 1916, Williams, WA [Reg. 22].

5. VERNON VIVIAN FRANK FARMER (1898-1906)

6. CHARLES ALFRED CLEMENT FARMER (1903-1988) married **VERA DORIS PAYNTER (1925-)**, 1941, Williams, WA [Reg. 29].

7. EMILY ELIZA FARMER (1905-2011) married **WILLIAM HENRY DAVIS (1899-1987)**, 1931, Williams, WA [Reg. 17].

8. DONALD FARMER (1907-1949) married **CHARLOTTE ALICIA BINGHAM (1911-1970)**, 8 Aug 1929, Williams, WA [Reg. 33].

9. ROBERT JOHN FARMER (1908-1999) married **DOROTHY EVA STRANGE (1913-1999)**, 6 May 1932, Narrogin, (Williams), WA [Reg. 18].

m.2 ROBERT JOHN FARMER (1908-1999) married **RHONA ARMSTRONG (1921-2011)**, 1965, Perth, WA [Reg. 1965].

Electoral Roll:

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The following article was written in 1908 about Martha's mother-in-law Emily Farmer (nee Fleay) and a brave little school girl:

***Great Southern Leader* (Pingelly, WA: 1907 - 1934), Fri 3 Apr 1908, pg 3**
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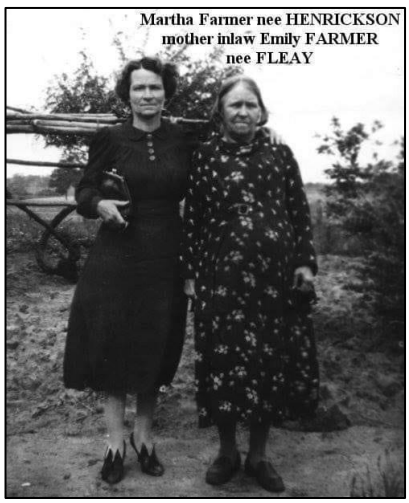
Note: Query who Anatha Henrickson is. Anatha could be Martha. Martha Markham Henrickson was born in 1895. This would make her about 13 years of age. Mrs Farmer was the mother of William Henry Charles Farmer who she was later to marry in 1915.



Martha Farmer (nee Henrickson) with her mother-in-law, Emily Farmer (nee Fleay)

***Pingelly-Brookton Leader* (WA: 1925 - 1954), Thu 28 Oct 1943, pg 4**
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MARTHA MARKHAM HENRICKSON (1895-1984) AND WILLIAM HENRY CHARLES FARMER (1894-1964) HAD SIX CHILDREN:

1. GLADYS JEAN FARMER (1916-2013) married **FRANK FORSTER (1909-1999)**,25 Jan 1941, Bayswater, WA [Reg. 223].

2. EDNA MAY FARMER (1917-2015) married **ROBERT GORDON BECHER (1913-1997)** 1940, Perth, WA [Reg. 1201].

3. FREDERICK DANIEL FARMER (1919-1998) married **MELVA IRENE PENNY (1923-2003)** 1943, Perth, WA [Reg. 855].

4. ERIC J FARMER (1921-1922) Died as a baby

Eric J Farmer was born 1921, Wellington, WA [Reg. 61].
Eric J Farmer died 1922, Wellington, WA [Reg. 124.

5. ARNOLD GEOFFREY FARMER (1922-2012) married **MARJORIE LILLIAN GILCHRIST (1927-1979)** 1945, Perth, WA [Reg. 1562].

6. KEITH WILLIAM FARMER (1929-1980) married **VALMA B DAVIS** 1948, Williams, WA [Reg. 26].

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Headstone William Henry Charles Farmer 'Harry'. Marradong Cemetery

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A section cropped from the Funeral Address of Martha Markham Farmer:
The Funeral Address for Martha Markham Farmer – ST Alban's Church Marradong W.A. 21.1.1984

Martha Markham farmer is now glorified with him! She who was born in Quindanning 88 years ago and can be remembered by some here, as a shepherd girl, very much like the shepherds of the Holy Scriptures.

A ganger of the railway line between Boddington to Pinjarra, Harry by name, became her husband, and they established their special farmlet home down Farmer Road.

Martha turned the ground around her home almost into Paradise, for she was one who seemed to be blessed with a green thumb. She had an uncanny gift of grafting, so you would find apples on pear trees, or apricots or peach trees. She had pot plants galore, pumping her own water from the well to

keep them all alive. And how she loved to milk her cow, mow her own lawn, and start & maintain her own motor for electricity.

Together Harry & Martha brought 3 boys & 2 girls into the world, and this Mother devoted all her energies to love and cherish each of you in her inimitable way.

Whilst her husband went to war, Martha carried on the farm supporting herself, & enjoying every moment of her pioneering life. This very independent lady made everyone welcome who came her way, and in a twinkling had a cuppa before her guests. Even if there was only a little produce left, she was able to concoct a delicious & satisfying meal to all at the table.

Just 20 years ago her husband died, and this was a very sad blow for her. One never heard her growl of hardships, for she always made the best out of everything. Her energy was boundless, her zest for life was unthinkable.

Aunty Matt was a friend to all who knew her, and even though she belonged to the Senior Citizens Group and attended meetings, she didn't really want to dwell on the olden days, but lived very much for the present and the future.

Martha kept herself young with her grandchildren & her great grandchildren, & truly loved being with each of you - & hearing of your comings and goings & your hopes for the year ahead. She was very proud of all her achievements, and she was very proud of all of you, her family.

Always she was thinking of you very rarely of herself, and her one wish that she has expressed, is that you will not grieve for her, but to continue to love one another as much as she loved each of you.

Martha accepted her impending demise with, great dignity, having no regrets & having lived a life with nothing to be ashamed of.....but perhaps there was one regret....for having driven her own car for so long, she wished she could continue to do so until she was 90. But that was not to be, for all our wishes cannot be granted.

Today she is enfolded in the everlasting arms of her Heavenly Father, and we can safely leave her there, but always remember her when you say the "Our father", and if prayer is part of your life, then she will never be far from you.

5th CHILD OF SUSANNAH MARKHAM PAGE & DANIEL HENRICKSON

Charles Ernest and Lewis Andrew Henrickson

5. HENRICKSON, CHARLES ERNEST (1897-1980)

Debbie Miles is descended from this line.

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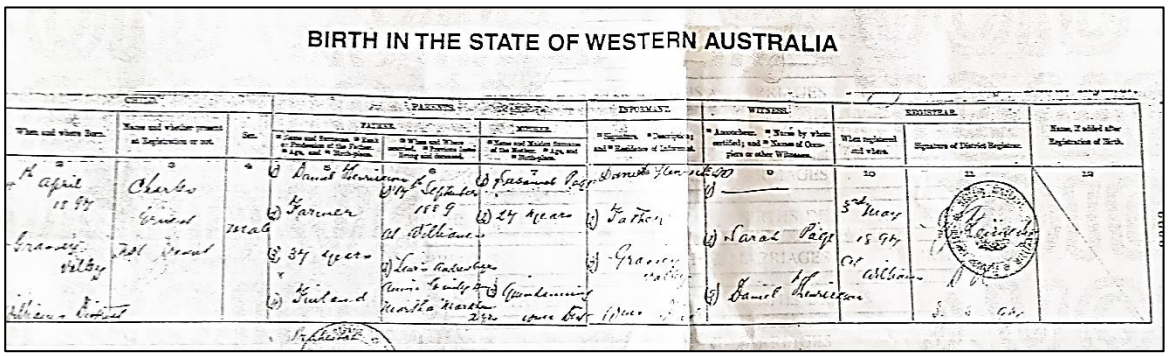

BIRTH IN THE STATE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Copy of birth certificate of Charles Ernest Henrickson

While at school, Charles Henrickson entered into an essay competition as did many children, writing to 'Auntie Nell", and many were published in the newspaper.

***Daily News* (Perth, WA: 1882 - 1950), Sat 25 Jun 1910, pg 11**
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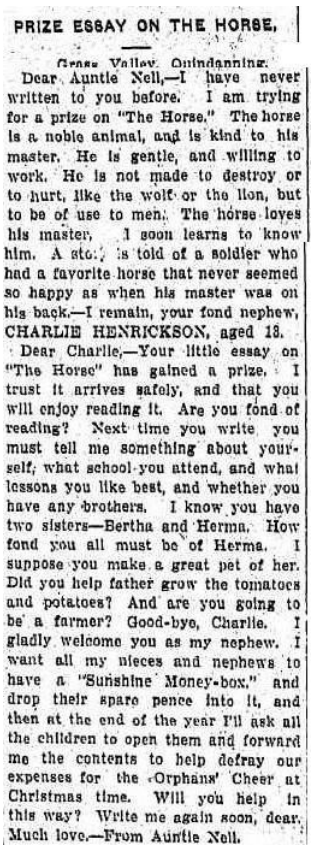

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Dear Charlie,—Your little essay on "The Horse" has gained a prize. I trust it arrives safely, and that you will enjoy reading it. Are you fond of reading? Next time you write you must tell me something about yourself, what school you attend, and what lessons you like best, and whether you have any brothers. I know you have two sisters—Bertha and Herma. How fond you all must be of Herma. I suppose you make a great pet of her. Did you help father grow the tomatoes and potatoes? And are you going to be a farmer? Good-bye, Charlie. I gladly welcome you as my nephew. I want all my nieces and nephews to have a "Sunshine Money-box," and drop their spare pence into it, and then at the end of the year I'll ask all the children to open them and forward me the contents to help defray our expenses for the Orphans' Cheer at Christmas time. Will you help in this way? Write me again soon, dear. Much love.—From Auntie Nell.

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CHARLES ERNEST HENRICKSON (1897-1980) married **CATHERINE SCARR (1910-1995)**, 10 Nov 1928, St Mary's Church, West Perth, WA [Reg. 1554].

CATHERINE SCARR (1910-1995)

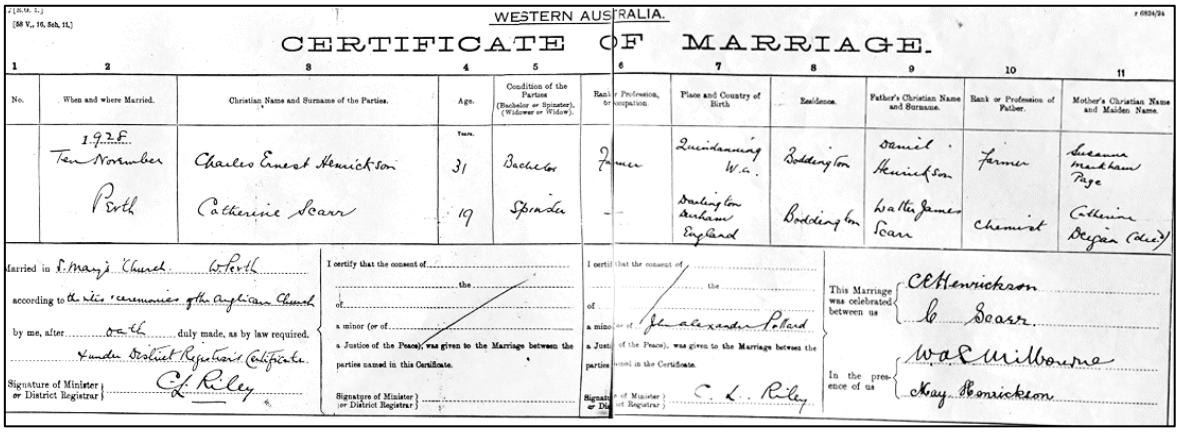
Catherine Scarr was born 10 Mar 1910, Darlington, Durham, England. Parents: **WALTER JAMES SCARR (1885-1945)** and **CATHERINE DEGNAN (1886-1916)** who were married 19 Mar 1904, St Cuthbert's, Darlington, Durham, England.

Charles Ernest Henrickson

Catherine Scarr

Catherine Henrickson (nee Scarr) died 15 May 1995, Mandurah Nursing Home, Halls Head, WA.

(Now known as Mercy Place Mandurah Aged Care Nursing Care, 1 Hungerford Ave, Halls Head, Mandurah, WA.) Buried 19 May 1995 Boddington Cemetery, Boddington, WA. R/C.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

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No.	When and where Married.	Christian Name and Surname of the Parties.	Age.	Condition of the Parties (Bachelor or Spinster), (Widower or Widow).	Rank or Profession, or Occupation.	Place and Country of Birth	Residence.	Father's Christian Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.	Mother's Christian Name and Maiden Name.
	1928 Ten November Perth	Charles Ernest Henrickson	31	Bachelor	Farmer	Queidanning W.A.	Boddington	Daniel Henrickson	Farmer	Susanna Markham Page
		Catherine Scarr	19	Spinster	—	Darlington Durham England	Boddington	Walter James Scarr	Chemist	Catherine Degnan (dec'd)

Married in St Mary's Church West Perth according to the rites ceremonies of the Anglican Church by me, after Oath duly made, as by law required. under District Registrar's Certificate. Signature of Minister or District Registrar C. L. Riley

I certify that the consent of ..... the ..... of ..... a minor (or of ..... a Justice of the Peace), was given to the Marriage between the parties named in this Certificate. Signature of Minister or District Registrar .....

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This Marriage was celebrated between us CEHenrickson C Scarr

In the presence of us W.A.C. Milbourne Mary Henrickson

Copy of Marriage Certificate of Charles Ernest Henrickson and Catherine Scarr

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The following page contains details of Catherine Scarr's parents: Walter James Scarr (1885-1945) and Catherine Degnan (1886-1916) and family:

WALTER JAMES SCARR (1885-1945) (via Reilley Family Tree, Ancestry) was born Oct 1885, Cockarton, Durham, England. Parents: **JOSEPH POUNDER SCARR (1862-1949)** and **JANE NICHOLSON (1860-1931).** Walter died 7 Jul 1945, Cleveland, England. Burial, 9 Jun 1945, North Yorkshire, England. He served as a soldier in the British army 1915-1918. Durham Light Infantry and 106th Regiment of Foot. After the war he returned to London for employment. In 1936 he was employed as a lift man in an office block in London. 1939 registered as living at 110 Stooperdale Ave, Darlington, Durham, England. Profession as stated on daughter Catherine Scarr's marriage certificate, Chemist. 1944 during WW2 came to Darlington, England to stay with son Derek. From there to Redcar to his sister Ethel.
CATHERINE DEGNAN (1886-1916) was born 1886, Darlington, Durham, England. Parents: **JAMES DEGNAN (1851-)** and **JANE ANN (1857-).** Catherine Scarr (nee Degnan) died 1916, Darlington, Durham, England.

Census 1911 Walter James Scarr, 25, Catherine 24, Arthur,6, Walter 5, Catherine 1, all born Darlington, Durham, England.

1	Walter James Scarr	Head	25		Married	—				Driver (Mail Cart P.O.
2	Catherine Scarr	Wife		24	Married	7	4	3	1	—
3	Arthur Scarr	Son	6		—					School
4	Walter James Scarr	Son	5		—					
5	Catherine Scarr	Daughter		1	—					

CHILDREN OF WALTER JAMES SCARR (1885-1945) and CATHERINE DEGNAN (1886-1916):

1. ARTHUR SCARR (1904-1966) married **LOUISA GOODING (1904-1982)** 1927, Teesdale, Durham, England. Remained in England.

2. WALTER JAMES SCARR (1906-1984) married **MAUD WARSON (1908-1994)** 1929, Darlington, Durham, England. Remained in England.

3. CATHERINE SCARR (1910-1995) married **CHARLES ERNEST HENRICKSON (1897-1980)** 10 Nov 1928, St Mary's Church, West Perth, WA [Reg. 1554].

Emigration: Catherine Scarr emigrated from London, England to WA, arriving 26 Jun 1928, via the *Ormonde.*

WELCOME WALLS:
SCARR, CATHERINE
10 Mar 1910 – 15 May 1995
Origin Durham, England
First settled in Quindanning, WA
Original Occupation Housemaid
Occupation in Australia
Housemaid
ORMONDE Arrival Year 1928

Ormonde, Fremantle, 1920s

Debbie Miles commented: *She was the only one of her immediate family that came to WA. The rest stayed in England. She is my grandmother and left England via Southampton, England via the ship Royal Mail Steamer Ormonde. It arrived in Fremantle WA 26 Jun 1928. The ship's course was from Southampton to Sydney, via Gibraltar, Naples & Pompeii, Port Said, Colombo. The official list that the* Ormonde *visited during this period included Marseilles, Adelaide SA and Melbourne Victoria.*

Wedding: Charles Ernest Henrickson and Catherine Scarr

Bridesmaid, May Sarah Henrickson and Bride Catherine Scarr

Catherine (nee Scarr) and Charles Ernest Henrickson

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11 May 1942 Charles signed his attestation papers, 31 Jul 1942 to Reserve. B884: Army Citizen Military Forces. It is interesting that Charles recorded his occupation as a blade grinder.

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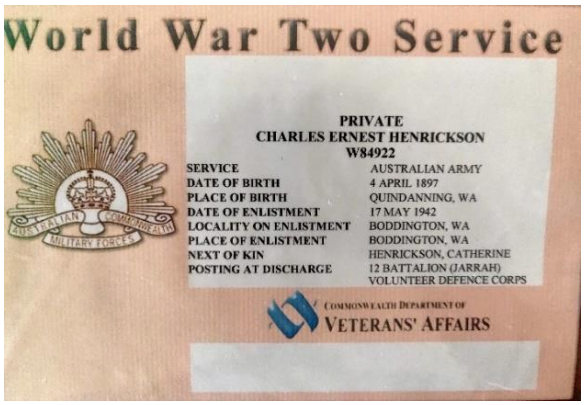
World War Two Service

PRIVATE
CHARLES ERNEST HENRICKSON
W84922

SERVICE	AUSTRALIAN ARMY
DATE OF BIRTH	4 APRIL 1897
PLACE OF BIRTH	QUINDANNING, WA
DATE OF ENLISTMENT	17 MAY 1942
LOCALITY ON ENLISTMENT	BODDINGTON, WA
PLACE OF ENLISTMENT	BODDINGTON, WA
NEXT OF KIN	HENRICKSON, CATHERINE
POSTING AT DISCHARGE	12 BATTALION (JARRAH) VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

COMMONWEALTH DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

World War Two Service:
Private CHARLES ERNEST HENRICKSON

Nº 56922

Australian Military Forces
Volunteer Defence Corps
Certificate of Discharge
This is to Certify that

Served in the Volunteer Defence Corps on Part Time War Service

from the date of his enlistment on 17 May 42.
and until 15 Oct 45. on which date he was discharged from that Corps ..

Date 16 Jul 46.
Officer in Charge
Pers. Bchelor & Records

Signature of Member

World War Two Service: Private CHARLES ERNEST HENRICKSON
Certificate of Discharge – Charles Henrickson,
Volunteers Defence Corps

CHILDREN OF CHARLES ERNEST HENRICKSON (1897-1980) AND CATHERINE SCARR (1910-1995): Dawn, Rhoda, Gwen, Ronald and Kath Henrickson.

Electoral Roll:
1925, Charles Ernest Henrickson, Boddington, farm labourer.
1937, Charles Ernest Henrickson, Williams, labourer, Catherine, home duties.
1943, 1958, 1977, Charles Ernest Henrickson, Boddington, labourer, Catherine, home duties.

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6th CHILD OF SUSANNAH MARKHAM PAGE & DANIEL HENRICKSON

6. HENRICKSON, BERTHA SUSANNA (1899-1989)

Bertha Susanna Henrickson was born 26 Jun 1899, Grass Valley, Quindanning, (Williams), WA [Reg. 5134]. Recorded as Hendrickson. Bertha Susanna Henrickson died 3 Nov 1989, Busselton, WA, 90 years old. Buried 9 Nov 1989 Karrakatta Lawn Cemetery. WA Lawn J 0098.

Bertha Susanna Henrickson

Sisters, Sarah 'May', Eliza 'Pearl' and Bertha Susannah Henrickson

BERTHA SUSANNA HENRICKSON (1899-1989) married **CHARLES IRWIN WATSON (1893-1966)** 6 Aug 1921, 165 Collins Street, Melbourne, VIC [Reg. 10022].

CHARLES IRWIN WATSON (1893-1966)

Charles Irwin Watson was born 24 Mar 1893, Strawberry, Via Mingenew, WA [Reg. 481], father, **WILLIAM WATSON (1860-1930)**, mother, **ANNE CATHERINE OLIVER (1861-1936)** who were married 13 Jul 1881, Strawberry, WA [Reg. 5151].

The following two pages contain details of Charles Irwin Watson's parents: William Watson (1860-1930) and Anne Catherine Oliver (1861-1936):

WILLIAM WATSON (1860-1930) Charles Irwin Watson' s father
William Watson was born 16 Aug 1860 Wanneranooka Mine, Northampton, WA [Reg. 5487], Ch. 9 Sep 1860 Anglican church. He was the third born to **JOSEPH WATSON (1832-1897)** and **ANN ARNOLD (1836- 1918)**. He lived with family at Strawberry till 1881. Note: Strawberry is just off the Irwin River, near Dongara, WA.

William Watson's Occupation: Farmer, Station Overseer, Butcher, Operated Commission Agency at Mt Magnet in 1920's. During the WA Goldrush: Watson Well and Store (probably a tent) and a settlement grew along the creek and so the town of Mt Magnet was formed. William Watson's profession at the time of son Charles Irwin Watson's marriage, 6 Aug 1921, Collins St Melbourne County Bourke, Victoria to Bertha Susanna: "Bid" Henrickson was an Agent. William Watson died 18 Jan 1930 Mt Magnet, Murchison, WA [Reg. 3], aged 69 years. Buried Mt Magnet Cemetery, WA. Note: There was a second William Watson who also died in 1930 at Plantagenet, WA [Reg. 39].

JOSEPH WATSON (1832-1897) Charles Irwin Watson's grandfather

Joseph Watson was born on 21 Oct 1832 in Guildford, WA.

JOSEPH WATSON (1832-1897) married **ANN ARNOLD (1836-1915)** 6 Feb 1856 in Perth, WA [Reg. 26]. They had 12 children.

Joseph Watson died on 24 May 1897 in Geraldton, WA [Reg. 1276]. Buried in Dongara, WA.

ANN ARNOLD (1836- 1915) Charles Watson's grandmother

Ann Arnold was born on 13 Mar 1836 in Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, England, the daughter of Elizabeth Linark Smart (1814-1893) and William Arnold (1812-1875). Ann Watson (nee Arnold) died on 16 Sep 1915 in Irwin, WA [Reg. 6]. Discrepancy: death registered as 1915, Cemetery record and headstone records her death as 1918. Buried in Dongara, WA.

ANNIE CATHERINE OLIVER (1861-1936) Charles Irwin Watson' s mother

Annie Catherine Oliver was born 23 Jul 1861 Perth WA [Reg. No. 5856]. Annie Catherine Oliver was one of 6 children to **CHARLES SHEPPARD/SHEPHERD OLIVER (1838-1907)** and **ELLEN PEARCE (1843 - 1929)** who were married 1860, Perth, WA [Reg. 1530].
Annie Catherine Watson (nee Oliver) died 13 Dec 1936, Murchison, WA [Reg. 43], aged 75 years. Buried Mt Magnet Cemetery.

The following article tells briefly, the history of Mr. William Watson and his brothers settling in the district.

***Mullewa Magnet and Perenjori-Morawa Advertiser* (WA: 1927 - 1931), Sat 25 Jan 1930, Pg.2**
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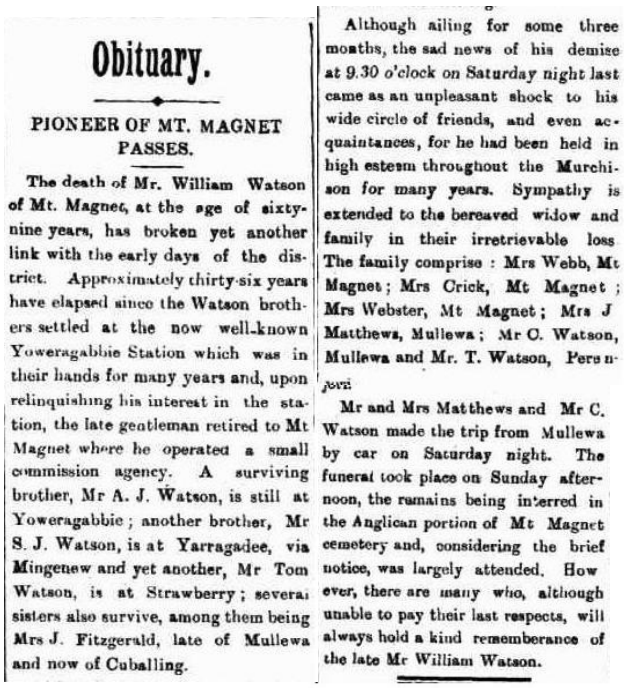

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CHILDREN OF WILLIAM WATSON (1860-1930) AND ANNIE CATHERINE OLIVER (1861-1936):

1. WILLIAM CHARLES WATSON (1882-1920) married **RUBINA MINNIE FRANCIS**, 1913, Geraldton, WA [Reg. 56].

2. ANNIE ELLEN WATSON (1884-1966) married **CYRIL BRUCE WEBB (1881-1914)**, 10 Apr 1907, Murchison, WA [Reg. 14].

3. ROSE LOUISA WATSON (1886-1973) married **JAMES EDWARD CRICK (1884-1960)**, 1909, Mt Magnet, WA [Reg. 30].

4. ALICE MAUD WATSON (1891-1971) married **HAROLD GEORGE WEBSTER (1893-1994)**, 3 Aug 1916, Mt Magnet, WA [Reg. 13].

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6. OLIVER THOMAS JOHN WATSON (1895-1956) married **m.2 SUSANNA PONTON (nee INDICH) (1887-1963)**, 1937, Moora, WA [Reg. 9].

m.1 SUSANNA INDICH (1887-1963) married **WILLIAM LAURENCE PONTON (1882-1936)**, 1903, New Norcia, WA [Reg. 1953].

7. PHYLLIS VICTORIA WATSON (1902-1939) married **JAMES WILLIAM MATTHEWS (1893-1939)** 1923, Perth, WA [Reg. 630].

CONTINUING THE STORY OF BERTHA SUSANNA HENRICKSON (1899-1989)
AND CHARLES IRWIN WATSON: (1893-1966):

CHILDREN OF BERTHA SUSANNA HENRICKSON (1899-1989) AND CHARLES IRWIN WATSON (1893-1966):
Shirley and Desmond Watson.

Electoral Roll:
1916, Charles Irwin Watson, Mt Magnet, grocer's assistant.
1931, Charles Irwin Watson, Mullewa, store manager, Bertha Susannah Watson, housewife.
1943, 1954, 1963, Charles Irwin Watson, 11 Baker Avenue, North Perth, agent, Bertha Susannah, home duties.

Bertha Susanna Henrickson, Via Harry Wilson Family Tree, Ancestry

Charles Irwin Watson. Via Harry Wilson Family Tree, Ancestry, 13 Mar 2017

Bertha Susanna Watson
(nee Henrickson)

Susannah Henrickson,
Shirley Watson,
Daniel Henrickson
and Desmond Watson.

WW1 Service: Watson Charles Irwin: SERN 6348: POB Irwin WA: POE Blackboy Hill WA: NOK M Watson Annie Catherine. Signed his Attestation papers 12 Apr 1916. Served in London. Mention of O. C. Troops Clan MacGillivray. Returned to Australia 23 Sep 1918.

Charles Irwin Watson died 27 Aug 1966, RPH, WA [Reg. 2916], aged 73 years. Buried 30 Aug 1966, Karrakatta Cemetery, Lawn J 0098
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It appears in 1976 there was a need to prove Bertha's identity. Her name was recorded in the WA birth records as Bertha Susanna Hendrickson. Recorded as Hendrickson. She was married as Bertha Susana in Melbourne, VIC. Note the spelling of Susana. 27 May 1997 "Susanna Bertha Henrickson" lawfully assumed the name of Bertha Susanna Henrickson. This entry is made by virtue of a declaration made in Perth on the 10 May 1976 by a person declaring herself to be Bertha Susanna Watson (nee Henrickson) and to be identical with the person whose birth is recorded in registration No. Williams 18/1899.
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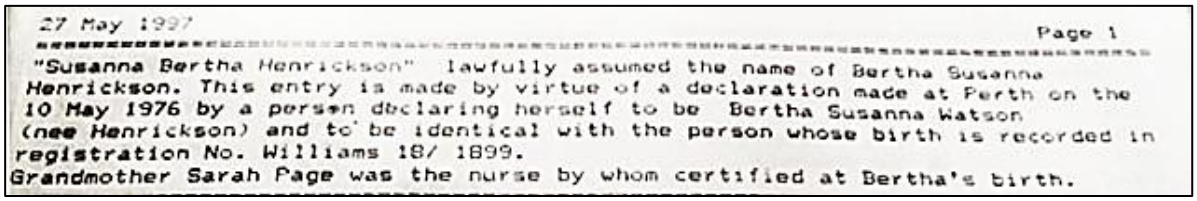
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7th CHILD OF SUSANNAH MARKHAM PAGE & DANIEL HENRICKSON

7. HENRICKSON, SARAH 'MAY' (1901-1930)

Sarah May Henrickson was born 20 May 1901, Grass Valley, Quindanning, WA [Reg. 5720], recorded under Sarah Mary.

Electoral Roll

1925 Sarah May Henrickson, Fortune St, Narrogin, Shop assistant.

Sarah 'May', Eliza 'Pearl' and Bertha Susannah Henrickson. Daughters of Daniel and Susannah Markham Henrickson (nee Page). Photo taken, before, 1930 as this is the year, Sarah May Henrickson died.

A post card from Bertha to her brother Charles.
"To my dearest brother Charles with kind regards from Bertha xxxx"

May Henrickson, children unknown, possibly her sisters, Eliza Pearl and Irma Margaretta

May Henrickson and cousin, Dora Blechynden (daughter of George Harrison Blechynden).

Sarah May Henrickson died 18 Sep 1930, Williams, WA [Reg. 51]. Wooroolo Sanitorium, Perth, WA, of Tuberculosis, aged 29 years. Buried Sep, Quindanning Cemetery, WA.

Headstone May Henrickson, Quindanning Cemetery

Note, her name is shown as MAY HENRICKSON on her headstone.

Note: don't confuse May Henrickson (nee Turton) at Boddington Cemetery earlier with SARAH MAY HENRICKSON, seventh daughter of Susannah and Daniel at Quindanning Cemetery above. Her headstone is also inscribed May Henrickson. See her earlier section.

8th CHILD OF SUSANNAH MARKHAM PAGE & DANIEL HENRICKSON

8. HENRICKSON, ELIZA 'PEARL' (1903-1987)

Eliza Pearl Henrickson was born 19 Nov 1903, Quindanning, WA.

Eliza Pearl Henrickson

Sarah 'May', Eliza 'Pearl' and Bertha Susannah Henrickson.

Eliza Pearl Henrickson died 30 May 1987, Shenton Park, WA, aged 83 years. Buried Jun 1987 Karrakatta Crematorium, WA, Garden of Remembrance.

ELIZA PEARL HENRICKSON (1902-1987) married **WILLIAM 'ARTHUR' SEYMORE MILBOURNE (1905-1968)**, 23 Jul 1927, St Mary's Church, Perth, WA [Reg. 924]. They had one son: Raymond Milbourne, born 15 Jan 1931, Perth, WA, who married Joy Gertrude Wallis.

Wedding: William Arthur Seymore Milbourne and Eliza Pearl Henrickson: Bridesmaid (at left) Gertrude Henrickson, Groomsman (at right of Pearl) Charles Henrickson, others in photo unknown.

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William 'Arthur' Seymore Milbourne was born 25 Feb 1905, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 2621], registered in 1905. Father, **WILLIAM ARTHUR MILBOURNE (1874-1940)**, mother, **FLORENCE ELLESMERE METCALFE (1883-1970)**, who were married 1904, South Fremantle, WA [592].
William 'Arthur' Seymore Milbourne died 24 Sep 1968, Perth, WA [Reg. 3534]. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery, Rose Garden.

The following pages contain details of William 'Arthur' Seymore Milbourne's parents: William Arthur Milbourne (1874-1940) and Florence Ellesmere Metcalfe (1883-1970) and family WILLIAM ARTHUR MILBOURNE (1874-1940) Sen. William 'Arthur' Seymore Milbourne (1905-1968) Jnr's father.
Via Foreman family tree, Ancestry

William Arthur Milbourne was born 5 Jul 1874, Port Sorell, TAS [Reg. 1456]. Parents, **GEORGE SEYMOUR MILBOURNE** and **SARAH JANE DEVLIN.** William Arthur Milbourne died 3 Mar 1940, Fremantle WA [Reg. 71].

FLORENCE ELLESMERE METCALFE (1883-1968) William 'Arthur' Seymore Milbourne (1905-1968) Jnr's mother.

Florence Ellesmere Metcalfe was born 1 Apr 1883, Scotsdale, TAS [Reg. 2119], parents, **WILLIAM JAMES METCALF** and **REBECCA ISABEL SIMPSON**.
Florence Ellesmere Milbourne (nee Metcalf) died 27 Nov 1968, Attadale, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 746].

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM ARTHUR MILBOURNE (1874-1940) AND FLORENCE ELLESMERE METCALFE (1883-1968): All were born in WA.

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2. REBECCA ISOBEL ALICE MILBOURNE (1906-1982) married **LESLIE HAMMER (1902-1932)** 1925, Fremantle. WA [Reg. 64].

m.2 REBECCA ISOBEL ALICE HAMMER (NEE MILBOURNE) (1906-1982) married **HAROLD EVAN ELLIS (1902-1994)** 20 May 1933, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 159].

3. VIOLET ELIZABETH MILBOURNE (1908-1985) married **GAETANO JOSEPH ALBERT KING (1909-1971)** 1927, Fremantle, WA (Reg, No. 233].

Electoral Roll:
1963 Gaetano Joseph A King, 42 Lilly St, diver, Violet Elizabeth, same address, home duties.

4. FLORENCE ESME MILBOURNE (1910-1987) married **ROGER JOHN PHILLIPS HUNT (1902-1960)** 1930, Irwin, WA [Reg. No. 3].

5. GERTRUDE IRENE MILBOURNE (1913-2004) married **WILLIAM STEWART SIEVEWRIGHT ANDERSON (1909-1977)** 1929, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 268].

6. ALBERT EDWARD MILBOURNE (1916-1985) married **THELMA MABEL ANDERTON (1918-2004)** 1938, Fremantle, WA [Reg. No. 372].

7. RUTH ADELAIDE MILBOURNE (1919-1991) married **ERIC RICHARD GIBBS (1917-1999)** 1942, WA [Reg. 214].

8. WALTER GEORGE MILBOURNE (1925-2002) married **EVELYN M LEGGETT** 1946, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 220].

Electoral Roll
1912, William Arthur Milbourne, Keane St, Cottesloe, labourer, Florence Ellesmere, married.
1922, William Arthur Milbourne, "Nagaraki", Bayley St, Fremantle, labourer, Florence Ellesmere, home duties.
1925, William Arthur Milbourne, Canning Rd, Fremantle, labourer, Florence Ellesmere, home duties.

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William Arthur 'Fordie' 'Bill' Milbourne, Susannah Markham Henrickson, Daniel Henrickson with grandson, baby Raymond Milbourne, son of Raymond Milbourne and Joy Gertrude Wallis.

Electoral Roll:
1936, William 'Arthur' Seymore Milbourne, 14 Prowse St, West Perth, railway employee, Eliza Pearl, home duties.
1958, William 'Arthur' Seymore Milbourne, 12 Hamilton St, Subiaco, railway officer, Eliza Pearl, home duties.
1968, William 'Arthur' Seymore Milbourne, 10 Cuthbert St, Shenton Park, Eliza Pearl, cookery.

9th CHILD OF SUSANNAH MARKHAM PAGE & DANIEL HENRICKSON

9. HENRICKSON, ETHEL 'BEATRICE' (1906-1911)

Ethel Beatrice Henderson was born 2 Sep 1906, Williams, WA [Reg. 76]. At almost five years of age, she died on 11 Jul 1911 at Quindanning Farm, WA [Reg. 30] from shock as a result of burns from playing too close to the fire. She is buried in the Quindanning Cemetery.

Great Southern Leader **(Pingelly, WA: 1907 - 1934), Fri 4 Aug 1911, pg 5**
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10. HENRICKSON, IRMA 'IRM' MARGARETTA (1908-1996)

Irma Margaretta Henrickson was born 25 Nov 1908, Quindanning, WA [Reg. 426], recorded under Irma Henryon. Irma Margaretta Turton (nee Henrickson) died 22 Mar 1996, KEMH, Subiaco, WA, aged 87 years. Buried 27 Mar 1996, Karrakatta Crematorium, WA, Niche Wall.

IRMA MARGARETTA HENRICKSON (1908-1996) married **CHARLES REGINALD TURTON (1907-1986)**, Mar 1931, Beverley, WA [Reg No 12]. Recorded as Irma M Henrickson. Irma's brother Lewis Andrew Henrickson married Charles's sister, May Turton, 1919.

Wedding: Charles Reginald Turton and Irma Margaretta Henrickson

CHARLES REGINALD TURTON (1907-1986) 'CHAS', 'BUB'

Charles Reginald Turton was born 6 Jan 1907, Wandering, WA [Reg. 20]. Parents: **ROBERT TURTON (1864-1950)** and **ELIZABETH FEAST (1862-1945)** who were married 1885, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 6216]. Charles Reginald "Chas", "Bub" Turton died 28 Feb 1986, Hospice, Claremont, WA, aged 79 years. Buried Karrakatta Crematorium, Niche Wall.

The following pages contain details of Charles Reginald Turton's parents: Robert Turton (1864-1950) and Elizabeth Feast (1862-1945) and family:

ROBERT TURTON (1864-1950) Charles Reginald Turton's father.

Robert Turton was born 1864, Guildford, WA [Reg. 7950], parents, **WILLIAM TURTON** and **MARY CATHERINE JONES**. Some family trees have his birth as 11 Mar 1864. Birth date on headstone 7 Jul 1864. Robert Turton died 25 May 1950, Boddington, (Murray), WA [Reg. 21].

ELIZABETH FEAST (1862-1945) Charles Reginald Turton's mother.

Elizabeth Feast was born 8 Nov 1862, Perth WA. Elizabeth Turton (nee Feast) died 29 Apr 1945, Boddington, WA [Reg. 19].

CHILDREN OF ROBERT TURTON (1864-1950) AND ELIZABETH FEAST (1862-1945):

1. HERBERT ROBERT TURTON (1886-1886) was born 23 Sep 1886, Wandering, WA [Reg. 28995]. He died 7 Oct 1886, Wandering WA [Reg. 14342], aged 14 days.

2. HENRY ALBERT 'HARRY' TURTON (1887-1938) married SARAH ANN 'TOPSY' BAILEY (1891-1968), 1910, Beverley, WA [Reg. 4].

3. RUTH AMELIA TURTON (1890-1967) married FREDRICK RODDA (1881-1955), 4 Oct 1906, Beverley, WA [Reg. 24].

4. WILLIAM THOMAS TURTON (1892-1969) married ELIZABETH MARY DOWSETT (1898-1972), Jun 1917, Beverley, WA [Reg. 20].

5. FRANK M TURTON (1894-1962) married ELLEN EMILY 'NELL' DOWSETT (1896-1970), 1919, Williams, (Wandering), WA [Reg. 9].

6. MAUD TURTON (1897-1971) married ERNEST JAMES TAYLOR (1884-1937), 30 Apr 1917, Beverley, WA [Reg. 15]. Ernest and Maud were 1st cousins. Ernest's mother Mary and Maud's mother Elizabeth were sisters).

7. MAY TURTON (1900-1982) married LEWIS ANDREW HENRICKSON (1891-1986), 1919, Beverley WA [Reg. 3]. More details in their individual chapter.

8. IRENE ROSE TURTON (1902-1903) Died as a baby. Born 19 Dec 1902, Wandering, WA [Reg. 31]. Died 17 Jan 1903, Wandering WA [Reg. 2951], aged 29 days.

9. LUCY LETICIA TURTON (1904-1952) married **JOSEPH JOHN PRIEST (1899-1972)**, 14 May 1924, Wandering, WA [Reg. 22].

10. CHARLES REGINALD TURTON (1907-1986) married **IRMA MARGARETTA HENRICKSON (1909-1996)**, 1933, Beverley, WA. [Reg.12].

More details re the Turton family can be viewed in the chapter on Irma Margaretta Henrickson (1908-1996)

Irma (nee Henrickson) and Charles Turton

Electoral Roll

1918, 1936 Robert Turton, Carrabin, Wandering, farmer, Elizabeth Mary, home duties
1943 Robert Turton, Boddington, Blacksmith, Elizabeth, home duties
1931 Charles Reginald Turton, Wandering, labourer
1936 Charles Reginald Turton, Wandering, labourer, Irma Margaretta, home duties
1961, 1980 Charles Reginald Turton, 27 Normandy St, Inglewood, storeman, Irma Margaretta

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***Pingelly-Brookton Leader* (WA: 1925 - 1954), Thu 10 May 1945, pg 3.**
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OBITUARY.

ELIZABETH TURTON.

The death occurred on April 30th, at her home in Boddington, of Mrs. Elizabeth Turton at the age of 82 years.

Born in Perth in 1862, Mrs. Turton was married in her early twenties to Robert Turton and became one of the early settlers in the Wandering district. For nearly sixty years she was resident in the Wandering and Boddington districts. Deceased leaves a husband, sons and daughters, 41 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren to mourn the loss of a grand old lady.

The funeral, which took place in the Church of England portion of the Wandering cemetery, was attended by a large gathering of friends from the surrounding districts. Rev. R. Walker, of Williams, officiated at the graveside.

Chief mourners were: sons Bill, Frank and Charlie; daughters Maud and May; daughter-in-law Sarah (Mrs. H. A. Turton); grandsons Bill, Les, Eric, George and Dick Turton; grand-daughters Edna and Kath.

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***Pingelly-Brookton Leader* (WA: 1925 - 1954), Thu 1 Jun 1950, pg 3.**
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The late Mr. Robert Turton (or Bob Turton as he was better known) had a long and useful life and played a most important part in the pioneering and development of the Wandering district.

He was most ingenious and clever and mastered many trades at an early age. He was a good stone mason, bricklayer, carpenter and plumber, as well as being a wheel-wright and blacksmith.

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He became a building contractor and built many buildings in the Wandering district, including the Wandering Hall in 1896, over 54 years ago. He made the bricks locally and all the timber was hand-sawn from the jarrah forests near Wandering. The Hall is a splendid building of brick on good stone foundations that will stand for many years to come. A creditable monument to his skill and memory.

He was greatly respected throughout his long life, being of a very kind and generous disposition. He got great pleasure out of his work and was happy in the company of his family and many grandchildren, for he dearly loved little children.

Early in life he married Elizabeth Feast, who predeceased him five years ago. They had a family of eight children, Harry (deceased), Ruth (Mrs. Fred Rodda), William, Frank, Maude (Mrs. Handle), May (Mrs. Henrickson), Lucy (Mrs. Priest) and Charlie.

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The funeral which was well attended, took place at the Wandering cemetery on Friday, May 26 and the service was conducted by the Rev. Walker, of Williams.

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Coffin-bearers were:—

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Floral tributes were received from the following:—

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Headstones, Elizabeth Turton (nee feast and Robert Turton, Wandering Cemetery.

MEMORIES FROM IRMA TURTON (NEE HENRICKSON) ABOUT HER MOTHER, SUSANNAH HENRICKSON (NEE PAGE):

"In her married years, Susannah kept turkeys, chickens, ducks, geese and guinea fowl on her farm. These had to be rounded up at night to protect them from foxes as they free roamed in the day along the river. She also had pet lambs that had been left motherless, as well as an old pig. Keeping cows for milking was a must. She had a bull calf called "Jack". He became so tame; he was a pest when he saw anyone with a bucket as it was used from being fed in.

Meat for the family was provided from the stock kept. The pork for ham or bacon.

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Arthur Milbourne had timber for the house railed up from Perth, W.A. Charlie Turton and Arthur Milbourne built the house for "Granny" and "Min" to live in. When Daniel died in 1938, she sold the farm to Ned Lovegrove."

Susannah's birth is " Williams, W.A." on her birth certificate but may have been born on Page's farm, Quindanning. W.A.

Susannah was a very good horse woman as far as riding was. She would take her kangaroo dogs out with her whilst riding, to hunt kangaroos.

If the dogs weren't up to hunting (being too hot) she would give them a gentle kick with her stirrups whilst riding.

11th CHILD OF SUSANNAH MARKHAM PAGE & DANIEL HENRICKSON

11. HENRICKSON, GERTRUDE 'GERT' 'BETTY' EMMELINE (1911-2011)
Gertrude Emmeline Henrickson was born 15 Mar 1911, Quindanning, (Williams), WA [Reg. 45].

Ethel Alma 'Min', friend and Gertrude Emmeline, 'Gertie' Henrickson

Gertrude Emmeline McQuoid (nee Henrickson) died 28 Oct 2011, Mundaring, WA aged 99-100 years. Cremated, Karrakatta, Cemetery, WA. Memorial Wall, VC Sect D 0015.

GERTRUDE EMMELINE HENRICKSON (1911-2011) married **STANLEY WALTER MCQUOID (1911-1985)**
9 Oct 1937, St Mary's Church, West Perth, WA [Reg. 1625].

***Sunday Times* (Perth, WA: 1902 - 1954), Sun 10 Oct 1937, pg 27.**
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The following pages are details of Stanley Walter McQuoid's parents Edward James McQuoid (1876-1952) and Gertrude Eileen Bulla (1885-1980) and family.

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EDWARD JAMES MCQUOID (1876-1952) Stanley Walter McQuoid's father.
Via Goddard & Hanna Family Tree, Ancestry. He was born 31 Aug 1876, Newcastle, NSW [Reg. 17062]. Parents: **WILLIAM MCQUOID** and **MARY ANN**. He died 1952, SA [Pg. 4286 Vol. No. 786].
GERTRUDE EILEEN BULLA (1885-1980) BULLER Stanley Walter McQuoid's mother
Gertrude Eileen Bulla was born 19 Jan 1885, Hill River, SA [Pg. 388, Vol. No. 343], father, **JOHN BULLA** and mother, **ANNIE ZEIGLER**. Gertrude Eileen Anderson, McQuoid (nee Bulla) died 19/10/1980 aged 96, East Vic Park, Karrakatta Cemetery.

m.1 GERTRUDE EILEEN BULLA (1885-1980) married **EDWARD JAMES MCQUOID (1876-1952)** 1901, Yalgoo, WA [Reg. 1793].

***Western Argus* (Kalgoorlie, WA: 1916 - 1938), Tue 9 Mar 1926, pg 15.**
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Electoral Roll
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1910 Edward James McQuoid, 348 Piccadilly St, railway employee, Gertrude, home duties.
1936 Edward James McQuoid, Roads board Depot, Kalgoorlie, engine driver.
1937 Gertrude McQuoid, 50 Roberts St, Kalgoorlie, home duties
1943 Gertrude McQuoid, 297 Hay St, Perth, home duties.
1943 Son: Edward James McQuoid, railway employee, Port Augusta, SA, Sophie Doreen McQuoid, railway employee home duties.

Edward James McQuoid died in 1952. Gertrude was remarried to Charles R Anderson in 1953. This was also the second marriage for Charles. His first wife Lena Cullen died in 1934.
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CHARLES ROBERT ANDERSON (1892-1959)

Charles Robert Anderson was born 1892, Broken Hill, NSW [Reg. 13825]. Parents: **CHARLES AUGUSTUS 'KARL' ANDERSON (1864-1940)** and **CAROLINE NORTHEY (1861-1911)** who were married 2 Jul 1892, Broken Hill NSW. Charles died 16 Oct 1959, Riverton, WA [Reg. 2819], aged 67 years, father, Charles, mother, Caroline.

m.1 CHARLES ROBERT ANDERSON (1892-1959) married **LENA MAUD CULLEN** 1930, Perth, WA [Reg. 295]. Lena Maud Anderson died 24 Oct 1934, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 308].

Following Lena's death Charles was remarried to Gertrude in 1953.

m.2 CHARLES ROBERT ANDERSON (1892-1959) married **GERTRUDE MCQUOID (NEE BULLA) (1885-1980)** 1953, Perth, WA [Reg. 2419].

Electoral Roll:
1954, 1958, Charles Robert Anderson, 124 Surrey Rd, Rivervale, Gertrude, same address.
1968, 1972, Gertrude Anderson, 124 Surrey Rd, Rivervale.

CHILDREN OF EDWARD JAMES MCQUOID (1876-1952) & GERTRUDE EILEEN BULLA (1885-1980):
All born in WA.
1. EDWARD JAMES MCQUOID (1902-1957) married SOPHIE DOREEN JONES (1906-2000) 1930, SA [Pg. 552 Vol. No. 325].
2. WILLIAM HENRY MCQUOID (1903-1957) married DORIS EDNA TATE (1911-) 1931, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 29].
3. GEORGE A MCQUOID (1906-) married ADA L WALKER, 1929, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 50].

4. GERTRUDE E MCQUOID (1908-) married THOMAS ARMSTRONG, 1930, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 52].

***Sunday Times* (Perth, WA: 1902 - 1954), Sun 3 Aug 1930, pg 6.**
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5. STANLEY WALTER MCQUOID (1911-1985) married GERTRUDE EMMELINE HENRICKSON (1911-2011) 1937, Perth, WA [Reg. No. 1625]. Two children: Maxwell and June McQuoid.
6. HILDA F MCQUOID (1915-1970)
7. LESLIE IVER MCQUOID (1917-) married EDNA MAY WINCH (1924-2002), 1945, Perth, WA [Reg. 733].
8. DAVID ARTHUR MCQUOID (1920-2007) married DULCIE LORRAINE CUTTING (1923-2007), 1945, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 60].

***Sunday Times* (Perth, WA: 1902 - 1954), Sun 12 Aug 1945, pg 11.**
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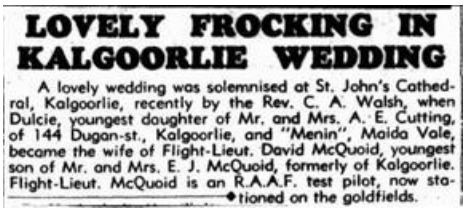
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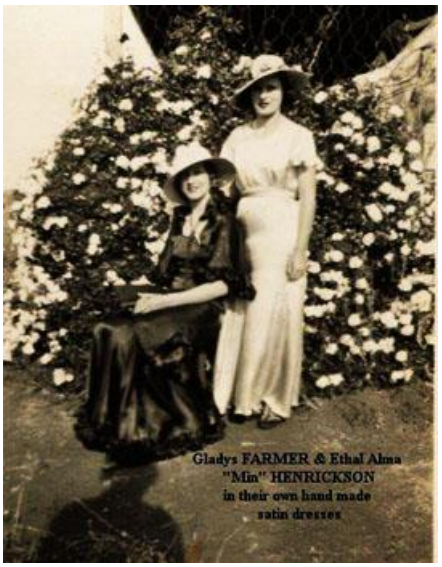
12th CHILD OF SUSANNAH MARKHAM PAGE & DANIEL HENRICKSON

12. HENRICKSON, ETHEL 'MIN' 'MINNY' ALMA (1914-1997)
Ethel Alma Henrickson was born 3 Jan 1914, Coolup, WA [Reg. 6].

Ethel Alma Maloney (nee Henrickson) died 18 Jun 1997, Como, WA. Cremation, 25 Jun 1997, Karrakatta Cemetery, WA. Garden of Remembrance.

Ethel Alma 'Min', friend and Gertrude Emmeline 'Gertie' Henrickson



Gladys Farmer and Ethel Alma Henrickson in their own hand made satin dresses.

ETHEL ALMA HENRICKSON (1914-1997) married **THOMAS PATRICK MALONEY (1909-1993)** 4 Apr 1942, Boulder, WA [Reg. 23]. Note: there appears to be another person also named Thomas Patrick Maloney.

Wedding photo: Thomas Patrick Maloney and Ethel Alma Henrickson

THOMAS 'TOM' PATRICK MALONEY (1909-1993) (via Gilchrist – Via Cameron Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 28 Aug 1909, Kalgoorlie-Boulder, WA [Reg. 228]. Incorrect date in WA records, recorded as 1993. Parents: **JAMES LAWRENCE MALONEY (1876-1955)** and **MARY ELLEN QUIRK (1874-1962)** who were married 20 Apr 1909, Boulder, WA [Reg. 69]. Thomas Patrick Maloney died 19 May 1993, Como, WA, aged 82-83 years. Cremation, May 1993, Karrakatta Cemetery, WA. Garden of Remembrance.

The following pages contain details of Thomas Patrick Maloney's parents: James Lawrence Maloney (1876-1955) and Mary Ellen Quirk (1874-1962) and family:

JAMES LAWRENCE MALONEY (1876-1955) Thomas Patrick Maloney's father
Via Liddy WiP DNA Purposes Family Tree, Ancestry.

James Lawrence Maloney was born 17 Dec 1876, SA. (Could not find the record in Australian Births registrations). Parents: (According to death registration), **DENNIS MALONEY (1846-1897)** and **BRIDGET LIDDY (1854-1897)** who were married 5 Feb 1870, Kapunda, SA [P. 277, Vol 82]. They had fourteen children.

Emigration: Thomas Patrick Maloney's grandparents:
Dennis Maloney was born 1846, Ballymalone, Tipperary, Ireland. Arrival from Plymouth, via *Hougoumont*, 16 Sep 1866, Adelaide, SA, age 19 years.
Bridget Liddy was born 1854, Barefield, Clare, Ireland. She arrived aged four years, with her parents, Adelaide, SA via *Storm Cloud*, 28 Apr, 1858.

James Lawrence Maloney died 4 Jul 1955, Boulder, (East Coolgardie), WA [Reg. 108], age 79 years. Birth date, about 1876. Parents recorded as Dennis and Brigid. Buried Boulder Cemetery, WA.

MARY ELLEN QUIRK (1874-1962) Thomas Patrick Maloney's mother

Mary Ellen Quirk was born 23 Jun, 1874, Parents: (Recorded on her death registration), **PATRICK QUIRK** and **MARY E**. Mary Ellen Maloney (nee Quirk) died 9 May 1962, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 194]. Parents, registered, Patrick and Mary E. Buried Fremantle Cemetery, WA.

CHILDREN OF JAMES LAWRENCE MALONEY (1876-1955) AND MARY ELLEN QUIRK (1874-1962):
All born in WA.

1. THOMAS PATRICK MALONEY (1909-1993) married **ETHEL ALMA HENRICKSON (1914-1997)** 4 Apr 1941, Boulder, WA [Reg. 23].

2. JOHN LAWRENCE MALONEY (1912-1979) married **VERONICA GERTRUCE O'NEIL (1913-2002)** 1948, Perth, WA [Reg. 1407].

3. ANN VERONICA MARY MALONEY (1914-2012) married **ROGER LUND (1915-1998)** 5 Aug 1944, St Brigid's, West Perth, WA [Reg. 2016].

4. WILLIAM JOSEPH MALONEY (1917-1981) married **DOROTHY JUNE WILSON (1926-2009) 'BETTY'** 1947, Boulder, WA [Reg. 57]. Dorothy was born Dorothy Andrews, her mother married again.

Electoral Roll:
1949, 1954, James Lawrence Maloney, 90 Please St, Boulder, WA, miner, Mary Ellen, home duties.

Continuing with Ethel Alma Henrickson (1914-1997) and Thomas Patrick Maloney (1909-1993):

Electoral Roll:
1937 Ethel Alma Henrickson, Boddington, home duties. Parents: Daniel Henrickson, farmer and Sussanah Markham Henrickson also in Boddington.
1943 Thomas Patrick Maloney, 141 Piesse St, Boulder, assayer's assistant, Ethel Alma, home duties
1958, 1963, 1977 Thomas Patrick Maloney,46 Parson's Av, Manning Park, machinist, Ethel Alma, home duties.

Thomas Patrick "Tom" Maloney, Charles Ernest "Charlie" Henrickson, Ethel Alma "Min" Maloney (nee Henrickson), Catherine "Cath" Henrickson (nee Scarr).

Recollections of Aunty Min (Mrs T. Maloney) Mum's Sister.
As recorded by Shirley Wilson (nee Watson), granddaughter of Daniel and Susannah Henrickson, in 1991.

When Dad & Mum (Charlie & Bertha Watson) left Narrogin about 1925, they returned to Mullewa for Dad to work for Uncle Tom Molster at his store. Aunty Min came with them as a schoolgirl. At first, however, there was not a house available in Mullewa, so for a few months, they lived in Mt. Magnet with Dad's sister Aunty Annie Webb. Aunty Min went to school with Rosa & Ruby Webb.

The house she first remembers is the one in Mills St Mullewa behind Molster's store. The house had a very big yard, a lattice-enclosed front verandah and four main rooms, including a long kitchen. As was the custom in those days in hot climates, beds were put on front verandahs. The first house in the street was occupied by Watson's, then Mr & Mrs Graham Hall & their daughter Lal. Graham was an engine driver on the railways. Mullewa being a junction, had quite a large population of railway staff. Between Halls & Watsons was a dividing hedge with the toilets down in the back corner. Min & Lal being good friends, would exchange notes via their own little letter hole in the hedge. At that time, the police station was on the corner of Mills & Streets opposite. Aunty Min also came up to the new house, built on the hill in Jose St in 1929.

After Grandfather & Grandmother Henrickson & family moved from the Quindanning district about 1911, they settled for various periods in the Waroona, Coolup, and Dwellingup districts & finally arrived & settled in Boddington (- 1915).

Grandfather owned a block at the junction of the Marradong Road in the Boddington townsite. He built a small three-room humpy in one corner close to a well in one corner of this block. The family lived here while Grandfather looked for work. He could build, do Blacksmithing & mend clocks.

Eventually, they brought a 160-acre farm on the road to Bannister, about 5 miles out of town. Grandfather built a house for Andrew on his adjoining block. This was a four-room dwelling similar to the Mill houses.

He also built a house for the family on the farm. This was a four-room weather-board house plus a long Batt-Brick kitchen. There were three open fireplaces inside made from batt (clay) bricks. The clay for the chimneys was dug on the farm - close to a big pool on the Bannister side of the Hotham River, which was within a couple of hundred yards of the front of the house. Over the fireplace outside, he built covers to protect them from the rain. None of the family was allowed to go near the big pool. As far as could be ascertained, it was "Bottomless."

In front of the house was a small footbridge used to cross the river to post & pick up mail in their letterbox on the main Boddington/Bannister Road.

Vehicle access was via a ford crossing about a ¼ of a mile towards Boddington & opposite Uncle Andrew's house. A road also led past his place to join the Boddington Road further down. This road was a Gazetted or Government, which went through the farm & up to join Pollard's property.

Aunty Min remembers walking long distances chasing Granny's turkeys which roamed free along the river. There were also chooks, ducks, geese, & guinea fowls which roamed free during the day but needed to be shut up at night, as far as possible, to protect them from foxes.

She was the last member of the family still living at home & when she first started working at "Gordon's" store in town would ride her bicycle to work. This became too much as sometimes the store stayed open until 9 pm. By this time, though, Uncle Andrew & family had moved to town, so she stayed with them during the week & went home for the weekends.

Back to life on the farm. In a paddock nearest the house at the rear entrance (which was the gate mainly used) was the hay shed, outside of which was the Chaff-Cutter. This was powered by a horse travelling around in a circle while harnessed to a pole attached to a geared wheel arrangement. At times Aunty Min would have to ride the horse to keep it going. Grandfather also had a Blacksmith's Forge as he was a tradesman at shoeing Horses.

A few miles up the road from the farm was a stream called "Chalk Brook". The soil there was like white chalk & Aunty May (Mum's sister) used a paste made from this to paint the house. She used a dye for colouring and painted the inside-one room blue.

Blackboy (Xanthorrhoea, also Balga Grass, plant) gum was a good substitute for varnish when melted down & mixed with spirit. This was used to varnish wooden floors, steps & bush furniture.

Aunty Min learned the figures of Square Dancing after listening to her older sister & put it into practice by using four Blackboys growing in an approximate square as the figures. To make them more lifelike, she cut the bushes in a fringe and left some hanging long on each side to represent arms & hands. She had lots of fun bowing to her "partners" and swinging corners.

Outside the back gate were two sheds (one on either side). In one was kept the sulky, which was their only means of transport to Boddington. In the other was the remains of an old "Cadillac" car, which had broken down halfway on a journey to Perth and been abandoned. Upon returning to collect it, a lot of parts had disappeared. What remained was brought back to the farm for use as spare parts.

After Grandfather died on the farm in 1938, Granny moved back into town. She stayed for a while with Aunty Matt while Uncle Arthur Milbourne & Uncle Charlie Turton built the four-room house on the Boddington block. The farm was sold to Ned Lovegrove.

Thank you to Tiffany for typing these recollections.

SECOND CHILD OF SARAH BLECHYNDEN & JOHN PAGE

2. PAGE, JOHN 'JAMES' 'JIMMY' HENRY (1871-1947) & KING, 'MARY' ELLEN (1876-1955)

There is some confusion between the registration of the names of the second and fourth child of Sarah and John Page.

2. John Henry Page, born in 1871, went by the names 'James' and 'Jimmy'.
4. John Page, born in 1876, went by the name of 'Johnny'.

Perhaps Sarah and John Page decided to change the name of number two child after registering him, or it was an error by the person who registered him.

John Henry Page was born 1 Aug 1871, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 13540], parents: John Page and Sarah Blechynden. Baptised 5 May 1873 Beverley, WA. He died 9 Feb 1947, Narrogin Hospital, 74 years of age. Registered as James H Page, Williams, WA [Reg. 8]. Buried at Quindanning Cemetery.

JAMES HENRY PAGE (1871-1947) married **MARY ELLEN KING (1876-1955)**, 27 Jan 1894 in the Wesley Methodist Church, Perth, WA [Reg. 16]. Marriage is under the name James Page.

KING, PATIENCE 'MARY' ELLEN (1876-1955) was born 22 Jun 1876, Beverley, recorded in WA BDMs under Patience Mary Ellen, WA [Reg. 17487], father, **JOHN WILLIAM KING (1843-1922)**, mother, **ELLEN AMELIA LITTLE (1857-1928)** who were married 1873, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 36947]. Mary was also known as Florence. She died 26 Nov 1955 at her residence, Leederville, (Perth), WA [Reg. 2959], aged 79 years. Registered as Mary Ellen Page. Buried Quindanning Cemetery.

Notes via Debbie: *"She resided with son George Cyril after James Henry Page died. They lived in a hotel room and then a house between Quindanning School and the Quindanning Hotel. She was known as 'Patience' or 'Florence' Mary Ellen but called 'Mary'".*

The following six or so pages have details of Patience 'Mary' Ellen King's parents JOHN WILLIAM KING (1843-1922) and Ellen Amelia Little (1857-1928) and family:

JOHN WILLIAM KING (1843-1922) Patience 'Mary' Ellen King's father.

John William King was born 3 Jun 1843, South Fremantle, WA. Parents: **GEORGE KING (1820-1875)** and **JANE MATHEWSON (1820-1875)** from England.
John William King died 6 Jul 1922, Williams, WA [Reg. 28], aged 78 years. Buried, Marradong, Boddington Shire, WA.

ELLEN AMELIA LITTLE (1857-1928) Patience 'Mary' Ellen King's mother.

Ellen Amelia Little was born 1857, Guildford, WA [Reg. 3662], father, **JOHN THOMPSON 'JAMES' LITTLE (~1822-1871)** and mother, **CHARLOTTE ANN LEEDER (1832-1901)** who were married in 1853, Perth, WA [Reg. 487].
Ellen Amelia King (nee Little) died 22 Jun 1928, Williams, WA [Reg. 32], aged 71 years. father registered as James Little. Buried Marradong, Boddington Shire, WA.

JOHN THOMPSON 'JAMES' LITTLE (1826-1871) Patience 'Mary' Ellen King's maternal grandfather.
Via bluett(colblue1) Family Tree, Ancestry.

John Thompson 'James' Little was born 13 Dec 1826, Longtown, Cumberland, England.
John Thompson 'James' Little died 17 Oct 1871, Fremantle Prison Hospital, Fremantle, WA [Reg. No. 6003], registered under Jno Little.

Convict: John Thompson, Larceny before convicted of felony, date 1 Jan 1849, Durham, England. Transported to WA via the *Pyrenees*, 14 Mar 1851 arrival 28 Jun 1851. Granted Ticket of Leave. Conditional Pardon, 23 Apr 1853, Perth, WA.

CHARLOTTE ANN LEEDER (1832-1901) Patience 'Mary' Ellen King's maternal grandmother

Charlotte Ann Leeder was born 25 Feb 1832, Swan River Colony, WA. Parents: **WILLIAM LEEDER (1797-1845)** and **HANNAH EMILY FRENCH (1797-1889)** who were married 25 May 1817, Bury St, Edmonds, Suffolk, England. Emigration: 14 May 1830 to WA, per *Rockingham*. They had 12 children.
Charlotte Ann Little (nee Leeder) died 20 Jan 1901, Perth, WA [Reg. 13], aged 69 years.

ELLEN AMELIA LITTLE (1857-1928) AND JOHN WILLIAM KING (1843-1922) HAD FOURTEEN LIVING CHILDREN: Via Wheat Baker Family Tree, Ancestry. More details on these sixteen children following in their individual pages.

1. PHOEBE ANN KING (1874-1959)
2. PATIENCE MARY ELLEN KING (1876-1955)
3. STILLBORN KING (1877-1877) Female
4. WILLIAM JAMES KING (1878-1947)
5. CHARLOTTE AMELIA KING (1880-1959)
6. JOHN ERNEST KING (1881-1926)
7. HENRY EDWARD KING (1883-1904)
8. ANNIE LOUISA KING (1884-1937)
9. UNNAMED KING (1885-1885) Male
10. ELIZA GERTRUDE KING (1886-1939)
11. GEORGE CHAPMAN KING (1889-1918) Killed in Action
12. ARTHUR THOMAS KING (1891-1977)
13. JOSEPH HERBERT KING (1893-1949)
14. ALFRED OLIVER KING (1895-1969)
15. EMILY ISABELLA MAY KING (1897- 1979)
16. STEPHEN HAROLD KING (1900-1970)

Electoral Roll:
1903, 1910, 1916, 1918, John William King, Marradong Rd, farmer, Ellen Amelia, married.
1922, Ellen Amelia King, Marradong, married.

John William King died 6 Jul 1922, Williams, WA [Reg. 28]. Buried, Marradong Cemetery, Boddington Shire.

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Grave and headstones: JOHN WILLIAM KING (1843-1922) and ELLEN AMELIA KING nee LITTLE (1857-1928), patriciabarber63 originally shared this 23 Sep 2017, Ancestry

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KING – In loving remembrance of my dear husband and our dear father and grandfather, John William King, who passed away on July 6, 1922, at Marradong; also, my dear son and our dear brother and uncle Henry Edward who passed away at Narrogin on May 21, 1904: also, my dear son and our dear brother and uncle. Private George Chapman, who was killed in action at Hebuterne, in France on Mar 27, 1918: also, my dear son and our dear brother, John Ernest, who was called away suddenly on Aug 6, 1926, at Greenfields, Lower Williams.

Until we meet again.
But though earth's fairest blossoms die,
And all beneath the skies are vain,
There is a brighter age now nigh,
Beyond the reach of care and pain.
We shall meet our loved and lost ones,
When the surges cease to roll,
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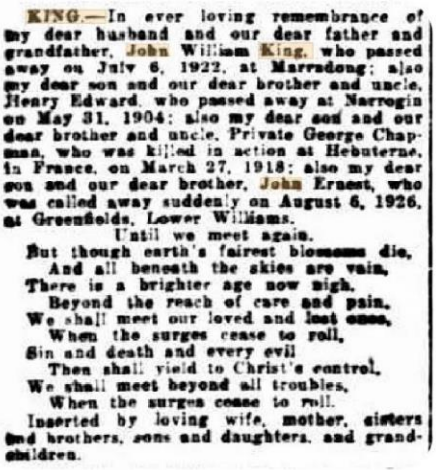
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INDIVIDUAL PAGES OF THE CHILDREN OF ELLEN AMELIA LITTLE (1857-1928) AND JOHN WILLIAM KING (1843-1922):

1. PHOEBE ANN KING (1874-1959) was born 7 Nov 1874 Wandering, WA [Reg. 16873]. Baptised 19 Sep 1875, Beverley, WA. Phoebe died 29 Jul 1959, Murray District, WA [Reg. 35], aged 84 years; father, John W King, mother, Ellen A. Buried Marradong Cemetery.

PHOEBE married **JOHN FLETCHER (1864-1938)** 1895. St Alban's Church, Marradong WA [Reg. 28]. They had six children: 1. JOHN JAMES BASIL born 1898, 2. WILLIAM CECIL HAROLD, 1899; 3. URSULA

MARY AMELIA, 1900; 4. MILLICENT JANE, 1903; 5. THOMAS RICHARD, 1906, (stillborn); and 6. PHOEBE ANN FLETCHER, 1909.

JOHN FLETCHER (1864-1938) was born 1864, Carrolup sic. (Coolup), WA [Reg. 9146]. Parents: **JOHN FLETCHER (1824-1896)** and **MARY O'BRIEN (1831-1928)**, registered as Mary Brien, who were married 26 Jun 1854, Pinjarra, WA [Reg. 716]. John Fletcher died 27 Feb 1938, Pinjarra-Williams Rd, Williams, WA [16]. Burial Marradong Cemetery.

Electoral Roll:
1903 John Fletcher, Hope Cottage, Williams, farmer.
1925 John Fletcher, Quindanning Rd, farmer, Phoebe Ann Fletcher, Quindanning Rd, home duties.
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Headstone John Fletcher (1866-1938) and Phoebe Ann Fletcher (nee King), Marradong Cemetery. Via Gilchrist Family Tree, Ancestry, patriciabarber63 originally shared this on 03 Nov 2012

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2. PATIENCE MARY ELLEN KING (1876-1955) was born 1876, Beverley, WA [Reg. 17487]. **MARY** married **JAMES HENRY PAGE (1871-1947)** 27 Jan 1894 in the Wesley Methodist Church, Perth, WA [Reg. 16]. More details in this chapter further on in her own section.

3. STILLBORN KING (1877-1877), female, registered in Perth, WA [Reg. 18672].

4. WILLIAM JAMES KING (1878-1947) was born in 1878, William's Bridge, WA. Can't find his birth registration.

Electoral Roll:
1903, 1906, 1912, 1931, William James King, Marradong, farmer.

William James King died 15 Oct 1947, Nedlands, (Perth), WA [Reg. 2211]. Buried St Alban's Cemetery, Marradong, WA

Headstone, William James King, buried Marradong Cemetery.

5. CHARLOTTE AMELIA KING (1880-1959) was born 1880, Wandering, WA [Reg. 21353]. Charlotte died 17 Dec 1959, Murray District, WA [Reg. No. 54]. **CHARLOTTE** married **THOMAS WILSON (1864-1936)** 1898, Marradong, WA [Reg. 1639], St Alban's Church. They had four children: 1. REBECCA JANE, born 1899; 2. CHARLOTTE MAUD, 1902; 3. THOMAS WILFRED, 1903; and 4. MURIEL AMELIA WILSON, 1906. Note via Debbie: Daughter, Muriel Wilson married John Edward Page (son of John and Matilda Page (nee Guttrey). Granddaughter Delphine Page married Frank Sandilands.

THOMAS WILSON (1864-1936) was born 9 Oct 1864, Dandalup, WA [Reg. 8154]. Parents: **THOMAS WILSON (1834-1903)** and **MARTHA BATT (1847-1872)** who were married 1861, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 1692]. Thomas Wilson died 17 Nov 1936, Williams, WA [Reg. 60]. Buried Marradong, Boddington Shire, WA.

Electoral Roll:
1910, 1925, 1931 Thomas Wilson, Quindanning Rd, farmer, Charlotte Amelia, Quindanning Rd, home duties.
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6. JOHN ERNEST KING (1881-1926) was born 1881, Mokine, WA [Reg. 22496]. **JOHN** married **m.1 THOMASINE H KEEN (1893-1947)**, 1909, Williams, WA [Reg. 15]. Registered as Thomasine. They had four children: 1. JOHN WILLIAM, born and died 1910; 2. EVELYN 'EVALINE' AMELIA, born 1911; IDA OLIVE, 1914; MABEL BEATRICE KING, 1916.

THOMASINE HENRIETTA KEEN (1893-1947) was born 15 May 1893, in Williams, WA [Reg. 907]. Parents **HENRY THOMAS WILLIAM KEEN (1869-1947)** and **LILIAN SALINA CRANE (1867-1943)** who were married 1891, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 249]. They had nine children. 1. SELINA SARAH, born 1889; 2. STILLBORN M, 1890; 3. THOMASEIN HENRIETTA, 1893; 4. ELIZA ELIABETH LILLY, 1895; 5. MARY JANE, 1897; 6. THOMAS JAMES, 1899; 7. FRANCES 'FANNY', 1901; 8. HANNAH MARIA, 1904; and 9. CHARLES ALFRED EUGENE KEEN, 1908. Thomasina Henrietta Batt, (King, nee Keen) died 26 Jul 1947, Mount Helena, WA [Reg. 86]. Registered as Thomasina. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery.

Electoral Roll:
1903, 1918 John Ernest King, Marradong, farmer.
1925 John Ernest King, "Green fields", Lower Williams, farmer, Thomasine Henrietta, "Green fields", Lower Williams.

John Ernest King died 6 Aug 1926, Marradong, WA [Reg. 33], aged 44 years. Buried Marradong Cemetery, WA. St Albans Church and Cemetery.

The next articles tell a tragic story of the shooting of John Ernest King following an argument.

***Great Southern Leader* (Pingelly, WA: 1907 - 1934), Fri 6 Aug 1926, pg 4.**
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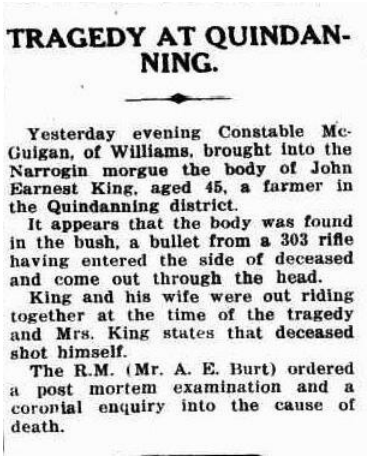
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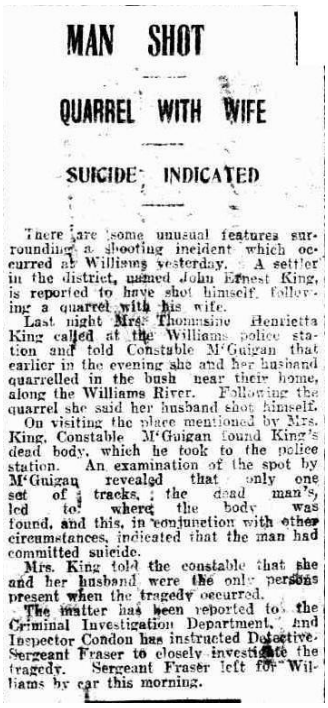

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If interested in viewing the coroner's report, log into the Supreme Court of WA.
https://archive.sro.wa.gov.au/index.php/john-ernest-king-1926-248

Following her husband's death, Thomasina remarried.

m.2 THOMASINA HENRIETTA KEEN (1893-1947) married **RONALD ADOLPHUS JULIAN BATT (1895-1962)** 1927, Perth, WA [Reg. 309]. Registered as Thomasina.

RONALD ADOLPHUS JULIAN BATT (1895-1962) was born 2 Oct 1895, Woodong, WA [Reg. 2145]. Parents: **DAVID BATT (1850-1922)** and **MARY ELLEN BENTLEY (1863-1944)** who were married 1877, Perth, WA [Reg. 4390].

Private Ronald Adolphus Julian Batt

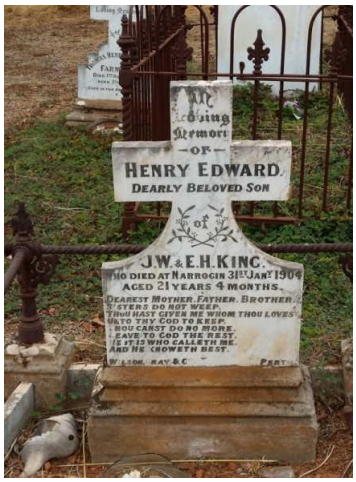
Served in WW1: Batt Ronald Adolphus Julian: SERN 931: POB Perth WA: POE Blackboy Hill WA: NOK F Batt David. Embarked at Fremantle per *Horatia*, 26 Apr 15. Light Horse Reserve Unit. Truck driver, No. 931 Gunner R. A. J. Batt, 4th Divisional Artillery, (late 3rd Reserve Light Horse Regiment), 4th Australian Division, Australian Imperial Force, Gallipoli and France. Wounded in action. Discharged 10 Jun, 1919.

Ronald Adolphus Julian Batt died 1962, Perth, WA [Reg. 1903]. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery.

Electoral Roll:

1921 Ronald Adolphus Julian Batt, Beverley, farmer.
1937 Ronald Adolphus Julian Batt, 18 Herbert St, Guildford, labourer, Thomasina Henrietta, Kidman Av, South Guildford, Home duties.
1958 Ronald Adolphus Julian Batt, 30 Spring Park Rd, Mid. Junction.

7. HENRY EDWARD KING (1883-1904) was born 1883, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 23972]. He died 31 Jan 1904, Narrogin, WA [Reg. 2989]. Buried Marradong, Boddington Shire, WA.



Headstone of Henry Edward King, Marradong Cemetery

In Loving Memory of Henry Edward
Dearly Beloved Son
of
J. W. & E. H. KING
WHO DIED AT NARROGIN 31st Jan 1904
AGED 21 YEARS AND 4 MONTHS

West Australian (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Tue 13 Jun 1905, pg 1.
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KING. — *In sad and sorrowing remembrance of our dear son, Henry Edward King, who died at Narrogin, G.S.K., on May 31, 1904.*
Ah, little we thought when he bade us good-bye,
That 'twas his last good-bye on earth;
No thought of the anguish, sorrow, and loss,
That with the morrow would take birth.
Oh, could we have been there in that hour of death,
To have caught the last sigh of his dying breath,
His last faint whisper we might have heard,
And breathed in his ear one parting word.
Farewell, our Henry dear.
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We miss thee from our home, dear brother,
We miss thee from thy place;
A shadow o'er our life is cast,
We miss the sunshine of thy face,
We miss thy kind and willing hand,
Thy fond and loving care;
Our home is sad without thee,
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Oh, do not ask us if we miss him,
There is such a vacant place;
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A sudden change; at God's command he fell;
He had not time to bid his friends farewell,
Oh, brother dear, we miss you here,
From the home you loved so well:
We pray that God has found you rest,
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8. ANNIE LOUISA KING (1884-1937) was born 24 Apr 1884, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 25759]. She married **JOHN EDWIN BATES (1866-1940)** 1909, Williams, WA [Reg. 28]. Annie Louisa Bates (nee King) died 1937, Williams, WA [Reg. 3]. John Edwin Bates died 1940, Pinjarra, (Williams), WA [Reg. 57].

Narrogin Observer and Williams District Representative **(WA: 1905 - 1930), Sat 18 Sep 1909, pg 7**
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Marradong.

(From our Correspondent.)

A quiet but pretty wedding was celebrated on the 8th September at St. Alban's Church, Marradong, when Miss Annie Louisa King, fourth daughter of Mr. John W. King, of Marradong, was united in matrimony to Mr. John Edwin Bates, of Marradong and formerly of Pinjarrah. The Rev. W. Patrick officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked very pretty in a dress of cream Japanese silk, the skirt having deep gathered flounce edged with valenciennes lace and rows of val. insertion lengthwise in the skirt, with full gathered bodice neatly trimmed with val. lace and insertion, with spray of orange blossoms. The usual wreath and veil was worn and the bride carried a bouquet of pretty, white flowers. Miss Emily Isabella May King, a little 12-year-old sister of the bride, who acted as bridesmaid, looked very nice in a pink mousseline- de soie, nicely tucked and trimmed with Valenciennes lace and insertion; panama hat trimmed with pink and white silk rosettes, white silk streamers and edged with a ruching of white silk; shoes and stockings and gloves to match; white waist ribbon, and carried a bouquet of pink everlastings and white flowers. Mr. W. J. King acted as best man.

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After the ceremony a reception was held at the old home of the bride's parents, but owing to the bride's mother being in delicate health only the relatives of the bride and groom, with the exception of the Rev. Patrick, were present. However, 37 sat down to breakfast, at which the usual toasts were honored.

The church was nicely decorated for the occasion by the friends of the parties and the flag hoisted at Mr. Vagg's hotel.

The following ladies were present :—

Mrs. T. W. Bates, smart tweed skirt and coat, white silk front.

Mrs E. A. King (mother of bride), black silk lustre skirt, white silk blouse.

Mrs. T. Waldock, black silk skirt, white silk blouse.

Mrs. J. E. King, white silk dress.

Mrs. James Page, black lustre skirt, blue and white cambric blouse.

Misses Ellen and Henrietta Page, white muslin blouses, blue and white cambric skirts.

Mrs. J. Fletcher, tweed skirt, black cashmere blouse.

The bride's going-home dress was navy blue, trimmed black velvet and white lace, large straw hat trimmed with white silk. After a two-hour's respite the happy couple drove away to their future home amidst showers of rice and hearty good wishes.

A few nice and useful presents were received as follows :—

Mr. and Mrs. J. Fletcher, a pair of vases.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. W. King, crayon portraits and white and gold egg cups.

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Mr. Gol. King, pretty glass dish.

Mr. T. A. King, china teapot.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. King, crystal sugar basin.

Master Joe King, milk jug.

Master Alf. King, ruby sugar basin.

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Electoral Roll:
1913, 1925, 1931 John Edwin Bates, Saddleback Gully, Marradong, farmer, Annie Louisa, married.
1937 John Edwin Bates, Saddleback Gully, Marradong, farmer.

Annie Louisa Bates (nee King) died 1937, Williams, WA [Reg. 3].

John Edwin Bates died 1940, Pinjarra, (Williams), WA [Reg. 57].

Headstone of John Edwin Bates and Annie Louisa Bates, (nee King). Courtesy Morrison Family Tree.

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***Western Australian*: 1 Feb 1938**

IN MEMORIAM.

BATES. — *In loving memory of our dear Mother, Annie Louisa Bates who passed away at Williams, February 1. 1937.*
Rest on dear mother, your troubles are o'er.
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Inserted by her loving husband, sons and daughter, Tom, Len Rita.

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Abide with me.
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9. UNNAMED KING (1885-1885) Male, stillborn, 28 Aug 1885, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 14057].

10. ELIZA GERTRUDE KING (1886-1939) was born 1886, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 14057]. She married **THOMAS HENRY WALDOCK (1876-1955)**, 1906, Williams, WA [Reg. 5]. Eliza died 10 Oct 1939, Williams Hospital, (Quindanning), WA [Reg. 42]. Buried Marradong, Boddington Shire Cemetery, WA.

THOMAS HENRY WALDOCK (1876-1955) was born 10 Jun 1876, William's Bridge, WA [Reg. 17298], Parents: **JOHN WALDOCK (1843-1900)** and **CATHERINE FLETCHER (1855-1885) Kathleen.** Thomas died 19 Oct 1955, Williams, WA [Reg. 86]. Buried Quindanning Cemetery.

Following are details of Thomas Henry Waldock's parents John Waldock (1843-1900) and Catherine Fletcher (1855-1885).

The tragic story of Thomas Henry Waldock's parents are recorded in more detail in the earlier section on his brother **JOHN EDWARD WALDOCK Jnr (1888-1964) and ANNIE EMILY HENRICKSON (1893-1978).**

JOHN WALDOCK (1843-1900) Senior - Thomas Henry Waldock's father
Via smith/davies/barnard Family Tree, Ancestry

John Waldock was born 1843, baptised 23 Jul 1843, Ashwell, Hertfordshire, England. Parents: **JESSE WALDOCK (1817-1874)** and **MARIA (MARIAH / ANN MARIA) HASSALL** who were married 24 Oct 1840, Royston, Ashwell, Hertfordshire, England.

JOHN WALDOCK (1843-1900) was married twice:

m.1 JOHN WALDOCK (1843-1900) and **CATHERINE FLETCHER (1855-1885)** were married 1870, Pinjarra, WA [Reg. 3177]. Registered as Catherine, birth registration - Kathleen.

KATHLEEN 'CATHERINE' FLETCHER (1855-1885) Thomas Henry Waldock's mother

Kathleen Fletcher was born 3 Aug 1855, Harvey, WA [Reg. 2894]. Registered as Kathleen Fletcher. Parents: **JOHN FLETCHER (1824-1896)** and **MARY O'BRIEN (1831-1928)**, who were married 26 Jun 1854, Pinjarra, WA [Reg. 716]. registered as Mary Brien.

CHILDREN OF JOHN WALDOCK (1843-1900) AND CATHERINE FLETCHER (1855-1885):

1. WILLIAM JOHN WALDOCK (1873-1955) was born 30 Nov 1873, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 15190]. William John Waldock died 26 Oct 1955, Williams, WA [Reg. 84], aged 81 years. Burial, Quindanning Cemetery, WA. **WILLIAM** married **MARGARET GERTRUDE ACRES (1893-1984)** 1918, Perth, WA [Reg. 52].

2. THOMAS HENRY WALDOCK (1876-1955) was born 1876, Dandalup, WA [Reg. 17298]. Thomas died 10 Jun 1955, Williams, [Reg. 86]. Burial, Quindanning, Cemetery, WA. **THOMAS** married **ELIZA GERTRUDE KING (1886-1939)** 19 Mar 1906, Williams, WA [Reg. 5].

3. MINNIE WALDOCK (1879-1963) was born 9 May 1879, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 19950]. Minnie Waldock King died 18 Oct 1963, Quindanning, WA, Burial Quindanning Cemetery. **m.1 MINNIE WALDOCK (1879-1963)** married **m.1 HENRY HERBERT (HARRY) SHERRY (1872-1943)** 14 Apr, 1896, Perth WA [Reg. 688]. They had seven children. Divorced. **m.2 'HARRY' SHERRY (1872-1943)** married **LETICIA AUGUSTINE PILKINGTON (1901-1973)** 1922, Perth, WA [Reg 780]. **m.2 MINNIE SHERRY (NEE WALDOCK) (1879-1963)** married **GEORGE H KING** 1919, Perth, WA [Reg. 1034].

4. ALICE HENRIETTA WALDOCK (1884-1974) was born 1884, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 25755]. Alice Henrietta White (nee Waldock) died 31 Aug 1974, Perth, WA. **ALICE** married **HENRY NORTON WHITE (1903-1943)** 1902, Quindanning, WA [Reg. 1975], recorded under Alice Melinda. They had five children.

Catherine Waldock (nee Fletcher) died 16 Sep 1885, WA [Reg. 14058], registered as Catherine Waldock, aged 31 years. **She was murdered, by HENRY WALTER SHERRY (1939-1885) who was as a consequence hanged in 1885.** Details of the circumstances that led up to her murder can be found earlier in the article in the section on his brother John Edward Waldock Jnr (1888-1964).

After Catherine's death Thomas Henry's father, John Waldock married a second time. Ann Elizabeth Sherry (nee Haines) had been married to Henry Walter Sherry, who had murdered John Waldock's wife Catherine in 1885 and been hanged in Perth Prison 27 Oct 1885. All very complicated.

m.2 JOHN WALDOCK (1843-1900) Snr married **m.2 ANN ELIZABETH SHERRY (nee HAINES) (1851-1909)** 1888, Quindanning, WA [Reg. 81]. She was registered under Ann Elizabeth Sherry

At Catherine's death in 1885, John Waldock and Catherine had four children:

Henry Sherry and Ann Elizabeth Sherry (nee Haines) had six living children (plus one stillborn). Emily Evaline Sherry (1886-1889), was born after her father's death in 1885 and registered under Sherry.

Following Catherine Waldock's murder in 1885, John Waldock and Anne Elizabeth Sherry had eleven children between them and Ann Elizabeth Sherry (nee Haines) was pregnant.

CONTINUING WITH THE STORY OF ELIZA GERTRUDE KING (1886-1939) AND THOMAS HENRY WALDOCK (1876-1955)

William John aged 12 years and Thomas Henry Waldock aged 9 years were with their mother Catherine Waldock when she was approached by Henry Walter Sherry and witnessed when she was shot. What a horrific experience for them both, one they would never get over. Their lives changed forever. When their father remarried, the family had increased to 12 children.

Electoral Roll:
1906 Thomas Henry Waldock, Quindanning, farmer.
1910, 1916, 1930 Thomas Henry Waldock, Quindanning, sheep farmer, Eliza Gertrude, Ivy Cottage, married.
1949, 1954 Thomas Henry Waldock, Quindanning, sheep farmer.

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11. GEORGE CHAPMAN KING (1889-1918) was born 1889, Mokine, WA [Reg. 231]. He served in WW1: SERN 7498: POB Marradong WA: POE Perth WA: NOK F King John William. Enlisted 1 Dec 1917. 16th Battalion. Served overseas in France. George was **Killed in Action** 27 Mar 1918, Hébuterne, Pas-de-Calais department, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, France. Buried in the Euston Rd British Cemetery, 6 ½ miles north of Albert. Plot 5, row N, grave 4.

***Sunday Times* (Perth, WA: 1902 - 1954), Sun 30 Mar 1919, pg 1**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article58001354.txt

IN MEMORIAM.

KING. -***In fond and loving memory*** *of our dearly loved son and brother, Pte. George Chapman King, who was killed in action in France on March 27. 1918.*

Not for the love of battle
Left he his native land;
He heard the call of duty
And responded like a man.
Did he whisper my name in dying.
Or breathe out a parting prayer.
Oh where did they bury my darling boy
Does anyone know one or care.
When alone in my grief the bitter tears flow.
There comes a fond vision of not long ago:
Just as a dream he stands by my side

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There comes a fond vision of not long ago.
Just as a dream he stands by my side
And whispers, "Dear mother, Death cannot divide."
I seem to see your face, dear George,
Through a mist of anxious tears.
Ah, a mother's part is a broken heart
And a burden of lonely years.
One of the best, a loving son,
A brother kind and true.
So dearly loved, so sadly missed
By everyone he knew.
He died as he lived, manly, unselfish and brave.
A life so purely lived,
A crown so nobly won.

—Inserted by his sorrowing parents, sisters and brothers.

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12. ARTHUR THOMAS KING (1891-1977) was born 1891, Mokine, WA [Reg. 1251]. Arthur died 6 Oct 1977, Canning, WA. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery, WA. **ARTHUR** married **ELLEN PHOEBE DIXON (1886-1942)** 1913, Perth, WA [Reg. 645]. Registered under Thomas A King.

ELLEN PHOEBE DIXON (1886-1942) was born 30 Jan 1886, Adelaide, SA [pg. 69, Vol 369]. Parents: **WILLIAM CAIRNS DIXON (1869-1935)** and **ALICE PHOEBE JEFFERY (1863-1940)** who were married Jul 1883, Adelaide, SA [pg. 749 Vol 126]. Ellen died 7 Sep 1942, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 219].

Electoral Roll:
1916 Arthur Thomas King, Wuraming Mill, faller, Ellen Phoebe, home duties
1922 Arthur Thomas King, Marradong, farmer, Ellen Phoebe, home duties
1936 Arthur Thomas King, Yearling, farmer, Ellen Phoebe, Marradong, hoe duties
1943 Arthur Thomas King, Yearling, farmer
1968 Arthur Thomas King, Pensioners Lodge, Kalgoorlie.

13. JOSEPH HERBERT KING (1893-1949) was born 1893, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 2110]. Joseph died 20 Oct 1949, Perth, WA [Reg. 2321]. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery, Nedlands, WA, aged 56 years. **JOSEPH** married **ADELAIDE 'ADALINE' MAUD SPILLER (1894-1962)** 3 Aug 1929, St George's Cathedral, Perth, WA [Reg. 1099].

ADELAIDE 'ADALINE' MAUD SPILLER (1894-1962) was born 1894. Adelaide died 3 Oct 1962, Shenton Park, WA [Reg. 2964]. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery, WA. Anglican / ZL / 0040, with Joseph and son William.

Electoral Roll:
1936 Joseph Herbert King, 40 Commercial Rd, Fremantle, labourer, Adelaide Maud, home duties.
1943, 1949 Joseph Herbert King, 39 Commercial Rd, Fremantle, gardener, Adelaide Maud, home duties.

14. ALFRED OLIVER KING (1895-1969) was born 12 Jul 1895, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 1496]. Sleeper cutter. Alfred died 2 Jul 1969. Morley, WA [Reg. 2602]. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery, WA. **ALFRED** married **m.2 MARY LOUISA PAGE (nee REED) (1906-1981)** 1941, Perth, WA [Reg.2541]. This was her second marriage. They had one child, a daughter.

Alfred Oliver King and James 'Arthur' Page

MARY LOUISA REED (1906-1981) was born 1906, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 46], registered under Reid. Parents **JOHN REED (1867-1946)** and **MARY LOUISA DYSON (1874-1936)** who were married 17 Apr 1893, William's Bridge, WA [Reg. 185]. Mary died Nov 1981, Maylands, WA. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery WA Ang ZL o252 renewed.

Mary Louisa had been married before and divorced. **m.2 MARY LOUISA REED (1906-1981)** married **HENRY EDGAR PAGE (1904-1968)** 25 Nov 1925, Williams, WA [Reg. 43]. No children from this marriage. **Divorced.** For more on this marriage, see the section on Henry Edgar Page.

Electoral Roll:
1930 Henry Edgar Page, Quindanning, farm labourer, Mary Louisa, home duties.

Service WW2: KING ALFRED OLIVER: Service Number - W26649: Date of birth - 12 Jul 1895: Place of birth - MARRADONG WA: Place of enlistment - SWANBOURNE WA: Next of Kin - KING MARY

Electoral Roll:
1925, Alfred Oliver King, Spring Gully Marradong, farmer. Also, his brother labourer, Stephen Harold King, farmer
1936 Alfred Oliver King,43 Seventh Av, Maylands, labourer, Mary Louisa, home duties (note married to Alfred in 1941)
1968 Alfred Oliver King, 356 Coode St, Morley, gardener, Mary Louisa, home duties.
1977, 1980 Mary Louisa King, 1/119 Ninth Av, Maylands.

15. EMILY ISABELLA MAY KING (1897- 1979) was born 1897, Williams District, WA [Reg. 3926]. Emily died 6 Jun 1979, Marradong, WA. Buried Marradong, Boddington Shire Cemetery. **EMILY** married **GEORGE FLETCHER (1877-1952)**, 1918, Williams, WA [Reg. 11], St Alban's Church, Marradong, WA.

***Narrogin Observer and Williams District Representative* (WA: 1905 - 1930), Sat 14 Sep 1918, pg 5**
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Quindanning.

(From a Correspondent.)

A pretty but quiet wedding was solemnised at Quindanning by the Rev. Brother Frewer on August 28th, when Miss Emily Isabella May King, daughter of Mr. J. W. and Mrs. King, of Spring Gully, Marradong, and Mr. Geo. Fletcher, youngest son of the late Mr. John Fletcher and Mrs. Fletcher, of Lower Quindanning, were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, chiefly in purple and white, by the two sisters and niece of the bride, Mrs. Thomas Waldock, Mrs. Thomas Wilson and Miss Rebecca Wilson. The bride, who entered the church on the arm os her father, looked neat and pretty in a dress of cream Tokio silk made skirt and blouse, fashioned with a row of deep insertion down each side of front and round the bottom and caught with sprays of orange blossom and bows of white ribbon; the blouse also neatly trimmed with insertion and large pearl buttons. The usual wreath and veil and a coronet of orange blossoms (kindly lent by Mesdames T. Waldock and Fawcett) was also worn by the bride, who carried a bouquet of lovely mixed flowers, nicely arranged by Mrs. Fawcett. Mr. Alfred King carried out the duties of best man. After the ceremony the happy couple drove to the home of the bride's parents, where a light reception was held, and, after the usual toasts were honored, the happy couple left for their home on the river amidst showers of rice and confetti. The bride's going-away dress was saxe-blue poplin, made coat and skirt pattern, with white silk front and smoke pearl buttons, white hat with black band and bunch of cherries. Great credit is due to Mrs. Thomas Waldeck for the needlework, as she was the maker of the two dresses. A few nice and useful presents were made by the following friends:—Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and family, glass salad bowl and d'oyleys; Mrs. H. Sherry, jam dish and spoon; mother of bride, bread saw; father of bride, Langley-ware milk jug; Mrs. James Page, glass salad bowl; Mr. and Mrs. Hope, sweet dish; Miss Lucy Fawcett, ½ doz. egg cups; Miss Mary Fawcett, ½ doz. glass tumblers; Master Charlie Fawcett, knife and fork tray; Master Allen Fawcett, pair mats; Mr. and Mrs. Bates and family, glass salad bowl and butter dish; Mr. W. King, glass butter dish; Mr. and Mrs. T. A. King and family, glass butter basin; Mr. A. O. King, glass sugar basin; Mr. S. King, bedroom lamp; Mr. J. H. King, cheque; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Waldock, glass butter basin, salt cellars and spoons; Mrs. J. Boyer, cheque; Master Tom and Misses Florrie and Olive Batt, salt cellars.

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GEORGE FLETCHER (1877-1952) was born 1877, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 18385], parents: **JOHN FLETCHER (1824-1896)** and **MARY O'BRIEN (1831-1928)** who were married 26 Jun 1854, Pinjarra, WA [Reg. 716]. George Fletcher died 27 Jun 1952, Murray, WA [Reg. 18], aged 75 years, buried St Alban's Church, Cemetery, Marradong. WA.

Electoral Roll:
1921 George Fletcher, "Hill View", Quindanning, farmer, Emily Isobella May, Home duties.
1931 George Fletcher, Marradong, labourer, Emily Isobella May, Home duties
1949 George Fletcher, Boddington, Emily Isobella May, Home duties.
1968, 1977, Emily Isobella May Fletcher, Boddington.

George Fletcher died 27 Jun 1952, Murray, WA [Reg. 18], aged 75 years, buried St Alban's Church, Cemetery, Marradong. WA.

Emily Isabella Fletcher (nee King) died 6 Jun 1979, Marradong, WA. Buried Marradong, Boddington Shire Cemetery.

Headstone George Fletcher and Emily Isobella May Fletcher (nee O'Brien), Marradong Cemetery

16. STEPHEN HAROLD KING (1900-1970) (Via Gilchrist, Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 8 Oct 1900, Marradong, WA [Reg. 5461]. Stephen died 23 Feb 1970, Murray. WA [Reg. No. 22].

KING, STEPHEN HAROLD: Service Number - W84754: Date of birth - 08 Oct 1900: Place of birth - MARRADONG WA: Place of enlistment - BODDINGTON WA: Next of Kin – KING, WILLIAM

Electoral Roll:
1925, Stephen Harold King, Spring Gully Marradong, farmer, also his brother Alfred Oliver King, labourer
1958, 1968 Stephen Harold King, Spring Gully Marradong, farmer.

CONTINUING JAMES HENRY PAGE (1871-1947) AND MARY ELLEN KING (1876-1955):

James 'Jimmy' Page was a farmer of Quindanning, WA. James Page and Mary King lived over the hill from the farm Grass Valley, three and three-quarter miles along Marradong Road from Quindanning. They had 12 children, 5 boys and 7 girls.

JAMES HENRY PAGE and MARY ELLEN KING had 12 children. More details can be found on each child in their individual sections following:

1. PAGE, ELLEN / HELEN SEABRIGHT (1894-1989)
2. PAGE, MARY HENRIETTA (1896-1943)
3. PAGE, FLORENCE ESTHER (1897-1997
4. PAGE, PHOEBE ISABELLA (1898-1974
5. PAGE, JAMES 'ARTHUR' (1900-1994)
6. PAGE, JOHN HENRY (1903-1968)
7. PAGE, HENRY EDGAR (1904-1968)
8. PAGE, SARAH AMELIA (1907-1907)
9. PAGE, LESLIE OLIVER (1908-1979)
10. PAGE, IRENE AMELIA (1910-1991
11. PAGE, IVY CLARICE (1912-1985)
12. PAGE, GEORGE 'CYRIL' (1920-1998)

Electoral Roll:
1925, 1935 John Henry Page, Quindanning, Williams, farmer, Mary Ellen, home duties.

Their home called 'Homestead' in Marradong, on the Quindanning side was later bought by William "Bill Batt who passed away by 1997. His son John Batt ran Batt's farm and bought further land. Steve King was a neighbouring farmer along the Quindanning side.

Map showing Marradong and Quindanning

MRS JAMES PAGE - CHOCOLATE PIE

This delicious dessert was found on *Trove*, entered by Mrs James H Page in 1908. Debbie Miles was so tempted she cooked and served it to her family in March 2021. It was as delicious as stated.

***Sunday Times* (Perth, WA: 1902 - 1954), Sun 10 May 1908, pg 7**
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CHOCOLATE PIE.
Two cupsful of milk, yolks of two eggs, six tablespoonsful of sugar, four tablespoonsful of grated chocolate, and two tablespoonsful of corn flour. Let milk and sugar come to boiling point; add corn flour wet with milk, the chocolate, a teaspoonful of vanilla extract, and last, the well-beaten yolks of eggs. Pour into a baked crust and cover with meringue of whites of two eggs. This pie is delicious, and should be served very cold. —

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—Mrs. James H. Page, Salt Spring, Quindanning.

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Debbie's attempt at making the Chocolate pie made in 1908 by Patience "Mary" Ellen Page (nee King), her ancestor.

"It is a chocolate custard meringue pie.
I modified the recipe by no sugar added in the custard, added dark chocolate powder, instead of grated chocolate, added brown sugar to the meringue when whipping instead of icing sugar. Let it cool and place in the fridge to set to be really, cold.

Delicious Chocolate Pie:

11 out of 10 for taste.
Mary would have been proud of you Debbie.

Note: *When James and Mary's granddaughter *Eileen 'Margaret' Page was 12 years of age (about 1947) James and Mary Page separated in marriage. James contracted an infection in his hand. He was admitted to Narrogin Hospital and later died there on 9 Feb 1947. His daughter, Florence Ester Gillet nee Page m. Ernest Gillet 1917, (known as Florrie), 3rd eldest, visited in the hospital and assisted in his care."*

* Eileen 'Margaret' Page was the daughter of James Arthur Page and Sarah Lillian Elizabeth Munday, granddaughter of John 'James' Henry Page and Mary Ellen King. She married Charles Edward Rowe in 1955, Williams, WA [Reg. 37].

Mary resided with son George 'Cyril' Page after her husband's death 9 Feb 1947. They lived in a hotel room and then a house between Quindanning School and Quindanning Hotel. Via: Eileen 'Margaret' Rowe (nee Page).

James Henry Page (1873-1947) died 9 Feb 1947, Narrogin Hospital, 75 years of age. Reg in Williams, WA [Reg. 8]. Buried at Quindanning Cemetery.

***Narrogin Observer* (WA: 1918 - 1955), Sat 15 Feb 1947, pg 8**
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OBITUARY

James Henry Page.

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The burial took place in the Quindanning cemetery after a service in the Anglican Church, where a large number of relatives and friends met to pay last respects. Rev. R. Walker, of Williams, officiated.

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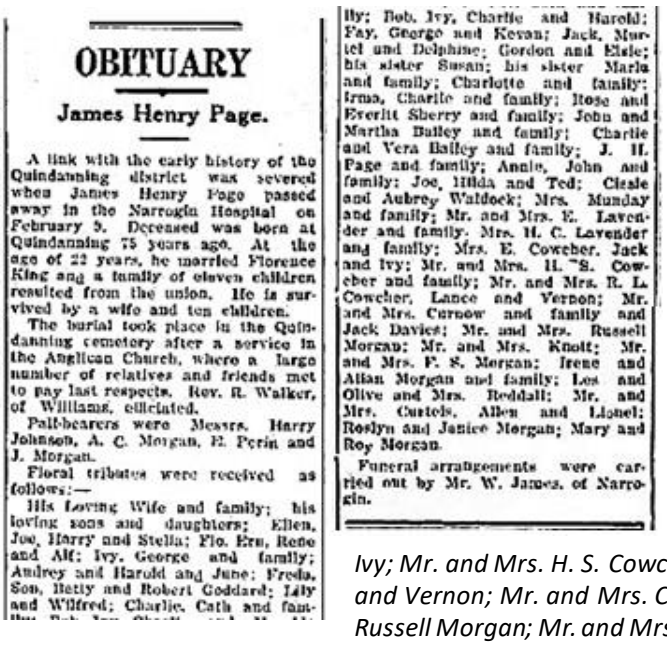

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Floral tributes were received as follows:—

His Loving Wife and family; his loving sons and daughters; Ellen, Joe, Harry and Stella; Flo, Ern, Rene and Alf; Ivy, George and family; Audrey and Harold and June; Freda, Son, Betty and Robert Goddard; Lily and Wilfred; Charlie, Cath and fam-

ily; Bob, Ivy, Charlie and Harold; Fay, George and Kevan; Jack, Muriel and Delphine; Gordon and Elsie; his sister Susan; his sister Maria and family; Charlotte and family; Irma, Charlie and family; Rose and Everitt Sherry and family; John and Martha Bailey and family; Charlie and Vera Bailey and family; J. H. Page and family; Annie, John and family; Joe, Hilda and Ted; Cissie and Aubrey Waldock; Mrs. Munday and family; Mr. and Mrs. E. Lavender and family. Mrs. H. C. Lavender and family; Mrs. E. Cowcher, Jack and Ivy; Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Cowcher and family; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cowcher, Lance and Vernon; Mr. and Mrs. Curnow and family and Jack Davies; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Morgan; Mr. and Mrs. Knott; Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Morgan; Irene and Allan Morgan and family; Les and Olive and Mrs. Reddall; Mr. and Mrs. Curteis, Allen and Lionel; Roslyn and Janice Morgan; Mary and Roy Morgan.

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Patience Mary Ellen Page (nee King) died 26 Nov 1955 at her residence in Leederville, (Perth), WA [Reg. 2959]. Buried Quindanning Cemetery aged 79 years.

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/132184525/patience-mary_ellen-page

Grave of James Henry Page (1871-1947), Quindanning Cemetery

Grave of Mary Ellen Page (nee King (1876-1955), Quindanning Cemetery

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1st CHILD OF JAMES HENRY PAGE & MARY ELLEN KING

1. PAGE, ELLEN / HELEN SEABRIGHT (1894-1989)

Via Rowe Family Tree. Ellen and Helen Seabright recorded in Electoral Roll

Ellen Page was born 1894, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 1747], father, James Page, mother written as Mary Keen (sic, King). Registered under Ellen Page.

Helen Seabright Gillett (nee Page) died 19 Oct 1989, Carlisle, WA, aged 95 years. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery.

HELEN SEABRIGHT PAGE (1894-1989) married **JOHN JOSEPH GILLETT (1891-1969)** 1937, Boulder, WA [Reg. 59]. Registered as Helen. John was the brother of Ernest Alfred Gillett who married her sister Florence in 1917.

JOHN JOSEPH WHITE (1891-1969) 'GILLETT'
Via Paul Ford Family Tree, Ancestry.

John Joseph White was born 1891, Broken Hill, NSW [24715]. He was born John Joseph White: father, **PATRICK JOHN G WHITE (1855-1895)** and mother, **m.1 MARY ALICE PERKINS (1871-1944)** who were married in 1990, Broken Hill, NSW [Reg. 2790]. His mother remarried and John Joseph adopted his stepfather's surname, Gillett.
John Joseph Gillett died 11 Aug 1969, Perth, WA [Reg.2817], registered under Gillett, father, William. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery.
John's father Patrick John White died June 1895 in Broken Hill, NSW [Reg. 4349].
Patrick John White and Mary Alice had two children: John Joseph and Ernest Alfred.

m.2 MARY ALICE WHITE (NEE PERKINS) married **WILLIAM BENDLE GILLETT (1872-1955)** 1896, Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 98]. They had another seven children all born in WA.

Electoral Roll:
1917 John Joseph Gillett, Newton House, Narrogin, labourer
1931 John Joseph Gillett,18 Washington St, Victoria Park, mechanic.
1937 John Joseph Gillett, 73 Dwyer St, Kalgoorlie, mechanic.
1943, 1949 John Joseph Gillett, 73 Dwyer St, Kalgoorlie, mechanic, Helen Seabright, Home duties.
1968 John Joseph Gillett,152 Centre St, Queens Park, labourer, Ellen Seabright, note recorded as Ellen, home duties.
1977 Ellen Seabright, 152 Centre St, Queens Park.

2nd CHILD OF JAMES HENRY PAGE & MARY ELLEN KING

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***Narrogin Observer and Williams District Representative* (WA: 1905 - 1930), Sat 21 Mar 1914, pg 3**
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1828 William Thomas Hope, jarrah wood plate layer, no address given. Forrest – Sussex.
1925 Mary Henrietta Hope, Garfield St, Narrogin, home duties
1928 Mary Henrietta Ewing, Yillimining, Williams, married

CHILDREN OF MARY HENRIETTA PAGE & WILLIAM THOMAS HOPE

1. KENNETH WILLIAM HOPE (1915-) was born 1915, Williams WA [Reg. 41]. A second child is shown in the photo following of *William Thomas Hope nursing Kenneth William, Mary Henrietta Hope (nee Page) with baby.* It is possible the following child, also recorded as being born at Williams, is the baby.

2. NORMAN G HOPE (1916-) was born 1916, Williams, WA [Reg. 163].

Mary Ellen Page (nee King), with her two youngest, Ellen 'Helen' and Mary Henrietta

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Daily News **(Perth, WA: 1882 - 1955), Wed 3 Nov 1926, pg 1**
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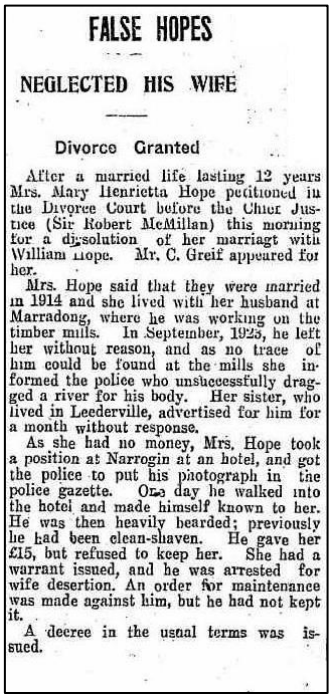
A decree in the usual terms was issued.



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m. 2 MARY HENRIETTA HOPE (NEE PAGE) (1896-1943) married **m. 2 FREDERICK AUGUSTUS SAMUEL EWING (1901-1975)** 1927, Narrogin, (Williams), WA [Reg. 32].

FREDERICK AUGUSTUS SAMUEL EWING (1901-1975) was born 6 Aug 1901, Pinjarra, WA [Reg. 3329], registered under Fred. Parents: **SAMUEL EWING (1858-1947)** and **MARY CATHERINE MCATEE (1857-**

1935) who were married 11 Aug 1880, Pinjarra, WA [Reg. 4936]. Frederick died 23 Sep 1975, Nedlands, WA. Buried Karrakatta, WA. Frederick was married twice. Following his first wife Kathleen's death, he married Mary Henrietta Hope (nee Page) – see above. A second marriage for them both.

m. 1 FREDERICK AUGUSTUS SAMUEL EWING (1901-1975) married **KATHLEEN FLORENCE BARRON (1900-1923)**, 1923, Williams, WA [Reg. 28]. They had one child.

KATHLEEN FLORENCE BARRON (1900-1923) (via Barron Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 1900, Minigin, WA. (Born prior to parents' marriage, can't find WA Reg. birth.) Parents: **THOMAS JOSEPH BARRON (1859-1922)** and **SARAH HANRETTY HALLIDAY (1875-1950)** who were married 7 Nov 1904, Minigin, near Narrogin, (Williams) WA [Reg. 2055]. Registered as Sarah Halliday.

Electoral Roll:
(Recorded as Joseph Thomas, and Sarah Barron)
1910 Joseph Thomas Barron, Cuballing, shepherd, Sarah, Narrogin, housewife.
1921 Joseph Thomas Barron, Narrogin, invalid, Sarah, Narrogin, housewife.
1931, 1943 Sarah Barron, Clayton Rd, Narrogin, bag repairer.

Thomas Barron died 1922, Williams, WA [Reg. 35]. Died from Diphtheria. Sarah Barron (nee Halliday) died 1950, Perth, WA [Reg. 1039].

Kathleen Florence Ewing (nee Barron) died 18 Nov 1923, the year she was married, Narrogin, Williams, WA [Reg. 48], aged 22 years. Cause of death, Diphtheria. Buried Narrogin Cemetery.

***Great Southern Leader* (Pingelly, WA: 1907 - 1934), Fri 23 Nov 1923, pg 5**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article157091212.txt

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Floral tributes were received from the following: — Grandfather and grandmother, Uncle Walter and Charles, Dollie, Dick, Fred and Leslie (cousins); S. and M. Ewing, mother and father; R. and H. Ewing; Ivy and Jack; Mrs. Dixon and family; Mr. and Mrs D. Ross and family; Mr. and Mrs. R. Wells and family; Mr. and Mrs. Libbey and family; Mr. and Mrs. J. Kerr and family; Mr, and Mrs. Holman and family; Mr. and Mrs. James and family; Esther and brother in law; Gladys and Leo.; Mr. and Mrs. G. Harrold and family; Mr. and Mrs. West and family; Mr. and Mrs. T. Stewart and family; Mr. and Mrs. F. Wald; Members of 10th Light Horse; from a friend L.M.

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Note: Kathleen's father, Mr. T. J. Barron, had died of Diphtheria the previous year.

Continuing with Mary Henrietta Hope (nee Page) (1896-1943) and Frederick Augustus Samuel Ewing (1901-1975):

Electoral Roll:
1936 Frederick Augustas Samuel Ewing, W.A.G.R. Fernbrook, repairer, Mary Henrietta Ewing, Home duties.
!937 Frederick Augustas Samuel Ewing, 107 Throssell St, Collie, railway employee, Mary Henrietta, Home duties.
1943 Frederick Augustas Samuel Ewing, Howatharra, railway ganger, Mary Henrietta, Home duties.

3rd CHILD OF JAMES HENRY PAGE & MARY ELLEN KING

3. PAGE, FLORENCE 'FLORRIE' ESTHER (1897-1997) (via Saxon DK Family Tree) was born 1897, Quindanning, WA [Reg. 3917]. She died 6 Sep 1997, Bentley, WA aged 100 years. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery. Baptist / CA / 0006 with Ernest.

m.1 FLORENCE ESTHER PAGE (1897-1997) married **ERNEST ALFRED GILLETT (1894-1962)**, 1917, Williams, WA [Reg. 8]. **Ernest was the brother of John Joseph Gillett who married her sister Helen in 1937.**

ERNEST ALFRED WHITE (1894-1962) - GILLETT- changed his name to Gillett when his mother remarried. Via Paul Foord Family Tree, Ancestry.

Ernest Alfred **White** was born 1894, Broken Hill, NSW. **He was born Ernest Alfred White: Parents: PATRICK JOHN G WHITE** and **MARY ALICE PERKINS** who were married 1890, Broken Hill, NSW [Reg. 2790].

PATRICK JOHN G WHITE (1855-1895) AND MARY ALICE PERKINS (1871-1944) HAD THREE CHILDREN: all born in Broken Hill, sadly their daughter Mary Ann died as a baby.

1. **JOHN JOSEPEH GILLETT (1892-1969)** married **HELEN SEABRIGHT PAGE (1894-1989)** 1937, Boulder, WA [Reg.

2. MARY ANN GILLETT (1893-1893) Born 1893, Broken Hill, NSW [Reg. 8156]. and died in Broken Hill, NSW [Reg. 3876].

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Following Patrick White's death in 1895 Mary Alice remarried.

m.2 MARY ALICE WHITE (NEE PERKINS) (1871-1944) married **WILLIAM BENDLE GILLETT (1872-1955)**, 1896, Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 98].

MARY ALICE WHITE (NEE PERKINS) (1871-1944) AND WILLIAM BENDLE GILLETT (1872-1955) HAD SEVEN CHILDREN:

The children from Mary's first marriage John Joseph and Ernest Alfred White adopted the surname of Gillett when their mother remarried.
Ernest Alfred Gillett's stepbrothers and sisters from 1897 onwards, were born in WA.

1. ETHEL ELIZABETH GILLETT (1897-1898) Died aged 1 year
Born 1897, Coolgardie, WA Reg. 208]. Died 1898, Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 1852].

2. HENRY BENDLE 'HARRY' GILLETT married **DAISY JANE PRITCHARD (1902-1990)** 1926, Plantagenet, WA (Reg. 33].

3. GLADYS JESSIE GILLETT (1901-1998) married **PERCY MILES (1902-1982)** 1929, Perth, WA [Reg. 338].

4. DORIS GILLETT (1905-1992) married **FREDERICK CYRIL GILLETT (1908-1968)** 1930, WA [Reg. 231].

5. CLARENCE WILLIAM GILLETT (1907-1994) married **FLORA MAY DAWSON (1910-2002)** 1934, Boulder, WA [Reg. 63].

6. FRANK PERKINS GILLETT (1910-1988) married **MYRTLE J FRENCH** 1940, Perth, WA [Reg. 2602].

7. RISBY ALICE GILLETT (1920-1999) married **RAYMOND HOWARD DUTHIE (1919-1972)** 1944, North Perth, WA [Reg. 1909].

Electoral Roll:
1903, 1917 William Bendle Gillett, Narrogin, storekeeper, Mary Alice, Fortune St, Narrogin, home duties.
1931 William Bendle Gillett, 18 Washington St, Victoria Park, farmer, Mary Alice, home duties.
1937 William Bendle Gillett, 73 Dwyer St, Boulder, iron worker, Mary Alice, home duties.
1943 William Bendle Gillett, 18 Washington St, Victoria Park, farmer, Mary Alice, home duties.
1949, 1954 William Bendle Gillett, 12 Fitzroy St, Rivervale, diviner.

Continuing with Florence Esther Page (1897-1997) and Ernest Alfred Gillett (1894-1962):

Gillett Ernest Alfred: SERN 193: POB Broken Hill NSW: POE Guildford WA: NOK F Gillett William Bendle. WW1, 28th Battalion A.I.F. 4 Dec 1915, Gallipoli, via H. S. "Ivernia". 29 Jan 1916 Hospital ship "Suffolk", embarked for Australia, for three months change, post typhoid and debility. Dec 1916 discharged.

Electoral Roll:
1916, 1917 Ernest Alfred Gillett, Narrogin, butcher
1922 Ernest Alfred Gillett, Kipling St, Narrogin, railway employee, Florence Esther, home duties.
1937, 1958 Ernest Alfred Gillett, 14 Third Av, Narrogin, railway employee, Florence Esther, home duties.
1968 Florence Esther Gillett, 1 Silverwood St, Embleton, home duties.
1980 Florence Esther Gillett, 184 Stock Rd, Melville, home duties.

Ernest Alfred Gillett died 17 Nov 1962, Mt Lawley, WA [Reg. 391]. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery.

Florence Esther Gillett (nee Page) died 6 Sep 1997, Bentley, WA, aged 100 years. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery.

4th CHILD OF JAMES HENRY PAGE & MARY ELLEN KING

4. PAGE, PHOEBE ISABELLA (1898-1974)
Phoebe Isabella Page was born 1898, Williams District, WA [Reg. 4945].
Electoral records show Phoebe was in VIC in 1928. She married in 1930 and spent all of her married life in VIC until her husband Italo Vincent Cesare died in 1973. It appears that following his death she returned to, where her death was recorded.
Phoebe Isabella Page died 1 Jun 1974, Mount Lawley, WA, aged 75 years. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery.

PHOEBE ISABELLA PAGE (1898-1974) married **m2**. **ITALO VINCENT CESARI (1893-1973)**, 1930, Melbourne, VIC [Ref. 9174]. This was his second marriage.

ITALO VINCENT CESARI (1893-1973) Via Waddington Family Tree, Ancestry.

Italo Vincent Cesari was born 10 Aug 1893, Sydney, NSW. Parents: **ARCANGELO CESARE CESARI (1857-1949)** and **ROSE EUGENIA CORRA (1875-1959)** who were married 22 Oct 1892, Melbourne, VIC.
Italo Vincent Cesari was a boatman, fisherman, labourer, grocer, gardener.
Italo Vincent Cesari died 1973, St Kilda, VIC [Ref. 520).

Arcangelo Cesare: 1887, Milan, Milano, Lombardia, Italy. Cesare was 31 when he signed a contract in Milan to go to Sydney and join a tour that would take him from Sydney to Melbourne, to TAS and New Zealand. Cesare played the horn in Martin Simonsen's opera company, conducted by Signor Lombardi.
Arrival: 13 Oct 1888, Williamstown, VIC, aboard the *Austral.*
Employment: 1889 Australia. Cesare signed on with Giovani Venturi of the Italian Society of Artists, which enabled him to stay on in Australia. He married Rosina Corra, who was also Italian, in Melbourne in 1892, and he became part of the orchestra at the Princess Theatre

ARCANGELO CESARI (1857-1949) and **ROSE EUGENIA CORRA (1875-1959)** had three children:

1. ITALO VINCENT CESARI (1893-1973), 2. MANRICO CESARI, 3. THEODORA MAY EUGENIS CESARI

m.1 ITALO VINCENT CESARI (1893-1973) married **JENNY DIXON (1895-1975)** 1915, VIC [Ref. 891] **JEAN ARDEN DIXON**. 4 children. **Divorced 1930.**

JANE 'JENNIE' 'JINNIE' ARDEN DIXON (1995-1975) (Via Waddington Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 1 Jul 1895, Port Melbourne, VIC [Reg. 22515]. Registration 1896, Parents: **EDWARD JOHN DIXON (1858-1895)** and **SUSANNA ANNE MORGAN (1853-1937) 'ANNIE SUSANNAH' 'HANNAH'** who were married 26 Jul 1881, Sandridge, VIC. They had 5 children. Divorce 1930. Jane died 1975, VIC [Ref. 15301]. Registered as Jane. Parents Edward Dixon and Morgan. Jinnie Dixon Memoriam Notice: Burial date, 18 Jun.

Electoral Roll:
1919 Italo Vincent Cesari, Sorrento, VIC, labourer, Jinnie Cesare, home duties.
1926 Italo Vincent Cesari, Bethune St, Queenscliff, VIC, boatman.

m.2 JENNY ARDEN CESARI (NEE DIXON) (1895-1975) married **JOHN EDWARD MADDEN (1907-1970) 'JACK',** 1931, VIC [Reg 1119], registered as Jean Dixon. 2 children. Patricia 'Pat' and Winifred 'Winnie'.

According to the Waddington family Tree Ancestry and looking up Victorian records it appears Jenny went by Jean, Jane, Jennie, Jinny. I assume they are the same person.

Continuing with Phoebe Isobella Page (1898-1974) and Italo Vincent Cesari (1893-1973):

Electoral Roll:
1922, 1925 Phoebe Isabella Page, 31 Blencowe St, Balcatta, WA, shop assistant.
1928 Phoebe Isabella Page, Ormond College, VIC, home duties.
1935 Italo Vincent Cesari, 36A Lewisham Rd, Prahan, VIC, gardener, Phoebe Isabella, home duties.
1937 Italo Vincent Cesari, 176 Lennox St, Richmond, VIC, gardener, Phoebe Isabella, home duties.
1968, 1972 Italo Vincent Cesari, 12 Charlotte Pl, Richmond, VIC, gardener, Phoebe Isabella, home duties.

5th CHILD OF JAMES HENRY PAGE & MARY ELLEN KING

5. PAGE, JAMES 'ARTHUR' (1900-1971)

James Arthur Page was born 16 Sep 1900, 'Springhill', WA [Reg. 5459], father, James Henry Page, mother, Florence Ellen King. James died 29 Jul 1971, Williams, WA [Reg. 68], aged 70 years. Buried 2 Aug 1971, Quindanning Cemetery, WA.

Alfred Oliver King and James 'Arthur' Page

Arthur Page & Thomas Munday, Quindanning Farm

JAMES 'ARTHUR' PAGE (1900-1971) married **SARAH LILLIAN ELIZABETH MUNDAY (1909-1988)** 15 May 1930, Williams, WA [Reg. 18].

SARAH LILLIAN ELIZABETH MUNDAY (1909-1988)

Sarah Lillian Elizabeth Munday was born 1909, Lower Williams, WA [Reg. 67]. Christened 10 Apr 1909, St Albans Church, Marradong, WA. Parents: **JAMES THOMAS MUNDAY (1863-1929)** and **ELIZABETH ELIZA 'LIZZY' KEEN (1893-1985)** who were married 1883, Narrogin, WA [Reg. 5476]. They had five children. Sarah, Ruby, Alice, Thomas and Vera.

Sarah Lillian Elizabeth Page (nee Munday) died 2 Apr 1988, Fremantle Hospital, WA. Buried 7 Apr 1988, Quindanning Cemetery.

Electoral Roll:

1910 James Thomas Munday, The Junction, Quindanning, labourer.
1916, 1925 James Thomas Munday, Marradong, farmer, Elizabeth Eliza, home duties.
1931, 1954, 1977 Elizabeth Eliza Munday, Marradong, home duties.

JAMES 'ARTHUR' PAGE (1900-1971) AND SARAH LILLIAN ELIZABETH MUNDAY (1909-1988) HAD SIX CHILDREN: Roy Vivian, Francis 'Mervyn', Eileen 'Margaret', Donald Charles, Gilbert Thomas and Kathleen June Page.

Electoral Roll:

1922 James Arthur Page, Quindanning, labourer.
1931, 1937, 1949, 1958, 1968 James Arthur Page, Quindanning, labourer, Sarah Lillian Elizabeth, home duties.
1980 Sarah Lillian Elizabeth, 6A Ledgard St, Rockingham.

6th CHILD OF JAMES HENRY PAGE & MARY ELLEN KING

6. PAGE, JOHN 'JONNY' HENRY (1903-1968)

John Henry Page was born 1903, Quindanning, WA [Reg. 6704].

John Henry Page died 24 Oct 1968, Canning, WA [Reg No. 171]. Father, **JAMES H PAGE**, mother, **MARY E**. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery.

JOHN HENRY PAGE (1903-1968) married **ROSE MAY CROUCH (1889-1945)** 1926, Perth, WA [Reg. 1388].

ROSE MAY CROUCH (1889-1945)

Lloyd Family Tree, Ancestry.

Rose May Crouch was born 1889, Guildford, WA [Reg. 281]. Parents registered as: **JOHN CROUCH** and **EMILY ELEANOR WHITFIELD**. Discrepancy: Birth Registration of Emily as Ellen Matilda Whitfield born 1860, Perth, WA [Reg. 5330].
Rose May Page (nee Crouch) died 8 Aug 1945, Perth, WA [Reg. 1768].

JOHN CROUCH (1855-1919) and **ELLEN HELEN MATILDA WHITFIELD (1860-1921)** were married 1882, Perth, WA [Reg. 5326]. Registered as Helen Matilda. They had nine children, one died as a baby.

Electoral Roll:
1910, 1917 John Crouch, Rose Farm, Mokine, farmer, Ellen Matilda, married. Family: Albert, farm labourer; Florrie, home duties; Fredrick, labourer; George, labourer and John, farmer,

Electoral Roll:
1917 Rose May Crouch, 'Oakfield', Northam, spinster.
1931 John Henry Page, 87 Elton St, Balcatta, labourer, Rose May, home duties.
1937 John Henry Page, 121 Lincoln St, North Perth, labourer, Rose May, home duties.
1943 John Henry Page, 8 Bondi St, Leederville, labourer, Rose May, home duties.
1954, 1958 John Henry Page, 152 Centre St, Queens Park, labourer.

Rose May Page (nee Crouch) died 8 Aug 1945, Perth, WA [Reg. 1768]. **John Henry Page died 24 Oct 1968,** Canning, WA [Reg No. 171]. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery.

Death Notice:
PAGE. —On August 8, 1945, at Perth, ROSE MAY, dearly loved wife of John Henry Page and fond sister-in-law of Jean; aged 56 years.

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7th CHILD OF JAMES HENRY PAGE & MARY ELLEN KING

7. PAGE, HENRY 'HARRY' EDGAR (1904-1968) Henry Edgar Page was born 16 May 1904, Marradong, WA [Reg. 7189], father, James Henry Page, mother, recorded as Florence May Allen King. Henry Edgar Page died 2 Jul 1968, Queens Park, WA [Reg. 2208]. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery.

m.3 HENRY EDGAR PAGE (1904-1968) married **MARY LOUISA REED (1906-1981)** 25 Nov 1925, Williams, WA [Reg. 43]. No children from this marriage. **Divorced** 11 Apr 1935.

MARY LOUISA REED (1906-1981) was born 1906, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 46], registered under Reid. Parents **JOHN REED (1867-1946)** and **MARY LOUISA DYSON (1874-1936)** who were married 17 Apr 1893, William's Bridge, WA [Reg. 185]. Mary Louisa Page (nee Reed) died 28 Nov 1981, Maylands, WA. aged 75 years. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery WA.

Electoral Roll:
1930, Henry Edgar Page, Quindanning, farm labourer, Mary Louisa, home duties.

Following her divorce to Henry Edgar Page, Mary married again.

m.2 MARY LOUISA PAGE (nee REED) (1899-1981) married **ALFRED OLIVER KING (1895-1969)** 1941, Perth, WA [Reg.2541]. This was her second marriage. One child. Divorced.
View the main section on Alfred Oliver King for more details.

ALFRED OLIVER KING (1895-1969) was born 12 Jul 1895, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 1496]. Sleeper cutter. He died 2 Jul 1969. Morley, WA [Reg. 2602]. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery, WA.

Following his divorce to Mary Louisa, Henry Edgar Page married a second time:

m.2 HENRY EDGAR PAGE (1904-1968) married **m.1 STELLA WHITTLE (NEE SCRIVENER) (1899-1995)**, 1936, Perth WA [Reg. 586]. **Stella had also been married previously.**

STELLA LAVINA SCRIVENER (1899-1995)

Stella Lavina Scrivener was born 4 Feb 1899, Carlton, VIC. Parents: **JOSEPH HENRY SCRIVENER (1870-1931)** and **CLARA EVELYN SMITH (1880-1968)** who were married 19 Oct 1899, VIC [Reg. 7990].
Stella Page, Whittle (nee Scrivener) died 14 Jun 1995, Carnarvon, WA.

Following is an article about an injury to Stella when she was young.

***Daily News* (Perth, WA: 1882 - 1955), Fri 18 Feb 1921, pg 6**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article79398333.txt

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Note. This happened the year they were married to each other.

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m.1 STELLA LAVINA SCRIVENER (1899-1995) married **ALFRED WHITTLE (1891-1948)** 1921, Perth, WA [Reg. 468].

ALFRED WHITTLE (1891-1948) was born ~1891. He died 15 Dec 1948, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 376]. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery, WA.

Electoral Roll:
1921 Alfred Whittle, 34 Robinson Av, East Perth, labourer, Stella, home duties.
1926, 1928, 1930 Alfred Whittle, 103 Mackie St, Victoria Park, horse-driver, Stella, home duties.

Continuing with the story of Henry Edgar Page and Stella Lavina Whittle (nee Scrivener):

PAGE HENRY EDGAR: Service Number - WX21519: Date of birth - 16 May 1904: Place of birth - WILLIAMS WA: Place of enlistment - CLAREMONT WA: Next of Kin - PAGE STELLA

Harry Edgar page enlisted 8 Apr 1942. He was a truck driver. Posted to 3rd Australian Corps Motor Brigade. Service number WX 21519 Served 722 days in the Australian army. Discharged 29 Mar 1944 for essential services.

Henry Edgar Page

Electoral Roll:
1930, 1931 Henry Edgar Page, Quindanning, labourer, Stella Lavina, home duties.
1937 Stella Lavina Page, 3 Ardagh Av, Kalgoorlie, home duties.
1943 Henry Edgar Page,73 Dwyer St, Kalgoorlie, labourer, Stella Lavina, home duties.
Note: Henry enlisted in WW2 in 1942 and was discharged in 1944.
1958 Henry Edgar Page, Robinson St, Carnarvon, shearer's expert.
1958, 1963, 1968 Stella Lavina Page, Port Hotel, Carnarvon, cook.
1963 Henry Edgar Page, 152 Centre St, Queens Park, road worker.
Henry Edgar Page died 2 Jul 1968, Queens Park, WA [Reg. 2208]. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery.

Following the death of Henry Edgar Page, Stella married again. **m.3 STELLA LAVINIA PAGE, WHITTLE (NEE SCRIVENER) (1899-1995)** appears to have married **m.2 RALPH PHILLIP LATTIMORE (1896-1991):** The Electoral Roll in 1977, records her as Stella Lavinia Lattimore. Ralph Phillip Lattimore had been married before, his first wife Helen dying in 1949.

RALPH PHILLIP LATTIMORE (1896-1991) Via Needham update Family Tree, Ancestry.

Ralph Phillip Lattimore was born 13 Apr 1896, London, Middlesex, England. Parents: **JAMES LATTIMORE (1855-1934)** and **SARAH ANN EASTOP (1856-1937)** who were married 5 Sep 1875, Cripplegate, London, England.
Emigration: Ralph Lattimore, arrival 8 Nov 1913, Zealandic, Fremantle, WA.
Ralph Lattimore died 30 Jun 1991, Carnarvon, WA. Buried Carnarvon Cemetery.

m.1 RALPH PHILLIP LATTIMORE (1896-1991) married **HELEN ELIZABETH MARIA DAY (1895-1949)** 1924, Gascoyne, WA [Reg. 8].

HELEN ELIZABETH MARIA DAY (1895-1949) (via Needham update Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 1895, Felstead, Essex, England. Parents: **SAMUEL PLOUGHMAN DAY (1869-1943)** and **ALBERTA SELINA HARVEY (1868-1946)** who were married 17 Sep 1890, Somerleyton, Suffolk, England. Helen died 1949, Northam, WA [Reg. 130]. Burial Karrakatta Cemetery, WA.

Electoral Roll:
1931 Ralph Phillip Lattimore, Carnarvon, plumber Helen Elizabeth Maria, Francis St, Carnarvon, household duties.
1949 Ralph Phillip Lattimore, Carnarvon, plumber Helen Elizabeth Maria, Robinson St, Carnarvon, household duties.
1954 Ralph Phillip Lattimore, Carnarvon, plumber.
1963, 1968 Ralph Phillip Lattimore, Carnarvon, plumber.
1977, 1980 Ralph Phillip Lattimore, Carnarvon, Stella Lavinia, 64 Robinson St, Carnarvon.

Stella Lavinia Lattimore, Page, Whittle (nee Scrivener) died 14 Jun 1995, Carnarvon, WA. Buried Carnarvon Cemetery.
Headstone of Ralph and Stella Lavinia Lattimore, Carnarvon Cemetery.

FATHER AND STEPMOTHER
OF TELFORD, DESMOND,
SALLY AND ANTHONY

8th CHILD OF JAMES HENRY PAGE & MARY ELLEN KING

8. PAGE, SARAH AMELIA (1907-1907)

Sarah Amelia Page was born 9 Feb 1907, Salt Spring, Quindanning, (Williams), WA [Reg. 30]. She died 10 Feb 1907, Williams, WA [Reg. 5] of Ateleclasis Pulmonum Cardiac Failure.

Lonely graves of WA & burials at sea / Yvonne & Kevin Coate
"PAGE Sarah Amelia, died 10.2.1907 aged 1 day - buried at Salt Spring, QUINDANNING by Thomas Wilson and John Bailey. Those present at the burial were W. King, Thos. & Eliza Waldock. The daughter of Mary Ellen (nee KING) and James Henry Page, a farmer of Salt Sprint. The baby died of Ateleclasis Pulmonium Cardia Failure."

9th CHILD OF JAMES HENRY PAGE & MARY ELLEN KING

9. PAGE, LESLIE OLIVER (1908-1979)
Leslie 'Les' Alfred Oliver was born 5 Dec 1908, Quindanning, registered in 1909, WA [Reg. 12]. Leslie Oliver Page died 27 Mar 1979, Perth, WA, aged 70 years. Buried, Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth, WA.

LESLIE ALFRED OLIVER PAGE (1908-1979) married **OLIVE MATILDA REDDALL (1906-2003)**, 8 Apr 1944, WA [Reg. 870]. One child.

Olive Matilda Reddall was born 9 Jun 1906, Victoria Park, WA [Reg. 805]. Parents: **JOHN GEORGE REDDALL (1879-1950)** and **ELIZABETH SUSAN GAYMER (1875-1937)** who were married 1905, Perth, WA [Reg. 1477].
ELIZABETH SUSANNAH GAYMER (1875-1937) Olive Matilda's mother
Via Blechynden Family Tree, Ancestry.

Elizabeth Susan Gaymer was born 1875, Bethnal Green, London, England. Parents: **JOHN GAYNER** and **ESTHER EVANS (1849-1881)** who were married 20 Jul 1873, St Peter, Bethnal Green, Tower Hamlets, London, England.

Emigration: Elizabeth Susan Gaymer arrived Fremantle 1884, via the ship Minero.

Elizabeth Susan Reddall (nee Gaymer) died 24 Nov 1937, Victoria Park, WA [Reg. 2039]

JOHN GEORGE REDDALL (~1879-1950) Olive Matilda's father
John George Reddall was born about 1879, Australia. Parents: **GEORGE REDDALL (1843-1902)** and **MATILDA SCOTT (1853-1928)** who were married 1879, VIC [Reg. 1275]. They had seven children. John George Reddall died 4 Apr 1950, Perth, WA [Reg. 769]. Burial, Karrakatta Crematorium Cemetery, WA.

JOHN GEORGE REDDALL (1879-1950) AND ELIZABETH SUSAN GAYMER (1875-1937) HAD THREE CHILDREN:

1. OLIVE MATILDA REDDALL (1906-2003) married **LESLIE ALFRED OLIVER PAGE (1908-1979)** 8 Apr 1944, WA [Reg. 870].

2. CHARLES ESMOND REDDALL (1907-1977) married **ALMA MEREDITH** 1932, Perth, WA [Reg. 791].

3. FLORENCE IVY REDDALL (1914-2006) m.1 partnered **GORDON HUNDLEY (1913-1981).** They had five children.

Continuing with LESLIE ALFRED OLIVER PAGE (1908-1979) and OLIVE MATILDA REDDALL (1906-2003):

PAGE LESLIE ALFRED OLIVER: Service Number - WX29976: Date of birth - 05 Dec 1908: Place of birth - PERTH WA: Place of enlistment - DANDARRAGAN WA: Next of Kin - PAGE OLIVE

'Les' Page enlisted in the Australian Army 13 Mar 1941 Service number of Private Page WX29976 - He was called up for full time duties 1 Oct 1941. Continued full time War Service. In the CMF to 14 Aug 1942. He then served in the AIF from 15 Aug 1942 to 13 Nov 1945. Served 1505 days and included 1310 days of active service in Australia. A Private in the 16th Batt. and also employed as Trade Group 2 Cook. He was based in Darwin NT for 1 year, from the 19 Mar 1943-1944. During his service in the Army, he married Olive, who resided in Leederville Perth, WA.

Electoral Roll:
1930, 1937 Leslie Alfred Oliver Page, Quindanning, via Williams, farm labourer.
1949, 1958, 1963, 1977, 1980 Leslie Alfred Oliver Page, 22 Berwick St, Victoria Park, tram conductor, Olive Matilda, tailoress.

Olive Matilda Reddall died 29 May 2003, Gisborne, VIC. Cremated Karrakatta Cemetery, Garden of Remembrance / EC section / Garden 22 / 0119 with Leslie.

Leslie Oliver Page died 27 Mar 1979, Perth, WA, aged 70 years. Buried, Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth, WA.

10th CHILD OF JAMES HENRY PAGE & MARY ELLEN KING

10. PAGE, IRENE 'RENE' AMELIA (1910-1991) (via Gilchrest Cameron Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 27 Dec 1910, Salt Spring, Quindanning, Williams, WA [Reg. 10], recorded in 1911. Baptised 14 Feb 1911, Church Hall, Quindanning. Irene died 6 Jul 1991, Bayswater, WA. Buried at the Karrakatta Cemetery, Anglican / ZO / 0545, with Alfred John Leonard, from first marriage.

m.1 IRENE AMELIA PAGE (1910-1991) married **m.1 ALFRED JOHN LEONARD (1909-1956) 'Jim'** 1934, Perth, WA [Reg. 675].

ALFRED JOHN LEONARD (1909-1956)

Alfred John Leonard was born 1909, Irwin, WA [Reg. 11], parents: **JOHN EDWARD LEONARD**

(1871-1958) and **SELINA MAY BRANDIS (1885-1951)**, who were married 1904, Dongara, WA [Reg. 898]. Alfred died 13 Feb 1956, Perth, WA [Reg. 521) aged 47 years and is buried in Karrakatta Cemetery.

Electoral Roll:
1936, 1937 Alfred John Leonard, Three Springs, labourer.
1936, 1937 Parents: John Edward Leonard, Three Springs, fettler, Selina May, married.

Continuing IRENE AMELIA PAGE (1910-1991) and **ALFRED JOHN LEONARD (1909-1956) 'Jim'**

Electoral Roll:
1943, 1954 Alfred John Leonard, 8 Connaught St, Leederville, sheet metal worker, Irene Amelia, same address, home duties.
1958 Irene Amelia Leonard, 8 Connaught St, Leederville, home duties.

Children of Alfred John Leonard and Irene Amelia Page:
Sons: Graham and Dennis; daughter, Valma Dawn Leonard.

Following the death of Alfred John Leonard in 1956, Irene married again. **m.2 IRENE AMELIA LEONARD (NEE PAGE (1910-1991)** married **m.2 ROBERT LINDSAY LAMOND (1912-2004)** 1958, Perth WA [Reg. 1653].

Robert had been married before. His first wife Veronica died in 1952.

ROBERT LINDSAY LAMOND (1912-2004) Via Gilchrist- Cameron family Tree, Ancestry.

Robert Lindsay Lamond was born 27 Sep 1912, York, WA [Reg. 113]. Parents: **GERARD HARRISON LAMOND (1862-1940)** and **SELINA MANEY (1870-1941)** who were married 1896, Yalgoo, WA [Reg. 1044].
Robert Lindsay Lamond died 26 May 2004, Kununoppin, WA. Buried 3 Jun 2004 at Kununoppin with Veronica.
m.1 ROBERT LINDSAY LAMOND (1912-2004) married **VERONICA ANN RYAN (~1919-1952)** about 1945.I can't find a marriage. Two in Eastern States but not Veronica.

VERONICA ANN RYAN (~1919-1952)

Veronica Ann Ryan was born about 1919 in SA. Two records: 1. Abt. (1907-1916, SA [pg. 24]). 2. Abt. (1917 – 1922, SA [pg. 372]), SA. Electoral records show there were two Veronica Ann Ryan's in SA in 1941. Birth date 1919, worked out by her death records.

Veronica A Lamond, Robert's first wife, mother of Trevor and Margaret, died on 11 Dec 1952, Kununoppin, (Northam), WA [Reg. 228], aged 33 years, born 1919. She was known as Von and was buried in the Kununoppin Cemetery with Robert. WA [Reg. 228].

Electoral Roll:
(Which one? There appear to be two Veronica Ann Ryan's in SA in 1941).
1941, 1943 Veronica Ann Ryan, 27 Smith St, Southwark, Thebarton, typist.
1941 Veronica Ann Ryan, Edithburgh, waitress. Possibly this is her as no longer recorded in 1943.
1949 Robert Lindsay Lamond and William Barry, Kununoppin, farmer, Veronica Ann, Helena May, home duties.

LAMOND ROBERT LINDSAY: Service Number - 29093: Date of birth - 27 Sep 1912: Place of birth - YORK WA: Place of enlistment - PERTH WA: Next of Kin - LAMOND VERONICA

Military: Robert Lindsay Lamond: 22 Oct 1940 Enlisted at Perth. Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF), Service # 29093, Corporal, 6th Service Flying Training School, discharged from service 30 Nov 1945.

Electoral Roll:
1968, 1972 Irene Amelia Lamond, Kununoppin, Home duties, Robert Lindsay Lamond, farmer

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11th CHILD OF JAMES HENRY PAGE & MARY ELLEN KING

11. PAGE, IVY CLARICE (1912-1985) was born 28 May 1912, Quindanning, (Williams), WA [Reg. 74]. Christened 30 Jun 1912, Church room, Quindanning, WA. Ivy died 28 Jun 1985, Bayswater, WA, aged 73 years. Buried Karrakatta, Cemetery, WA Anglican

IVY CLARICE PAGE (1912-1985) married **GEORGE GUTTREY (1910-1974)** 23 May 1932, Holy Trinity Church, Williams, WA [Reg. 22]. They had two children**: Noel Owen and Faye Guttrey.**

GEORGE GUTTREY (1910-1974) was born 8 Oct 1910, Williams, WA [Reg. 101], registered under Guttrey. Parents: **GEORGE GUTTREY (1879-1950)** and **LAURA GERTRUDE PUMPHREY (1891-1975)** who were married 1910, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 12]. George Guttrey died 23 May 1974, Williams, WA, aged 63 years. Buried Williams Cemetery. *Husband of Ivy, father of Fay and Noel.*

***Sunday Times* (Perth, WA: 1902 - 1954), Sun 15 Nov 1931, pg 17**
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Ivy, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Page, of Quindanning, to George, only son of Mr. and Mrs. George Guttrey, of Williams.

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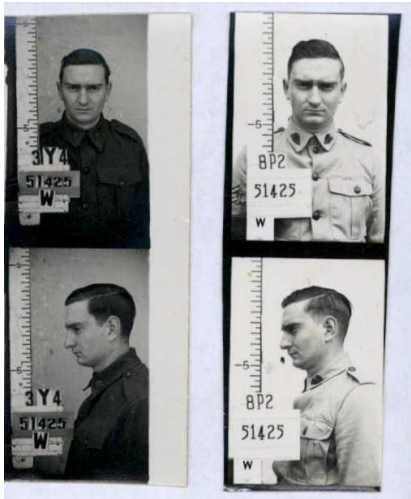
GUTTREY GEORGE: Service Number - W74272: Date of birth - 08 Oct 1910: Place of birth - WILLIAMS WA: Place of enlistment - WILLIAMS WA: Next of Kin – Unknown

Electoral Roll:
1937, 1943, 1949, 1958 George Guttrey, Williams, labourer Ivy Clarice, home duties.
1968 George Guttrey, "Whitfield", Pinjarra, farmer, Ivy Clarice, home duties.
1977 Ivy Clarice Guttrey, 8/33 Kathleen Av, Maylands.
1980 Ivy Clarice Guttrey, 7/25 Seventh Av, Maylands.

12th CHILD OF JAMES HENRY PAGE & MARY ELLEN KING



12. PAGE, GEORGE 'CYRIL' (1920-1998) was born 15 May 1920, Narrogin, recorded as George Cyril, Williams, WA [Reg. 57]. Cyril died 5 Jun 1998, RPH Perth, WA. Buried 9 Jun 1998, Karrakatta Cemetery. Aged 78 years.

PAGE GEORGE CYRIL: Service Number - WX41356: Date of birth - 01 (sic.) May 1920: Place of birth - NARROGIN WA: Place of enlistment - IN THE FIELD WA: Next of Kin - PAGE MARY

George Cyril Page enlisted 1 Oct 1941, 18 Feb 1942 full time War service; signed Attestation form 11 Feb, 1944, at the age of

23 years and 9 months, single, 357 Vincent St, Leederville, Cook. Compassionate leave for 7 days 24 Dec 1946.
Military: 1939-1948, WA, NSW, Operational service overseas: embarked Borneo, 9 Jun 1945, disembarked 16 Dec, 1945. CNF 18 Feb 1942- 10 Feb 1944. AIF 11 Feb 1944 – 24 Dec 1945. Served overseas 190 days.

Electoral Roll:
1943, 1949, 1954 George Cyril Page, Quindanning, caterer.
1958 George Cyril Page, 8 Connaught St, Leederville, cook.
1968 George Cyril Page, 152 Centre St, Queens Park, Chef.
1977, 1980 George Cyril Page, 8/33 Joseph St, Maylands, Chef.

THIRD CHILD OF SARAH BLECHYNDEN & JOHN PAGE

3. PAGE, MARTHA MARKHAM (1874-1957) & BAILEY, MANASSER JOHN BARTON (1872-1955)

MARTHA MARKHAM PAGE (1875-1957) was born in 16 Apr 1874 in Quindanning, registered in Perth, WA [Reg. 15587]. Martha died 10 May 1957 in Victoria Park Hospice, Perth, WA [Reg. 1085], aged 83, father, John M, mother, Sarah H. Buried Quindanning Cemetery.

Manasser 'John' Barton Bailey and Martha Bailey (nee Page)

MARTHA married ***MANASSER 'JOHN' BARTON BAILEY (1872-1955)** 1897, Williams River, WA [Reg. 1606]. His name is registered as Manasseh John Borton Bailey.

WA BMS – MARRIAGE
https://bdm.justice.wa.gov.au/_apps/pioneersindex/default.aspx

Page	Martha Markham	Female	Bailey	Manasseh John Borton	Male	Williams River	1606	1897

Note: * Known by his second name 'John', his first name has been recorded with many different spellings. His third name also has been interpreted as Borton, Burton or Barton. In the Electoral Roll he recorded his name as Manasser John Barton Bailey.

BAILEY, MANASSER JOHN BARTON (1872-1955)
Manassa (sic) John Bailey was born in 6 Nov 1872, Perth, WA, parents, father, recorded as **MANASSA JOHN BOWTON BAILEY**, mother, **SARAH DEWIS**, [Reg. 13588].
Some inconsistency. Joseph Bailey was known as his father.
WA BMS - BIRTH

Bailey	Manassa John	Manassa John Bowton	Dewis Sarah	Perth	13588	1872

Manesser John Barton Bailey died 25 Sep 1955, burial 25 Sep 1955, Quindanning Cemetery, Williams Shire, WA. Recorded as Monasser John Borton Bailey.

WA BMS – DEATH

Bailey	Monasser John Borton	Male	82	Joseph	Sarah	Williams	79	1955

The following four pages have details of Manesser John Barton Bailey's parents, Joseph Bailey (1833-1897) and Sarah Dewis (1848-1901)

SARAH DEWIS (1849-1901) Manesser John Barton Bailey's mother

Sarah Dewis was born 18 Mar 1849, Bedworth, Warwickshire, England.
Bap. 8 Dec 1849, Bedford, Warwickshire, England.
Parents **JOSIAH DEWIS (1825- 1894)** and **MARY ANN BURTON (1821-1889).**

Baptism records of Sarah Dewis

Sarah Dewis aged 13 years emigrated from Collecroft, Warwickshire, via Plymouth in England on the *Mary Harrison* with her parents and four sisters: Ann Elizabeth 16 years, Maria 14 years, Emma 9 years and Naomi 6 years to WA 26 Jun 1862. Josiah was a weaver.

SARAH DEWIS (1849-1901) married **JOSEPH BAILEY (1831-1897)** 5 Apr 1867, at the Wesleyan Chapel, Perth, WA [Reg. 2595]. Sarah was aged 18 years; Joseph was aged 34 years.

Sarah Bailey (nee Dewis) died 27 Nov 1901, *widow of the late Joseph Bailey of 'Pleasant View'*, Williams River, WA [Reg. 2668]. Died of Bronchitis and Cardiac failure.

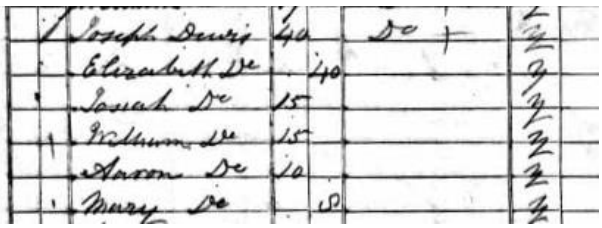
The following details are about Sarah Dewis' Parents: Josiah Dewis & Mary Ann Burton & family:

JOSIAH DEWIS (1825-1894) Sarah Dewis' father
Via Dewis Family Tree, Ancestry.

Josiah Dewis was born 27 Dec 1825, Bedworth, Warwickshire, England. Parents: **JOSEPH DEWIS (1801-1872)** and **ELIZABETH SMITH (1798-1841)** who were married 21 Jun 1821, Bedworth, Warwickshire, England.
Josiah Dewis died 4 Jun 1894, WA [Reg. 554], written as Joshia. Buried East Perth Cemetery, WA.

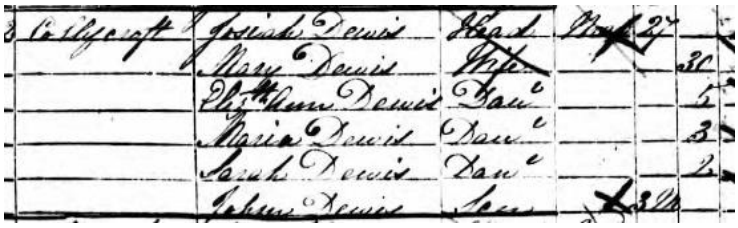
Census 1841:

Joseph Dewis 40, Elizabeth Dewis 40, Josiah 15, William 15, Aaron 10, Mary Ann 5



JOSIAH DEWIS (1825- 1894) married **MARY ANN BURTON (1821-1889)** 1845, Foleshill, Coventry, Warwickshire, England.

Census 1851:



Josiah Dewis 27, Mary Dewis 30, Elizabeth 4, Maria 3, Sarah 2 and John 3m.

Emigration: Departure 15 May, Plymouth, England. Arrived Fremantle 24 Jun 1862. MV Mary Harrison.
Appointment by Governor WA Feb 1869, Perth, WA.
Appointed as Assistant in Charge of WA Poor House by Governor salary £50 pa.

MARY ANN BURTON (1821-1889) Sarah Dewis' mother
Mary Ann Burton was born 4 Mar 1821, Exhall, Warwickshire, England. Parents: **THOMAS BURTON** and **SARAH**. Mary Ann Dewis (nee Burton died 28 Dec 1899, Perth WA [Reg. 589]. Chronic Hepatitis. Buried East Perth Cemetery, WA.

CHILDREN OF JOSIAH DEWIS (1825- 1894) AND MARY ANN BURTON (1821-1889):

1. ANN ELIZABETH DEWIS (1844-1879) married **EDWIN LORD BARRINGTON (1821-1890)**, 1864, Perth, WA [Reg. 2169], written as Ann Denis.

2. MARIA DEWIS (1846-1930) married **JAMES HASSELL (1822-1901)** 1865, Perth, WA [Reg. 2366].

3. SARAH DEWIS (1848-1901) married **JOSEPH BAILEY (1831-1897)** 1867, Perth, WA [Reg. 2595].

4. JOHN DEWIS (1851-1857) was born 4 Jan 1851, died as a child Jan 1857, Bedworth, Warwickshire, England. Buried 9 Jan 1857.

5. EMMA DEWIS (1852-1871) married **JOHN BOWTELL DEARLE (1831-1916)**, 16 Jul 1871, Moodiarrup, WA [Reg. 3303]. (Via Dearle Family Tree, Ancestry). Emma Dearle (nee Dewis) died 1871, WA [Reg. 6033], giving birth to a premature child after being married for three months. Buried Oct 1871, Moodiarrup, WA, 200 m from the original first house in Moodiarrup. Part inscription on family gravestone. Emma died in the bush, 18 Oct 1871, aged 19 years.

6. NAOMI DEWIS (1856-1873) gave birth to a stillborn baby in 1873. She died 22 Jan 1873, buried 23 Jan 1873, East Perth Cemetery. WA. (Via Dearle family Tree, Ancestry) *Death 22 Jan 1873, WA. Naomi Dewis died during childbirth, aged 16 years. East Perth Cemetery record also records cause of death as Puerperal Peritonitis and notes a de facto relationship with John Rowland and the child named Mary Ruth Elizabeth.*

MARY RUTH ELIZABETH JONES (1873-1873) was born 1873, mother, **NAOMI DEWIS**, father, **JOHN ROWLAND JONES**, registered in Perth, WA [Reg. 14518]. Mary died as a baby in 1873, registered in Perth, WA [Reg. 18].

Mary Ann Dewis (nee Burton died 28 Dec 1899, Perth WA [Reg. 589]. Buried East Perth Cemetery, WA.

Josiah Dewis died 4 Jun 1894, WA [Reg. 554]. Buried East Perth Cemetery, WA.
Via Dewis Family Tree, Ancestry.

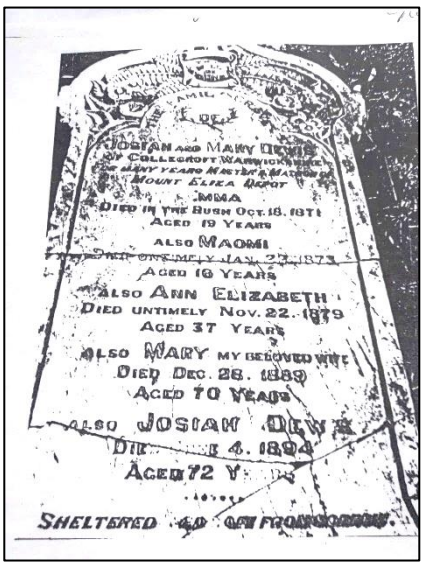
Dewis Headstone

JOSIAH AND MARY DEWIS
OF COLLYCROFT, WARWICKSHIRE.
FOR MANY YEARS MASTER AND MATRON OF MT ELIZA DEPOT, PERTH.

EMMA DIED IN THE BUSH (OCT 18 1871) AGED 19 YEARS.

ALSO NAOMI DIED UNTIMELY JAN 22 1873 AGED 16 YEARS
ALSO MARY MY BELOVED WIFE, DIED DEC 28 1889 AGED 70 YEARS.

ALSO JOSIAH DEWIS DIED JUNE 4 1894 AGED 72 YEARS.
SHELTERED AND SAFE FROM SORROW.



Headstone Josiah Dewis (1825- 1894) and Mary Ann Burton (1821-1889), plus other family members, East Perth Cemetery.

JOSEPH BAILEY (1831-1897) Convict. Son of Isaac Charles Bailey, farmer, and Jane nee Hammond**.** Joseph was born 1831, Rushton, Spencer, Staffordshire, England. Unmarried farmer. Sentenced to life for manslaughter. Transportation, arrival 10 Sep 1856, via *Runnymede.*

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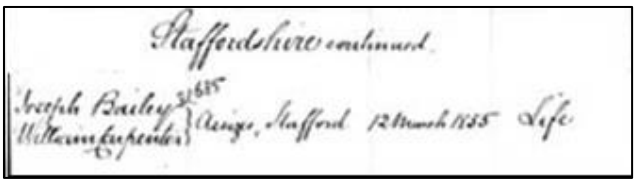
12 Mar 1855 • Staffordshire, England
Convicted to transportation for life for manslaughter. Granted Ticket of Leave, 10 Mar 1960. Conditional Pardon, 1 Sep 1864.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TICKET OF LEAVE: Entitled to Ticket of Leave 12 Sep 1861 but received his ticket 10 Mar 1860
FULL PARDON: 1 Sep 1864.

Some 23 years after receiving his Certificate of Remission Joseph, returned to England, granted special permission to collect a legacy left to him by his father Isaac Charles Bailey. He departed 16 Feb 1887 and returned to WA, 8 Aug 1887, per Ballarat.

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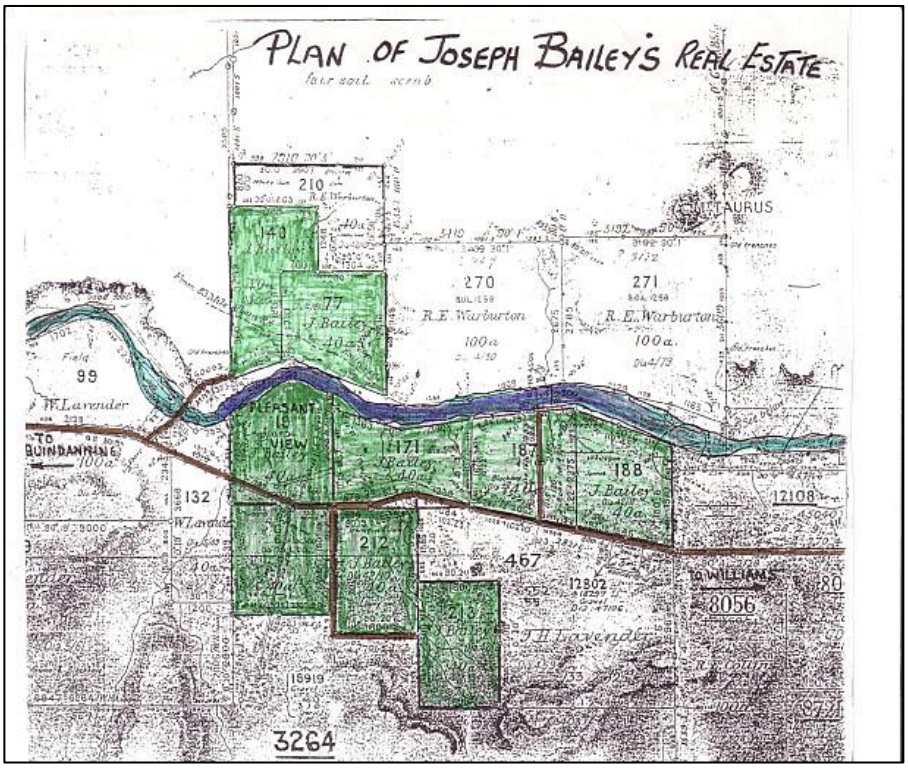
PLAN OF JOSEPH BAILEY'S PROPERTIES

Courtesy Kathy Burns

By Nora Kathleen Grant (nee Bailey): Kathy's mother who did a lot of research on Joseph Bailey and Sarah Dewis.

Joseph Bailey received a land grant of 40 acres at Marling on the Williams River, just 14 miles from Williams about 1862, which he made Freehold in 1864. Williams Location 19.

*When Joseph died in 1897, the homestead **'Pleasant View'** was now 758 acres Freehold. He also had 1,000 acres nearby of conditionally purchased land, **'Spring Hill** Farm of 437 acres Freehold. **'Red Hill'** Farm of 100 acres Freehold.*



In 1862 Joseph Bailey in company of William lavender made their way from York to Marling, both men having 40-acre grants adjoining on the Williams River. They travelled along the Avon, Dale and Hotham Rivers with wagons, stock and farm equipment to Marling on the Williams River.

Joseph would have worked as a teamster between Perth and their properties carting sandalwood and provisions, some 114 miles each trip taking 7 days each way.

From earth on his property bricks were made by hand of which the home was constructed. The shingles for the roof hewn also by hand from trees felled on the property. These trees were called shingle trees, today we know as Sheoak. Joseph married Sarah Dewis 5 Apr 1867. They named their home 'Pleasant View'. Today the remains of that home are still standing but beyond repair. Even the old fruit trees, vines and palms are still flowering.
Unfortunately, the family no longer owns the property. It belongs to a grandson of William Lavender.

'Pleasant View', Marling WA, Homestead of Joseph Bailey 1830-1897 and Sarah Dewis 1849- 1902.

'Pleasant view', Bailey, homestead. Photo by Nora Kathleen Grant (nee Bailey), 1998.

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Photos were taken 2022 courtesy Kathy Burns, Nora's daughter: Note the deterioration of the ruins.

'Pleasant view', Bailey homestead. Note the homemade bricks, from soil from the property.

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The shingles for the roof hewn also by hand from shingle (Sheoak) trees felled on the property. Courtesy Kathy Burns.

'Pleasant view', near Bailey homestead, 'Marling', Quindanning:

Buried on the property: Joseph Bailey and Sarah Bailey (nee Dewis') graves and son George Henry who died at the age of 7 years, plus an unmarked grave of Edith Anne who died at the age of 2 months.

Buried on the property, near the river. A lonely pine tree marked the grave. Many years ago, there was a white picket fence around the tree.
Photos taken 1998, by Kathy Burns mother. Nora Kathleen Grant (nee Bailey) who has since passed away.

Joseph Bailey and Sarah Bailey (nee Dewis). Courtesy Kathy Burns, via her mother, Nora Kathleen Grant (nee Bailey)

JOSEPH BAILEY (1831-1897) and **SARAH DEWIS (1849-1901)** had twelve children as follows. All these children are registered with parents as Joseph Bailey and Sarah Dewis except for *3. Manesser 'John' Bailey see below.

More details following in the Individual sections of each child:

1. ISAAC CHARLES BAILEY (1868-1868)
2. JOSEPH EDWARD BAILEY (1869-1930)
3. MANESSER 'JOHN' BARTON BAILEY (1872-1955)
4. ELIZABETH BAILEY (1873-1927)
5. MARY JANE BAILEY (1875-1968)
6. EDITH ANN BAILEY (1878-1878)
7. GEORGE HENRY BAILEY (1879-1886)
8. CHARLES HENRY BAILEY (1882-1882)
9. ARTHUR BAILEY (1884-1964)
10. ERNEST BAILEY (1886-1968)
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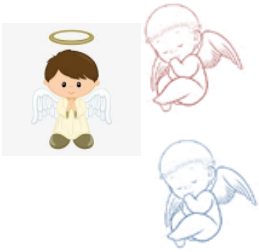


A small book has been printed and compiled by Williams District High School, students, **"Williams School 100 years". Quindanning 1924**.....
The book includes names like, J. Page, I. Page, along with many others.....

"A school was established 1893 with 12 pupils & Miss K. Nichols as first teacher. There was another school apparently 1887, 20 miles from Williams school, on the Williams River. The exact situation not known & closed from temporary mental weakness of the teacher. The 1893 school was owned by C/E Church, situated at Dayler King, which remained in use till the turn of the century.

A new school was built on a reserve on the south side of the Williams Road. (Some 400 metres east of the present Quindanning Hall). This closed again in 1907. It was re-erected on the site donated by Henry Sherry, along with a residence. This was on the way to Marradong, very near the Quindanning Hotel, WA. Remained functional for thirty (30) years.

In 1952 a new building was erected on land granted by William Morgan, which closed in 1960. There was a school called "Marling", situated in the old "Bailey Homestead", from 1911 and functioned for many years, finally closed in 1950. In 1905, the "property " (Pleasant View), became the property of William Lavender. "

Joseph Bailey died 13 May 1897, Marling, Marradong, (Williams), WA [Reg.2694] aged 67 years, father, **ISAAC CHARLES BAILEY**, place of birth Staffordshire, Eng. Buried at Pleasant View (Marling School), Marradong, near Williams. Died of Bronchial Catarrh and Exhaustion. See image of grave site a couple of pages earlier.

INDIVIDUAL DETAILS OF THE CHILDREN OF JOSEPH BAILEY & SARAH DEWIS

1. ISAAC CHARLES BAILEY (1868-1868) (Via Ringeri Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 16 Feb 1868, Perth, WA [Reg. 10556]. Baptised 5 Mar 1868, death 1868. WA BDMs do not have a record of his death. Electoral Rolls do not appear to have any record of Isaac Charles Bailey. It appears Isaac Charles Bailey possibly died as a baby in 1868 and it not recorded.

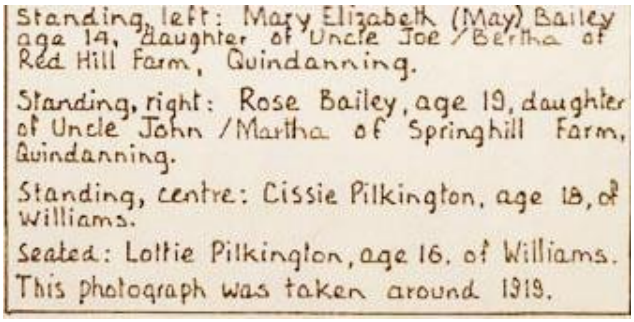
2. JOSEPH 'JOE' EDWARD BAILEY (1869-1930) was born 28 Jul 1869, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 11623]. Baptised 23 Oct 1869, Beverley, WA. Joe married **BERTHA PAGE (1881-1944)**, 1902, William's Bridge, WA [Reg. 1983]. Note. Bertha and Martha below are sisters. Bertha was born 15 Sep 1881 at Williams Bridge, Quindanning, WA [Reg. 22263]. They farmed together at Quindanning for many years and had three sons and one daughter. Later they sold and moved to a property in Cuballing. That farm was also sold after Joe's death. Joe died 29 Nov 1930, (Perth, WA [Reg. 1901]. Bertha died 23 May 1944, aged 62 years, Cuballing, WA [Reg. 1119]. Joe and Bertha are both buried in Fremantle Cemetery. More details can be found on this couple in the main section on Bertha Page further on.

3. MANESSER 'JOHN' BARTON BAILEY (1872-1955) BORTON. *Manassa John Bailey was born 6 Nov 1872, 'Spring Hill', Marling, (Perth), WA [Reg. 13588], father, **JOHN BOWTON MANASSA**, mother, **SARAH DEWIS.** Spelling of himself and his father as recorded in WA Reg. Manesser John Barton Bailey died 25 Sep 1955, Quindanning, (Williams), WA [Reg. 79]. Recorded as Monasser John Borton. Buried Quindanning Cemetery. **MANASSER** married **MARTHA MARKHAM PAGE (1875-1957)**, 1897, Williams River, WA [Reg. 1606]. More details can be found on this couple in this, their own section – see Martha Markham Page, THIRD CHILD OF SARAH HARRISON BLECHYNDEN (1841-1930) AND JOHN HENRY MARKHAM PAGE (1831-1917):

4. ELIZABETH BAILEY (1873-1927) was born 1873, Williams River, WA [Reg. 15146]. Elizabeth died 1927, Narrogin, WA [Reg. 20]. Buried Narrogin Cemetery. **ELIZABETH** married **m.2 JOHN JOSEPH PILKINGTON (1871-1946)**, 1899, William's Bridge, WA [Reg. 1638]. The marriage was held at 'Pleasant View" Marling, Bailey's Homestead. WA. This was his second marriage following the death of his first wife, Maude. **JOHN JOSEPH PILKINGTON (1871-1946)** was born 4 Oct 1871, Australind, WA [Reg. 13440]. Parents: **RICHARD PILKINGTON (1832-1876)** Convict and **EMILY BURKE (1851-1896)** who were married 31 Mar 1870, Belvedere Farm, Australind, (Bunbury) WA [Reg. 3086], registered at Bunbury, under Richard Pilkiton and Emma Burk. John Joseph Pilkington died 12 Oct 1946, Williams, WA [Reg.66]. Convict Richard Pilkington, labourer: arrival via *Phoebe Dunbar*, 9 Jul 1850. **m.1 JOHN JOSEPH PILKINGTON (1871-1946)** married **MAUDE LETICIA SECOMBE (1877-1898)**, 1896, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 1019]. Maude died 7 May 1898, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 2719]. Registered under Maud.

Following the death of Maude, his first wife, John married Elizabeth Bailey – see above.

Four cousins,
Courtesy Kathy Burns:


Standing, left: Mary Elizabeth (May) Bailey age 14, daughter of Uncle Joe / Bertha of Red Hill Farm, Quindanning.
Standing, right: Rose Bailey, age 19, daughter of Uncle John / Martha of Springhill Farm, Quindanning.
Standing, centre: Cissie Pilkington, age 18, of Williams.
Seated: Lottie Pilkington, age 16, of Williams.
This photograph was taken around 1919.

Electoral Roll:
1903, 1906 John Pilkington, Pleasant View, Williams, farmer, Elizabeth, Leedale, Williams, married.
1910 John Pilkington, Quindanning Rd, Quindanning, farm hand, Elizabeth, married.
1916, 1925 John Pilkington, Williams, farmer, Elizabeth, Leedale, Williams, married.

Via: Norah Grant (nee Bailey):
Joseph Bailey's daughter, Elizabeth Bailey married John Pilkington. He managed the Marling property "Pleasant View" after Sarah (Elizabeth's mother) died 1901, until Charles was 15 years of age 1904. The property was then sold to William Lavender, Joseph's friend and neighbour. Elizabeth and John moved to Williams – with their two sons and five daughters living in many different places. Some remaining local. One moving to New Zealand. Elizabeth and John died in Williams and are buried in the Narrogin Cemetery.

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5. MARY JANE BAILEY (1875-1968) (Courtesy Kathy Burns) was born 2 Dec 1875, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 16907]. Mother's name recorded as Duvis. Mary Jane Bailey died 1968, Gisborne, New Zealand. Via Jones Beech family Tree. **MARY** married **OWAIN EUSTON LEICESTER LLOYD (1876-1934)**, 4 Jan 1905, Boulder, WA [Reg. 38]. Recorded as Owin Lloyd. It appears that Owain Lloyd soon after their marriage took his wife to Gisborne, New Zealand, where they had four children as follows and remained the rest of their lives.

1. ARTHUR CECIL OWAIN LLOYD (1906-1947)
2. DUDLEY LEICESTER EUSTON LLOYD (1907-1961)
3. GWENDOLENE SYLVIA ALVERA LLOYD (1909-1990)
4. NESSIE PATRICIA EVELYN LLOYD (1911-1986)

Mary Jane Lloyd (nee Bailey, with a photo of her husband Owain in the background.

OWAIN EUSTON LEICESTER LLOYD (1876-1934) (Courtesy descendant, Kathy Burns). His full name was Owain Euston Leicester Lloyd. Also, via Bailey Family Tree, Ancestry. Owain Lloyd was born 20 Sep 1876, Takaka, New Zealand. Parents: **HENRY DAVID LLOYD (1845-1923)** and **HANNAH HUET BATES (1849-1894)** who were married 24 May 1870, New Zealand. Owain died 12 Jul 1934, Wairoa, Gisborne, Taranaki, New Zealand.

6. EDITH ANN BAILEY (1878-1878) was born 1878, Perth, WA [Reg. 18907]. She died 1878, aged 2 months, Williams River, WA [Reg. 9774]. Buried alongside George, 'Pleasant View', Bailey Homestead, Marlin old school. See grave site image several pages earlier.

7. GEORGE HENRY BAILEY (1879-1886) was born 1879, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 20536]. He died 1886, aged 7 years, Williams River, WA [Reg. 14066]. *Run over by a wagon wheel. Buried on the property, near the river. A lonely pine tree marked the grave.* See grave site image several pages earlier.

8. CHARLES HENRY BAILEY (1882-1882) was born in 1882, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg.22821]. Charles died aged 6 days at Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 11981]. Registered in 1883.

9. ARTHUR BAILEY (1884-1964) (Courtesy June Menegola) was born 21 Aug 1884, West Arthur, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 25782]. He married **SELINA SARAH KEEN (1889-1978) on** 18 Aug 1907, Mission Hall, Quindanning, WA [Reg. 15]. Arthur died 24 Sep 1964, Narembeen, WA [Reg. 3].

Wedding, Arthur Bailey and Selina Sarah Keen.
Courtesy Kathy Burns

SELINA was born 30 Mar 1889, Marradong, Murray River, WA [Reg. 651]. Her parents were **HENRY KEEN (1869-1947)** and **LILIAN SELINA CRANE (1867-1943)** who were married 7 Jun 1891, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 249]. Selina Sarah Bailey (nee Keen) died 10 Mar 1978, Narembeen, WA.

CHILDREN OF ARTHUR BAILEY (1884-1964) AND SELINA SARAH KEEN (1889-1978): Arthur Lesley Seaton Bailey, Blanche Ethel Angeline Bailey and Lillian Doreen Bailey.

Henry and Lillian Keen.
Courtesy of
June Menegola.

Selina Bailey (nee Keen), Lillian Keen (nee Crane), Doreen Horsman (nee Bailey) holding June Horsman, 1940.
Courtesy of June Menegola.

Arthur Bailey

Electoral Roll:
1912, 1915, 1924, 1925 Arthur Bailey, Narrogin, labourer, Selina Sarah, married.
1931, 1943 Arthur Bailey, Corrigin, farmer, Selina Sarah, home duties.
1954, 1963 Arthur Bailey, Corrigin, retired, Selina Sarah, home duties.

10. ERNEST BAILEY (1886-1968) (Courtesy Marie Towers and Kathleen Burns) was born 27 Sep 1886, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 28998]. Ernest married **ELIZABETH WOLF (1898-1977)**, 1921, Williams, WA [Reg. 17]. **ELIZABETH 'Lizzie'** was born 12 Jul 1898, Cheadle, Cheshire, England. Her parents were **WILLIAM WOLF (1876-1933)** and **HANNAH NOYLIN (1878-1958)** who were married 1897, Manchester, Lancashire, England. Ernest died on 28 Dec 1968, aged 82 years at Williams River, WA [Reg. 82]. Registered in 1969. Elizabeth Bailey (nee Wolf) died on 24 Oct 1977 at Williams, WA. Both are buried in the Williams Cemetery. Ernest and Elizabeth had two children as follows:

1. NORAH KATHLEEN BAILEY (1921-2021)
2. TERENCE ERNEST BAILEY (1937-2004)

"A family mug which was one of five purchased for each son by Joseph Bailey who married Sarah Dewis, when he went back to UK to settle his father's estate. I think this is the only mug left except for one. This one was Ernest Bailey's mug given to his daughter Norah who died last year 2021, aged 99. Courtesy Elizabeth Bailey.

Electoral Roll:
1916 Ernest Bailey, Williams, labourer
1931 Ernest Bailey, Richmond Rd, Williams, railway repairer, Elizabeth, house wife.

11. CHARLES BAILEY (1889-1962) was born 21 Mar 1889, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 485]. Military Service – 1916-1919, WW1, A.I.F. Service No. 5807, Private. 50th Battalion. Next of Kin, Brother – Joseph Edward Bailey. Charles' first marriage was to **VERA ELIZABETH ROGERSON (1899-1982)** 1922, Perth, WA [Reg. 1065).

Electoral Roll:
1912-1914 Charles Bailey, State Farm, Narrogin, Cook.
1925, 1937, 1943 Charles Bailey, Geeralying, Williams, farm worker Vera Elizabeth, house keeper.
1968, 1980 Vera Elizabeth Bailey, 126 Flinders St, Mount Hawthorn, home duties.

VERA was born 1899, Cottesloe, WA [Reg. 305]. Her parents were **m.1 CHARLES WILLIAM ROGERSON (1868-1924)** and **MARIA ELIZABETH LENTON (1867-1904)** who were married 3 Jun 1891, Sydney, NSW [Reg. 778].

CHARLES WILLIAM ROGERSON (1868-1924) was born 10 Oct 1868, England. His parents were **HENRY WILLIAM ROGERSON (1833-1919)** and **ELLEN BOLTON (1845-1884)**. Charles died on 11 Jun 1924, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 139].

MARIA ELIZABETH LENTON (1867-1904) was born 10 Sep 1867, Brighton, TAS. Her parents were **ROBERT LENTON (1808-)** and **SARAH HILL (1829-).** Maria Elizabeth Rogerson (nee Lenton) died 1904, Cottesloe, WA [Reg. 413].

Electoral Roll:
1903 Charles Rogerson, Winnifred St, Buckland Hill, Fremantle, painter, Maria Elizabeth, house wife.

Following his wife Maria's death in 1904, **CHARLES** married a second time to **LOUISA MARY ELIZABETH LENTON (1869-1927)** in 1905, Cottesloe, WA [Reg. 201].

Electoral Roll:
1906, 1922 Charles Rogerson, Winnifred St, Buckland Hill, Fremantle, painter, Louisa Mary, married.

Charles William Rogerson died 1924, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 139]. Louisa Mary Rogerson (nee Lenton) died 1927, Perth, WA. [Reg. 1165]. Charles Bailey died in Mt Hawthorn, 14 Aug 1962, WA [Reg. 2476]. Vera Elizabeth Bailey (nee Rogerson) died 26 Sep 1982 Mt Hawthorn WA age 83 years. She was cremated at Karrakatta Cemetery, Nedlands WA. Gn. Remembrance. IC Gn. 2. 0096.

12. SARAH ANN BAILEY (1891-1968) was born 1891, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 1428]. Sarah died 15 Sep 1968, Wandering, WA [Reg. 3306], registered in Perth. **SARAH** married **HENRY ALBERT TURTON (1887-1938) 'Harry'**, 1910, Beverley, WA [Reg. 4].

HENRY ALBERT TURTON (1887-1938) (Via Scallywags Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 1887, Perth, WA [Reg. 1152]. Parents: **ROBERT TURTON (1864-1950)** and **ELIZABETH FEAST (1862-1945)** who were married 1885, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 6216]. Henry Albert Turton died 24 May 1938, Wandering, (Williams), WA [Reg. 27].

Electoral Roll:
1915, 1921, 1936 Henry Albert Turton, Spring Valley, Wandering, farmer, Sarah Ann, home duties.
1949, 1958, 1968 Sarah Ann Turton, Wandering, home duties.

CONTINUING THE STORY OF MANASSEH JOHN BARTON BAILEY (1872-1955) AND MARTHA MARKHAM PAGE (1874-1957):

CHILDREN OF MANASSEH JOHN BURTON BAILEY (1872-1955) AND MARTHA MARKHAM PAGE (1875-1957). More details can be found in their Individual sections following.

1. BAILEY, ISAAC JOHN (1898-1990),
2. BAILEY, ROSE 'ROSIE' MURIEL (1900-1982),
3. BAILEY, FLORENCE MARTHA (1903-1967),
4. BAILEY, LAURA LILLIAN 'LIL' (1906-1995),
5. BAILEY, AMY VICTORIA (1909-1995), and
6. BAILEY, ALTHEA LETITIA 'LETHE' (1914-2003).

Carnamah, WA Livestock Brands 1912-1962
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Bailey	Berthar	Red Hill Farm, Quindanning	2BE	1912
Bailey	Berthar	Red Hill Farm, Quindanning	2BE	1924
Bailey	D. R.	Haslendale, Kojonup	BL3 and 16B,105E	1962
Bailey	J. E.	Redfield, Quindanning	2JE	1912
Bailey	J. E.	Redfield, Quindanning	2JE	1924
Bailey	L. F.	Homewood West Dale, Via Beverley	40T and 38C, 30E	1962
Bailey	Martha	Spring Hill, Quindanning	MX7	1912
Bailey	Martha	Springhill, Quindanning	NX7	1924
Bailey & Sons	F. A.	Miland Koj. Loc 8870, Lumeah via Kojonup	TAO and 33C, 27A	1962

Electoral Rolls
1910, 1921, 1926, 1937, 1949,1954 Bailey Manasser John Barton, Quindanning Rd, Spring Hill, Quindanning, farmer, Martha, married. Note name recorded as Barton.

Manesseh John Burton Bailey died 25 Sep 1955, burial 25 Sep 1955, Quindanning Cemetery, Williams Shire, WA. **Martha Markham Bailey (nee Page) died 10 May 1957** in Victoria Park, Perth, aged 83, WA [Reg. 1085].

The Obituary of "Monasser" John Borton Bailey gives an interesting summary of his life:

OBITUARY

Monasser John Borton Bailey

The Williams district has recently suffered the loss of several elderly pioneers of considerable standing, including the above-mentioned, whose demise occurred on September 25 in the Narrogin District Hospital at the age of 82.

The late Mr. Bailey was the second eldest son of Joseph Bailey, who came out here from Staffordshire (Eng.) in the 1860's. Upon arrival the father took up land adjoining Mr. Lavender, whose property of that period is still held by Messrs. T. & J. H. Lavender and known as "Marling".

After some schooling in Perth, the deceased became engaged with his father in running the newly-acquired property and also in carting sandalwood from the Eastern districts to Perth, an occupation which occupied the attention of many others at the time, some of whom, like the late Mr. Bailey were very young. They also were extremely courageous and enterprising in tackling whatever obstacle arose, as well as achieving notability in their handling of horses in which the deceased was outstanding.

In 1897 he married Martha M. Page, who subsequently bore him one son and five daughters. The son is still working the original property known as "Springhill" and situated at Quindanning. This property was acquired and improved the hard way by his grandfather, and was later added to by the deceased until the area comprised 1700 acres devoted to mixed farming.

The late Mr. Bailey was most efficient in respect of horses and his knowledge was willingly placed at the disposal of neighbours.

Although regarded as a man of strong determination he nevertheless enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all who knew him because of his marked generosity and high sense of duty. It is questionable whether he ever had an enemy. He was particularly devoted to his farm and surroundings, as well as his wife and children and rarely left either.

After his son Isaac returned from the late War, the old gentleman retired from active participation in the work of the farm but still maintained the reins of its control until his demise.

The funeral took place at Quindanning on September 28th, where, in the presence of a large gathering, the Revd. Walker officiated at the graveside in the Church of England portion of the local cemetery.

Chief mourners were: Son Isaac; Daughters Rose (Mrs. W Sherry), Florence (Mrs. C. W. Fletcher), Lillian (Mrs. F. Morris), Amy (Mrs. L. Pyke) and Alethea (Mrs. A. Munday).

Coffin-bearers were Messrs. W. Cowcher, L. Cowcher, A. Kennedy, J. Morgan, E. Lavender and W. Wilson.

Floral tributes were received as under:—

Loving Wife, Son and Daughters; Rose, Everett and family; Alethea, Coral and Lynette; Charlie and Vera and family; Auntie Maria and family; Joe and Hilda, Ted and Joy; May and Jack and family and Leon Bailey; Anne, Tony, baby Michael, Coral and Lynette; Harry, Nell, Edith, Ray, Deanne and Rosemary Counsel; Ray, Pat and boys; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Morgan; Mr. and Mrs. Giles and boys; Mr. and Mrs. Gus. Cowcher and family; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lavender and William; Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Littleton and family; Mr. and Mrs. D. Pumphrey, Bill, Ella and family; Walter, Nell and family; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morgan and family; Mrs. DeHoghton and Grace, Dorothy and Athol; Jack, Muriel and Del; Keith, Millie and family; T. & J. H. Lavender; Willie, Ellie and family; Charlie and Dorothy Cowcher; Ciss and Aub. Waldock; Mavis and Russell Morgan and family; A. J. Watson and Mrs. S. I. Morrell; Wilfred, Lily and family; Mr. F. A. Curteis and Lionel; Hazel and Charlie Carrotts; Mrs. Cowcher and Bert; Mrs. Harriett Cowcher; Mrs. Cowcher, Lance and Vernon; Cath and Chas. Henrickson and family.

The Obituary of Martha Markham Bailey (nee Page) following gives an interesting summary of her life:

Note the different spellings of Manesseh in both Obituaries.

OBITUARY

Martha Markham Bailey

Mrs. Martha Markham Bailey an old resident of Quindanning, passed away at Victoria Park on the 10th. inst. at the advanced age of 83.

Her father came to this State from England and subsequently settled at Quindanning. He married Sarah Harrison Blechynden who subsequently gave birth to 2 sons and four daughters. Only the eldest and youngest of the latter are still living, viz. Mrs. Susan Henrickson and Mrs. Maria Carrotts. The deceased was the third daughter.

In 1897 she married Mr. Bailey and with him engaged in farming at "Springhill", Quindanning, where the couple subsequently reared a family of six, comprising one son and five daughters, viz., Isaac, Rose (Mrs. E. W. Sherry), Florence (Mrs. W. E. F. Fletcher, Lillian (Mrs. F. Morris, Amy (Mrs. L. Pyke), Althea (Mrs. A. Munday).

The late Mrs. Bailey enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all who knew her. She was noted for her knowledge of farming methods and sheep husbandry, as well as being extremely accomplished as a housewife. Noted for her generosity and hospitality this fine lady enjoyed the affection of a very wide circle, including many who had grown up from childhood within the sphere of her benign influence.

During the long period of her association with Quindanning the late Mrs. Bailey expressed her fine personality in many ways, all with the object of benefitting others. She undoubtedly established a record of public and private service which will be remembered for many years to come.

The interment took place in the Church of England portion of the Quindanning cemetery in the presence of a large gathering which included all the children, as well as the two remaining sisters, viz., Mrs. Hendrickson and Mrs. Carrotts. The service was conducted by the Rev. O. A. Waller.

Coffin bearers were Messrs. A. Kennedy, J. Morgan, W. Pollard, F. Batt, W. Cowcher and L. Batt.

Floral tributes were received as under:—

Son and Daughter; Rose, Joy, Ron and Dorry; Florrie, Bill, Anne, Margaret and Phillip; Lil, Lethe, Coral, Lynette, Frank, Kay, Claire, May and Paul; Maria and family; Susan, Matt and Harry; Nell and Harry; Vera, Charlie, Joan, Bert, Lois and Milton; Sarah, Arthur and family; Joy, Ellen, Rene and Cyril; Anne, John and family; May, Jack and Leon; Ernest, Lizzie, Terry and Nora; Ted, Ev. and Frank; Margaret, Charlie and family; Kevin, Elaine and family; Joe and Hilda, Ted and Joy; Stella and Ted; Jane, Clem and Max; Cath, Chas. and family; Mrs. Wilson, Rebbie and Maude; Aub. and Cissie; Jack, Muriel and Del; Bob., Ivy and family; Tom and Edythe Curnow and family; S. T. Turton and family; Pat and Gloria Batt; Mrs. E. E. Munday, Tom and Lil; Mrs. L. Pollard and Bill; Mavis and Russell Morgan and family; Picchios family; Neil, Maureen and family; Mrs. Hemingway, Jack and Mavis Morgan and family; Dorothy, Athol, Grace and Wendy; Mrs. Ruth Cowcher, Lance and Vernon; Wilfred, Lily and family; Mr. and Mrs. Littleton and family; Mr. and Mrs. W. Cowcher and family; Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Cowcher and family.

Messrs. A. Dawson & Son of Narrogin, were entrusted with the funeral arrangements.

WILLIAMS

The W.A. Historica Journal, speaking of the ol cemetery, quotes: "This ol cemetery on the Perth sid of the township is much ne glected-looking now. Mos of the headstones and th pegs have disappeared bu the following are still in g good state of preservation William Cornwall, 7-12-182 to 6-8-1908, aged 83 years Thomas Goderick Palmer died 15-11-1908, aged 4 years; Mary Quinn, died a Glenfield, Williams, 1-6-1891 aged 46 years; Mary Eliza beth Egerton Warburton, died 11-9-1938; Elizabeth Rosselloty, died 30-4-1891, aged 50 years. The new cemetery, dating from shortly after the establishing of the new townsite, is well kept. There is another at Marling, near Quindanning, where lie buried several members of the Lavender and Cowcher families. A still smaller burial plot is on or very close to Boranning. In it, according to legend, lie a Mr. and Mrs. Bailey and some of their children. The Baileys were contemporaries of the Lavenders, Fletchers and Fleays."

An interesting article on the old Wiliams Cemetery and mention of a smaller burial plot at Marling.

Headstone Manesseh John Borton Bailey, Quindanning Cemetery

Headstone Martha Markham, Bailey (nee Page), Quindanning Cemetery

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INDIVIDUAL SECTIONS ON THE CHILDREN OF MARTHA MARKHAM PAGE (1875-1957) & MANASSEH JOHN BURTON BAILEY (1872-1955)

1st CHILD OF MARTHA MARKHAM PAGE & MANASSEH JOHN BURTON BAILEY

1. BAILEY, ISAAC JOHN (1898-1990)
Isaac John Bailey was born 28 Jun 1898, Spring Hill, Quindanning, Reg. Williams, WA [Reg. 4938]. Isaac John Bailey died 4 Jun 1990, Mandurah, WA. Buried Fremantle Cemetery, WA. Sainsbury Rose 1, garden 12 Bronze, 0010.

BAILEY ISAAC JOHN: Service Number - W22171 WW2: Date of birth - 28 Jun 1898: Place of birth - QUINDANNING WA: Place of enlistment - WILLIAMS WA: Next of Kin - BAILEY MANASSER

He did not serve overseas due to his age. Places mentioned: NSW, QLD, Darwin and Thursday Island. Signed his Attestation form 13 Jan 1942. Discharged 4 May 1945.

ISAAC JOHN BAILEY (1898-1990) married **m.3 DORIS MAY CURRAN (NEE LAWSON) (1910-2000)**, 1963, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 418]. It appears that in some family trees Doris was also called Doris Mary. In Electoral records she was Doris May. She was born 1910, Burswood, NSW [Reg. 2315]. Parents: **ALFRED JOSHUA LAWSON (1875-1964)** and **MYRTLE OLIVE LAWSON (1886-1965)** who were married 19 Jan 1907, Burswood, Sydney, NSW [Reg. 1094]. Doris retired to a Nursing Home in Maylands WA in 1997. She died 11 Jan 2000, Maylands, WA. Buried Fremantle Cemetery. Sainsbury Rose 1, garden 12 Bronze, 0010.

Doris was married three times:

m.1 DORIS MAY LAWSON (1910-2000) married **JOHN THOMAS LYNCH (1904-1947)**, 1934, South Perth, (Perth), WA [Reg. 1609]. Recorded as Doris M Lawson and John T Lynch. John was born 23 Oct 1904, East Fremantle, WA [Reg. 3010]. Parents: **DENIS LYNCH (1872-)** and **MARY CATHERINE MOORE (1873-1952)** who were married 14 Aug 1898, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 585]. John died 1 Sep 1947, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 185], Buried Kalgoorlie Cemetery.
Electoral Roll:
1925 John Thomas Lynch, 267 Eighth Av, Maylands.
1936, 1937 John Thomas Lynch, 11 Gwenyfred Rd, South Perth, Government employee, Doris May, home duties.
1943 John Thomas Lynch, 516 Hannan St, Kalgoorlie, barman, Doris May, home duties.
1954 Doris May Lynch, Mortley St, Sommerville, Kalgoorlie, home duties.
Following the death of her husband John Lynch in 1947, Doris married again.

m.2 DORIS MAY LYNCH (NEE LAWSON) (1910-2000) married **HERBERT CURRAN (-1962)**, 1956, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 45]. Recorded as Doris May Lynch.
Herbert M Curran died 1962, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 1].

Electoral Roll:

1949 Herbert Curran, Hannans, Kalgoorlie.
1954 Herbert Curran, Boulder, Kalgoorlie.
1958 Doris May, Wortley St, Sommerville, Kalgoorlie, home duties, Herbert Curran, Wortley St, Sommerville, Kalgoorlie, labourer.
1963 Doris May Curran, 60 Cheetham St, Kalgoorlie, home duties.

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Isaac Bailey

ISAAC AND THE UTE — 'A HAPPY OLD PAIR'

by GARY WARNER

ISSAC Bailey is still having a love affair at the age of 89, a love affair with his trusty 24-year-old Morris Minor utility.

He bought the little Morris as a shiny new vehicle back in 1963, when he still lived on the Quindanning farm where he was born.

Isaac lived most of his life on the farm, apart from three years of army service during World War

"I tried to enlist for the First World War, but they reckoned I was too young," he recalls.

"When the second war came along I wasn't having any of that again so I volunteered before they had time to get to my age group. Apart from the war I never left Quindanning until we sold the farm and retired here at Mandurah 24 years ago, just after I bought the ute."

"My dad began the farm from virgin bush, but I was 33 before I got possession of anything to call my own," Isaac said.

"Only trouble is, I think I was still a bit too young to make the most of it at that stage!"

Quindanning is still important to Isaac and he drives there several times a year to visit old friends in his ute.

He has taken 10 driving tests since his 75th birthday.

Article, Thu Aug 20, 1987 ISAAC AND THE UTE – 'A HAPPY OLD PAIR'

A poem written many years later by Mrs. Doris Bailey (nee Lawson).

Following last year's concert with the London Philharmonic Orchestra at Leeuwin Estate, I received a letter from Mrs. Doris Bailey (nee Lawson). As a young girl, she first came to the property upon which Leeuwin is now situated, with her family, as part of the Group '57 Settlers. She and her family were the first people to work the land and clear the trees on the area in which we are now located. She re-visited the property recently and was so amazed at what she saw that she sat down and wrote a poem which she has passed on to me. I was most impressed by her recollections of those early days on the property, when it was nothing but virgin bush, and also by the pleasure she had most obviously received from seeing the developments that have taken place between the time she first came to this property and today. I thought I would share Mrs. Bailey's poem with you, as we are often tempted to accept today's prosperity as something which can be taken for granted and yet I think it does us all good to reflect back on the work and the people that went before us to create what we now have today, not only on this property but in the whole of Australia. I trust that you will gain as much pleasure from reading her poem as we at Leeuwin Estate did.

Denis Horgan.

GROUP 59 MEMORIES

My eyes are crook my spelling poor,
but if you like I'll tell you more,
of how we landed on your shore.

We didn't cross the nullabor,
we came around the coast;
the sea was rough, the going tough
and so were all the crew.

We landed at Fremantle,
a sad and sorry lot,
wondering into what mess we had got.

We caught a puffing billy,
for a ride I'll never forget;
it crawled and shunted off the tracks
at every blooming stop.

Eventually we landed at a siding in the dark;
my brother there was waiting with a horse and cart.

Our only roads were bush tracks
made by sleeper cutter's drays

We came to a fast flowing creek,
the water reached the horse'girth
or we could cross a fallen log;
we took the latter measure
and finally reached the top (Boodjidup Creek).

The group house was bare and lamps were lit;
we were so tired and weary, we huddled on the floor
and waited until morning to find out where we were.

We were in miles of virgin bushland,
it was a frightening sight,
and we worked from morn till night.

The first 25 acres were ringbarked, fenced
and cleared, then by hand we planted Ki-Ku grass.

My father never wanted cows
his words to me were -
"on these slopes our fruit will grow;
on the flat our hay we'll mow".

After fifteen years of toil and woe
we were forced to go.

As I gaze upon it now,
how I wish he'd lived to see
the beauty of your place.
The vines are green; the fruit is ripe;
I walk away and out of sight.

I cleared the land;
I turned the soil;
I fought the scrub and clinging vine;
Now when I drink your lovely wine.
I shut my eyes and dream it's mine.

The years have gone, my youth has too,
but my memories I share with you;
of beautiful land and babbling brook
from which our first water we took.
Now I come to have a look and speak
to a beautiful winery on the banks of
Boodjidup Creek.

Electoral Roll:
1922, 1925, 1937, 1943, 1958 Isaac John Bailey, Quindanning.
1968, 1972, 1980 Isaac John Bailey, 50 Churchill Ave, Mandurah, retired, Doris May, home duties.

Notes via Debbie Miles: Isaac was a Blacksmith by trade and did a lot of his own work on his farm, Spring Hill. Isaac inherited "Spring Hill" farm from his parents. Married later in life about in his 60's. During May's short marriage to "Ike" Isaac John Bailey 'Spring Hill' farm was sold. Money shared amongst the family.

2nd CHILD OF MARTHA MARKHAM PAGE & MANASSEH JOHN BURTON BAILEY

2. BAILEY, ROSE 'ROSIE' MURIEL (1900-1982) was born 3 Nov 1900, Spring Hill, Quindanning, WA [Reg. 5467], father, John Barton Manesser Bailey, mother, Martha Markham Page. Rosie died 24 Sep 1982, Quindanning, WA. Buried Quindanning Cemetery.
https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/132218670/rose-muriel-sherry.
ROSIE married **EVERIT WALTER SHERRY (1899-1956)**, 1925, Perth, WA [Reg. 203]. **EVERIT** was born 5 Mar 1899, Quindanning, WA [Reg. 5121]. Parents**: m.2 HARRY SHERRY (1872-1943)** and **MINNIE WALDOCK (1879-1964)** who were married 14 Apr 1896, Perth, WA [Reg. 688]

Everett Walter Sherry and Rose Muriel Bailey had four children: Roy, Maxwell, Joy and Barry Sherry.

Electoral Roll:
1922, 1924 Everit Walter Sherry, Quindanning, Williams, farmer.
1931, 1943, 1954 Everit Walter Sherry, Quindanning, Williams, farmer, Rose Muriel, housewife.
1958 Rose Muriel Sherry, Quindanning, housewife.
1968, 1977 Rose Muriel Sherry, Flat 3, Carinyah Flats, Narrogin, housewife.

Everit Walter Sherry died 7 Jul 1956, Quindanning, West Arthur, (Williams), WA [Reg. 46]. Buried Quindanning Cemetery, WA. Rose Muriel Sherry (nee Bailey) died 24 Sep 1982, Quindanning, WA. Buried Quindanning Cemetery.

Grave and Headstone Everett Walter Sherry
and Rose Muriel Sherry (nee Bailey),
Quindanning Cemetery

3rd CHILD OF MARTHA MARKHAM PAGE & MANASSEH JOHN BURTON BAILEY

3. BAILEY, FLORENCE 'FLORRIE' MARTHA (1903-1967) was born 5 Aug 1903, Quindanning, WA [Reg. 6740], father, John Borton Manesser, mother, Martha Page.
Florence Martha, Fletcher, Donoghue, (nee Bailey) died 26 Jun 1967, WA [Reg. 2039].

FLORENCE MARTHA BAILEY (1903-1967) married **JAMES LEONARD DONOGHUE (1906-1971)** 1933, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 123]. Divorce 1948, Perth, WA.

This pic has written on back, "to Aunt Bertha from Florence and baby Margaret 11 months". Courtesy Elizabeth Bailey

JAMES LEONARD DONOGHUE (1906-1971)

James Leonard Donoghue was born 12 Sep 1906, Casterton, VIC. Parents: **MICHAEL O'DONOHUE (1877-1922)** and **SUSAN MARY EULIE ROGERS (1855-1957)** who were married 21 Dec 1904, Mount Gambier, SA [pg. 1158 Vol 221]. Michael's father recorded as Patrick O'Donahue and Susan's father, William Henry Rogers. James Leonard Donoghue died 3 Feb 1971, Claremont, WA. [Reg. 533]. Burial: Karrakatta Cemetery, WA.

DONOGHUE JAMES LEONARD: Service Number - 81817 WW1: Date of birth - 09 Dec 1906: Place of birth - CASTERTON VIC: Place of enlistment - PERTH: Next of Kin - DONOGHUE FLORENCE

Electoral Roll:
1936, 1937 James Leonard Donoghue, Norseman, butcher, Florence Martha, home duties.

Following her divorce from James Leonard Donoghue Florence married again.

m.2 FLORENCE MARTHA DONOGHUE (NEE BAILEY) (1903-1967) married **WILLIAM CECIL HAROLD FLETCHER (1899-1987)** 1955, Perth, WA [Reg. 260].

WILLIAM CECIL HAROLD FLETCHER (1899-1987)

William Cecil Harold Fletcher was born 13 Apr 1899, Williams Bridge, WA Parents: **JOHN BASIL FLETCHER (1866-1938)** and **PHOEBE ANN KING (1874-1959)** who were married 1895, St Alban's Church, Marradong WA [Reg. 28]. Issue 11 children.
William Cecil Harold Fletcher died 10 Jun 1987.

Electoral Roll:
1954 William Cecil Harold Fletcher, Hope College, Marradong, farmer.
1958 William Cecil Harold Fletcher, Hope College, Marradong, farmer, Florence Martha, Green Valley, Lower Williams, home duties.
1977 William Cecil Harold Fletcher, Rose Valley, Toodyay.

4th CHILD OF MARTHA MARKHAM PAGE & MANASSEH JOHN BURTON BAILEY

4. BAILEY, LAURA LILLIAN 'LIL' (1906-1995)
Laura Lillian Bailey was born 6 May 1906, Spring Hill, Quindanning, Reg Williams, WA [Reg. 33]. baptised 30 Sep 1906, Quindanning, WA. Laura Lillian Morris (nee Bailey) died 13 Oct 1995, Royal Perth Hospital, Perth, WA, aged 89 years. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery.

Thought to be Lilian Bailey, daughter of John Bailey. Courtesy Elizabeth Bailey

LAURA LILLIAN BAILEY (1906-1995) married **FRANK MORRIS (1905-2000)** 12 Feb 1934, St Mark's Church, Palmyra, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 51], registered 1935.

FRANK MORRIS (1905-2000)
Via Brown Family Tree, Ancestry.

Frank Morris was born 1905. Father, **HERBERT MORRIS (1869-1925)** and mother **SUSAN CRABTREE (1869-)** who were married 30 Aug 1890, Ardwick St, Matthew, Lancashire, England.
Frank's father Herbert was a Boot and Shoe salesman and Insurance Agent.
Frank Morris resided in Fremantle during his married life.
Profession at time of marriage, Soldier of Australian Forces, a Gunner.
Frank was a Commercial Artist.
Frank Morris died 21 Dec 2000, Como, WA [Reg. 2296/79/F], aged 94 years

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Laura and Frank Morris in the garden at their retirement village in Como.

Villages to face new test

LAURA and Frank Morris, of Como, have plenty of reasons to celebrate Retirement Village Week this week.

The couple is among a growing number of West Australians choosing the friendliness and security of life in a retirement village.

Potential retirement village residents are set to benefit from an accreditation scheme launched this week by industrial relations minister Graham Kierath.

Developed by the Retirement Village Association of WA, the scheme will recognise member villages which provide high standards of services, facilities and management to residents.

The scheme is the result of comprehensive research and pilot tests by a professional accreditation committee.

The accreditation process will involve retirement villages completing a comprehensive questionnaire and taking part in a series of interviews to evaluate the type and quality of facilities and services offered.

Accreditation will be reviewed every few years and may be withdrawn if villages are not up to standard.

Laura and Frank Morris, 1994

Electoral Roll:
1934 Frank Morris, 43 Wellington St, motor driver.
1936 Frank Morris,32 Adrian St, East Fremantle, soldier, Laura Lillian, home duties.
1949 Frank Morris, 105 Queen Victoria St, Fremantle, soldier, Laura Lillian, home duties.
1958, 1968, 1972, 1977 Frank Morris, 23 Reynolds Rd, Applecross, ticket writer, Laura Lillian, home duties.

5th CHILD OF MARTHA MARKHAM PAGE & MANASSEH JOHN BURTON BAILEY

5. BAILEY, AMY VICTORIA (1909-1995)
Amy Victoria Bailey was born 8 Nov 1909, Spring Hill, Quindanning, Registered at Williams, WA [Reg. 135]. Amy Victoria Bailey died 13 Oct 1995, Midland, WA, aged 85 years. **m.1 AMY VICTORIA BAILEY (1909-1995)** married **MERVYN GERALD LOFTIN BROOK (1907-1978)** 1935, Perth WA [Reg. 292]. Divorced before 1953.

MERVYN GERALD LOFTIN BROOK (1907-1978) (Via Loftin-Brook Family Tree) was born 3 Apr 1907, Agra, Uttar Pradesh, India. Parents: **HARRY RICHARD BROOK (1875-1919)** and **NELLIE MELVILLE SMITH (1873-1939).** Mervyn died 11 Dec 1978, Hollywood Hospital, Perth, WA. **m.1 MERVYN GERALD LOFTIN BROOK (1907-1978)** married **AMY VICTORIA BAILEY (1909-1995)** 1935, Perth WA [Reg. 292]. Divorced before 1953. **m.2 MERVYN GERALD LOFTIN BROOK (1907-1978)** married **m.2 IRENE IVY MAY GRIFFITHS (NEE HARRIS) (1913-1997)** 1958, Perth, WA [Reg. 1103]. This was Irene's second marriage. **IRENE** was born 30 Oct 1913, Hay St, Perth, WA [Reg. 2053]. Registered as Irene I M Harris. **m.1 IRENE IVY MAY HARRIS (1913-1997)** married **SAMUEL GRIFFITHS (1905- 1985)** 1933, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 13]

Electoral Roll:
1931 Amy Victoria Bailey, 118 First Avenue, Maylands, home duties.
1931 Mervyn Gerald Loftus Brook, 67 Townsend Rd, Subiaco, motor mechanic.
1943, 1949 Mervyn Gerald Loftus Brook, 9 Carson St, Victoria Park, fitter, Amy Victoria, home duties.
1968 Mervyn Gerald Loftus Brook, 41 Lillydale Rd, Innaloo, cleaner, Irene Ivy May, home duties.

Following her divorce Amy remarried. **m.2 AMY VICTORIA BROOK (NEE BAILEY) (1909-1995)** married **m2. LEONARD STEVEN PYKE (1907-1989)**, 1953, Perth WA [Reg. 2625]. This was Leonard's second marriage.

LEONARD STEVEN PYKE (1907-1989) was born 17 May 1907, York, WA [Reg. 82]. Parents: **GEORGE CHRISTOPHER PYKE (-1957) and JULIA ANN LINTO (1883-1954)** who were married 8 Feb 1905, York, WA [Reg. 2100]. Leonard died 12 Apr 1989, Perth, WA.

m.1 LEONARD STEVEN PYKE (1907-1989) married **LORNA MAUD JONES (1912-1947)** 1932, York, WA [Reg. 3].

PYKE LEONARD STEPHEN: Service Number - W40275: Date of birth - 17 May 1907: Place of birth - YORK WA: Place of enlistment - CLAREMONT WA: Next of Kin - PYKE LORNA

His first wife Lorna Maud Pyke (nee Jones) died 1947, Swan, WA [Reg. 12]. Leonard was married again to Amy Victoria Brook.

Electoral Roll:
1931 Leonard Stephen Pyke, Greenhills, York, labourer
1936, 1943 Leonard Stephen Pyke, Greenhills, York, labourer, Lorna Maud, home duties.
1958, 1972 Leonard Stephen Pyke, 358 Hardy Rd, Belmont, railway employee, Amy Victoria, home duties.
1980 Leonard Stephen Pyke, 184 Gabriel St, Cloverdale, Amy Victoria

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6th CHILD OF MARTHA MARKHAM PAGE & MANASSEH JOHN BURTON BAILEY

6. BAILEY, ALTHEA LETITIA 'LETHE' (1914-2003) was born 28 May 1914, Spring Hill, Quindanning, (Williams), WA [Reg. 100]. Recorded as Alethea. Althea Letitia Bailey died 18 May 2003 Mount Lawley, WA. **ALTHEA** married **GEORGE ROLAND MUNDAY (1916-1948)**, 1942, Fremantle, WA [Reg, No. 141]. Registered as George R Munday. **GEORGE** was born 19 Aug 1916, Boddington, (Williams), WA [Reg. 112]. Registered as Roland G Munday. Parents: **GEORGE HENRY MUNDAY (1886-1953)** and **ADA SHERRY (1879-1945)** who were married 24 Jan 1910, Williams River, WA [Reg. 3]. George R

Munday died 1948, Perth, WA [Reg. 620]. Registered as George R. Tragic accident, see the articles following.

MUNDAY GEORGE ROLLIN: Service Number - WX20105: Date of birth - 19 Aug 1916: Place of birth - BODDINGTON WA: Place of enlistment - CLAREMONT WA: Next of Kin - MUNDAY GEORGE (Copy not yet requested). Note registered as George Rollin Munday. Date of enlistment 6 Oct 1941, discharged 19 Jan 1942.

Electoral Roll:

I couldn't find an Electoral Roll entry of Alethea and George together. George Munday was serving between Oct 1941 and Jan 1942. They were married in 1942. He was killed in an accident in 1948.
1937 Alethea Leticia Bailey, Spring Hill, Quindanning, domestic.
1936, 1937 George Munday, 4 Scott St, Guildford, labourer.
1943 Alethea Leticia Munday, Quindanning, home duties.
1949 Alethea Leticia Munday, Railway St, Queens Park, home duties.
1958,1968 Alethea Leticia Munday, 68 Harvey St, Victoria Park.
1980 Alethea Leticia Munday, 1/45 Leonard St, Victoria Park.

The newspaper article and death notice following tells of the tragic accident in which George Roland Munday was killed. It also mentions he was a married man with two children.

TRAGIC ACCIDENT:

***Daily News* (Perth, WA: 1882 - 1955), Fri 19 Mar 1948, pg 1**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article80788984.txt

ONE MAN KILLED, ANOTHER HURT IN SMASHES

One man was killed at West Perth and another critically injured at Mt. Lawley in road smashes today.

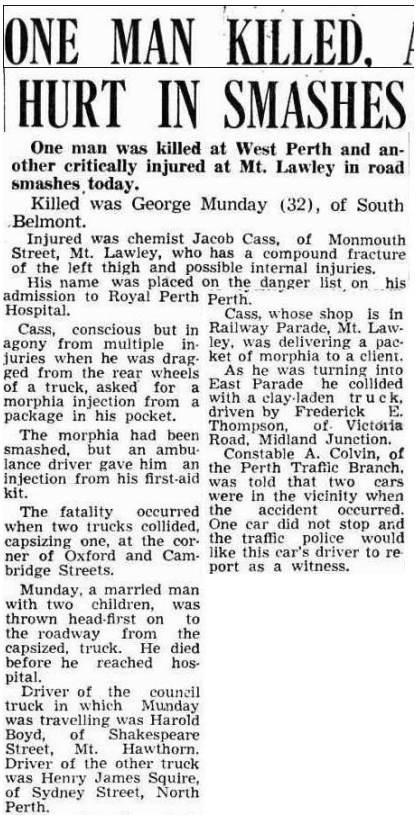
Killed was George Munday (32), of South Belmont. Injured was chemist Jacob Cass, of Monmouth Street, Mt. Lawley, who has a compound fracture of the left thigh and possible internal injuries. His name was placed on the danger list on his admission to Royal Perth Hospital.

Cass, conscious but in agony from multiple injuries when he was dragged from the rear wheels of a truck, asked for a morphia injection from a package in his pocket. The morphia had been smashed, but an ambulance driver gave him an injection from his first-aid kit.

The fatality occurred when two trucks collided, capsizing one, at the corner of Oxford and Cambridge Streets.

Munday, a married man with two children, was thrown head-first on to the roadway from the capsized truck. He died before he reached hospital. Driver of the council truck in which Munday was travelling was Harold Boyd, of Shakespeare Street, Mt. Hawthorn.

Driver of the other truck was Henry James Squire, of Sydney Street, North Perth. Cass, whose shop is in Railway Parade, Mt. Lawley, was delivering a packet of morphia to a client. As he was turning into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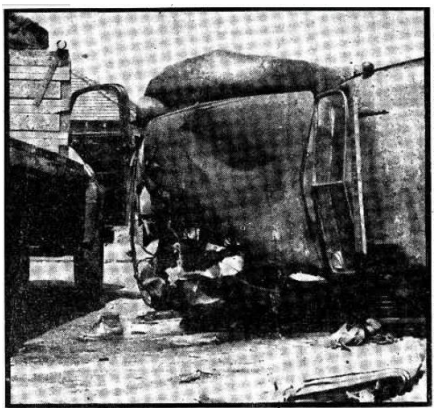
When these two tracks collided at the corner of Oxford and Cambridge Streets today a passenger in the over-turned vehicle was thrown to the road-way and killed.



***West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Mon 22 Mar 1948, pg 1**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article46898079.txt

MUNDAY: *On Mar 19. 1948, at Perth. suddenly, as result of an accident, George Rolland Munday, loving husband of Alethea, fond father of Coral and Lynette, MURPHY: Passed away Mar 19.*

FOURTH CHILD OF SARAH BLECHYNDEN & JOHN PAGE

4. PAGE, JOHN 'JOHNNY' (1876-1939) & GUTTREY, MATILDA JANE (1890-1964)

John Page was born 30 Sep 1876 at Williams Bridge, registered as John Page, Parents: John Page, and Sarah Blechynden, WA [Reg. 17530]. John Page died 21 Jan 1939, Narrogin Hospital, (Williams), WA [Reg. 4], aged 62 years, registered in Williams. Buried Quindanning Cemetery.

"Beloved husband of Matilda. Loving father of John, Jane and Leonard."

Surmising: the second child born to Sarah Page and John Page was registered in 1871 as John Henry Page. He became known as James and Jimmy. Their fourth child born in 1876, as shown above was registered also as John Page. He was known as Johnny. Perhaps Sarah and John Page decided to change the name of number two child after registering him, (or it was an error by the person who registered him).

JOHN PAGE (1876-1939) married **MATILDA JANE GUTTREY (1890-1964)** 15 Mar 1910 in St Alban's Church, Marradong, Williams, WA [Reg. 6], registered as John Page and Matilda J Guttry. John was aged 34 years and Matilda Jane 20 years.

ST ALBANS CHURCH
https://www.churchesaustralia.org/list-of-churches/denominations/anglican/directory/706-st-albanand%2339%3Bs-anglican-church-former

St Alban's Church

The former, St Alban's Anglican Church, is the only remaining historic building in Marradong.
A graveyard adjoining the church contains many pioneer and recent graves.

Matilda Jane Guttrey was born 10 Mar 1890, Williams, WA [Reg. 433]. Parents: father, **GEORGE GUTTREY (~1831-1894)**, mother, **MARY ANN FLETCHER (1862-1898)** who were married 1876, Williams River, WA [Reg No 4197]. Following the death of Matilda's father, George Guttrey, in 1894, her mother was remarried to William Rogers. They had a son: William George Owen Rogers, born in 1895, Murray, WA [Reg. 371]. Matilda's mother, Mary Rogers, Guttrey (nee Fletcher) died in 1898. Matilda was only 4 when her father died and 8 when her mother died. More details further on.

Matilda Page (nee Guttrey) died 21 Sep 1964, Quindanning, WA [Reg. 64], aged 74 years. Buried Quindanning Cemetery.

The next four pages are details of Matilda Guttrey's parents: George Guttrey (~1831-1894) and Mary Ann Fletcher (1862-1898) and family. Note, Guttrey with various spellings.

GEORGE GUTTREY (~1831-1894) Matilda Guttrey's father.
Via Gilchrist Family Tree, Ancestry.

George Guttrey was born about 1831, Westmorland, England. We are not sure of the date of his birth. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Westmorland

Convict Records, George Guttry: (note spelling).
https://convictrecords.com.au/convicts/guttry/george/7680
George Guttry (note spelling) was a convict, number 3258, who was convicted at Appleby, Westmorland, Columbia, England, in 1852, for breaking and entering and larceny.
At the age of 25 years, he was transported via the Stag which arrived in Fremantle on May 23, 1855 with 89 passengers and 255 convicts [Erickson].
Note: It is interesting that George Guttry came out with John Henry Markham Page on the Stag.

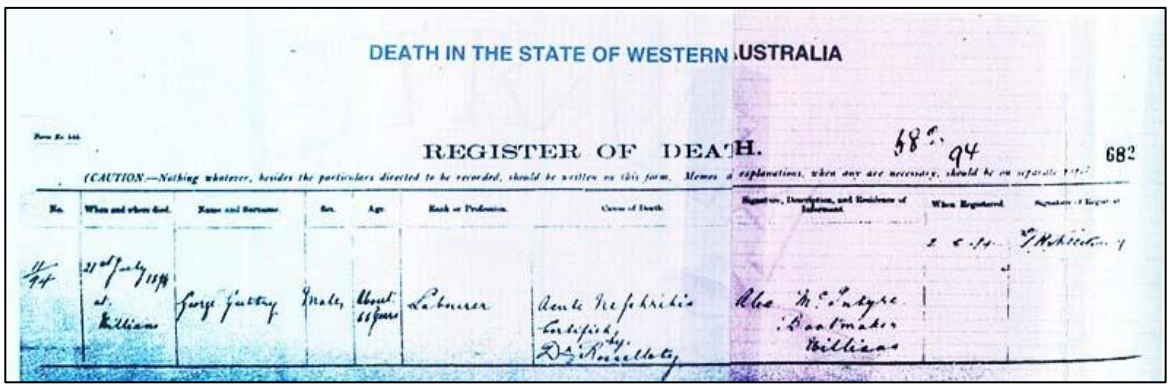
Via Leanne Dowsett on 20th Jan 2012:

George remained in WA and received his Ticket of Leave 7 Jan 1857 and Certificate of Freedom 22 Dec 1869 in Bunbury WA.

He spent his life around the Williams/Narrogin area and on the 4 Oct 1876, he married Mary Ann Fletcher.

They married at Saddleback Flour Mill in Williams as this is where they were both working at the time. They went on to have 6 children.

George Guttrey died 21 Jun 1894, Williams, WA [Reg. 682], aged 63 years, registered under Guttry. Buried Old William's Cemetery. Recorded as *GUTHREY George, Ticket- Of- leave.*


DEATH IN THE STATE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF DEATH. 682

(CAUTION.—Nothing whatever, besides the particulars directed to be recorded, should be written on this form. Memos & explanations, when any are necessary, should be on separate slips.)

No.	When and where died.	Name and Surname.	Sex.	Age.	Rank or Profession.	Cause of Death.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.
682	21st July 1894 at Williams	George Guttrey	Male	About 63 years	Labourer	Acute Nephritis Certified by Dr Rosenberg	Alex W. Sutherland Boatmaker Williams	2 Aug 94	T. Robertson

Copy of death certificate of George Guttrey

MARY ANN FLETCHER (1862-1898) Matilda Guttrey's mother.

Mary Ann Fletcher was born 26 Feb 1862, Pinjarrah, WA [Reg. 6218]. Parents: recorded as John Fletcher and Mary Bride (sic). The Surname Bride could be mistaken for O'Brien.
Mary Ann was the fourth child born to John Fletcher and Mary O'Brien.
There is an earlier registration recording that a Mary Fletcher was born 1859, Canolup (sic. Coolup), WA [Reg. 4710], parents recorded as John Fletcher and Mary O'Brien. This child was the third child of John Fletcher and Mary O'Brien and apparently died soon after birth.

The following article has been shared from the Family Tree of Sue Nancarrow:

> Mary Ann was the fourth child of John and Mary O'Brien. John and Mary's third child was also called Mary Ann, but she died soon after birth. Mary Ann was born when her parents were living on Pinjarrah Park and working for Captain Fawcett. She then moved to Canolup as a small child and finally on to Quindanning as a very young teenager. Mary Ann was only 14 when she married George Guttry who was 45 years old. They married at the Flour Mill this could have been because one or both of them were working there. On the birth records of their children they are listed as working and living at various places. These included Williams, Quindanning, Mokine and Marradong. Mary Ann's youngest son John Thomas only lived to be a year old, I haven't found out why he died yet. After George Guttry died Mary Ann married again, this time to William Rogers. They had one child William before her death at the age of 36 from heart disease. Mary Ann is buried with her two sisters, father and first husband. Her grave is not marked and the exact location is not known. In a letter that was written by Annie Fletcher, it said that the three sisters were all buried in a line.

Mary Ann Rogers, Guttrey, (nee Fletcher) died 1 May 1898, The Junction of the Rivers, Cables Pool, Williams, WA [Reg. 2776], registered under Mary Ann Rodgers. Parents recorded as John and Mary O'Brien. Buried Old Williams Cemetery, unmarked grave.

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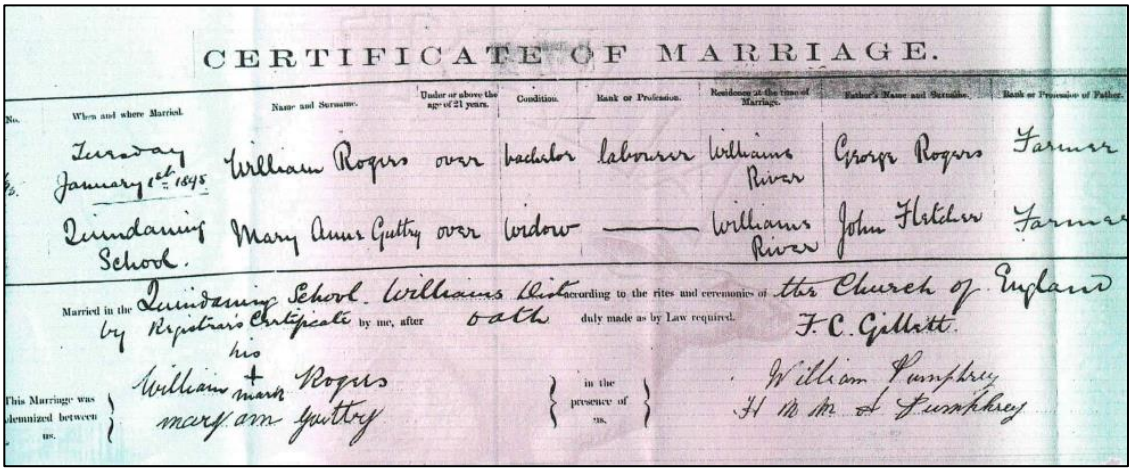
m.1 MARY ANN FLETCHER (1862-1898) married **GEORGE GUTTREY (~1831-1894)**, 1876, Williams River, WA [Reg No 4197]. As recorded.
Following George's death in 1894, Mary remarried. Matilda was only four when her father George died and eight when her mother Mary died in 1898.

m.2 MARY ANN GUTTREY married **WILLIAM ROGERS (1863-1951)**
1 Jan 1895, Quindanning School, WA [Reg. 27]. Recorded as Guttry.



CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

No.	When and where Married.	Name and Surname.		Under or above the age of 21 years.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
5.	Tuesday January 1st 1895	William Rogers		over	bachelor	labourer	Williams River	George Rogers	Farmer
	Quindanning School.	Mary Ann Guttry		over	widow	——	Williams River	John Fletcher	Farmer

Married in the Quindanning School. Williams Dist according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England by Registrar's Certificate by me, after oath duly made as by Law required. F. C. Gillett.

This Marriage was solemnized between us. William his + mark Rogers. mary ann guttry. in the presence of us. William Humphrey. H M Mc A Humphrey

Copy of marriage certificate of William Rogers and Mary Ann Guttrey (nee Fletcher), widow.

WILLIAM ROGERS (1869-1951) Matilda Guttery's stepfather- her mother Mary Guttery (nee Fletcher's) second husband.

William Rogers was born 1869, Beverley, WA. Parents: **GEORGE ROGERS (1827-1886)** and **HANNAH WHITTINGTON (1835-)** who were married 1867, Beverley, WA [Reg. 2590].
William Rogers died 17 Nov 1951, Donnybrook Hospital, Donnybrook, WA [Reg.190]. Buried Donnybrook Cemetery, WA, aged 88 years.

MARY ANN FLETCHER (1862-1898) AND WILLIAM ROGERS (1869-1951) HAD ONE CHILD:

WILLIAM GEORGE OWEN ROGERS (1895-1917) KILLED IN ACTION.

William George Owen Rogers was born 22 Feb 1895, Quindanning, (Williams Dist), WA [Reg. 371]. His mother Mary died in 1898 when he was about three years of age.
William George Owen Rogers died, WW1 15 Oct 1917, France.

ROGERS William George Owen: Service Number - 7119: Place of Birth - Quindanning WA: Place of Enlistment - Perth WA: Next of Kin - (Father) ROGERS William

Wounded in Action. Died of wounds. Buried plot 6 row D grave 9A, Wimereux Military Cemetery, France, 16 Oct 1917.

Following Mary's death William Rogers married again.

m.2 WILLIAM ROGERS (1863-1951) married **SUSAN ANN HAYES (1871-1959)** 1 Jan 1900, Junction of the Rivers, Hotham Bridge, WA [Reg. 1755], her name recorded as Susan.

WILLIAM ROGERS (1863-1951) AND SUSAN ANN HAYES (1871-1959) HAD EIGHT CHILDREN:

1. WILLIAM GEORGE ROGERS (1901-1971), 2. SARAH JANE ROGERS (1902-1973), 3. JOSEPH THOMAS ROGERS (1904-1960), 4. MARY ELLEN ROGERS (1906-1938), 5. RUTH HANNAH ELIZABETH ROGERS (1909-1963), 6. WILLIAM JAMES ROBERT ROGERS (1912-1981), 7. ALICE ROGERS, (1915-2000), 8. IVY GRACE ROGERS (1918-2014).

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.
CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

Copy of marriage certificate of William Rogers and Susan Hayes

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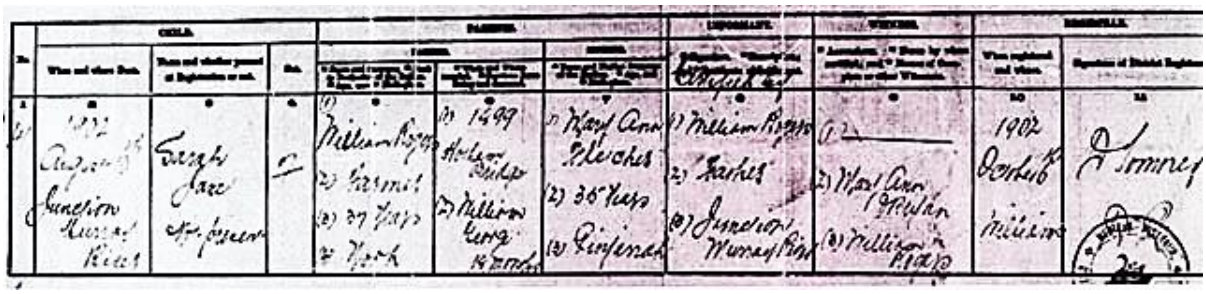
We have come across an anomaly which has caused multiple hours of surmising and researching to try and resolve.

SARAH JANE ROGERS (1902-1973) – second child of the above marriage.

Sarah Jane Rogers was born 1902, Murray River, WA [Reg. 6241]. Father: William Rogers, **mother - Mary Ann Fletcher.**

SARAH JANE ANN ROGERS (1902-1978) married **THOMAS SHAW (1886-1966)** 1922, Perth, WA [Reg. 329].



Copy of birth certificate of Sarah Jane Anne Rogers

WA Birth registrations and birth certificate of Sarah Jane Rogers (see above), record that her father was William Rogers and her mother was **Mary Ann Fletcher**. **Mary Ann Rogers (nee Fletcher) died in 1898 so could not have been her mother.** William and Susan Hayes were married in 1900. The first child William George Rogers was registered with his mother as Susannah Hayes and William Rogers. **At this stage we can only surmise the person giving the details was confused and this was an error.**

The next fourteen pages are about Matilda Guttrey's grandparents John Fletcher (1824-1896) and Mary O'Brien (1835-1928). They show how the various families came to WA.

JOHN FLETCHER (1824-1896) JNR. Mary Ann Fletcher's father, Matilda Guttery's maternal grandfather.
Via Stevens family tree, Ancestry.

John Fletcher was born about 1824, Thornton Le Moors, Cheshire, England. Baptised 15 Feb 1824, Thornton Le Moors, Cheshire, Eng, Parents: **JOHN FLETCHER (1775-1848)** and **ELLEN MORRIS (1786-1873)**.
John Fletcher died 13 Jul 1896, Williams, WA [Reg. 1974], aged 67 years.

CONVICT: RECORDS JOHN FLETCHER:

https://convictrecords.com.au/convicts/fletcher/john/9728

John Fletcher, one of 296 convicts transported on the Pyrenees, 14 Mar 1851, arrival date, 28 Jun 1851. Convicted of larceny, 16 Oct 1848, Nether, Knutsford, Cheshire, England. Sentence – 7 years. Australian Joint Copying Project. Microfilm Roll 92, Class and Piece Number HO11/17, Page Number 80.

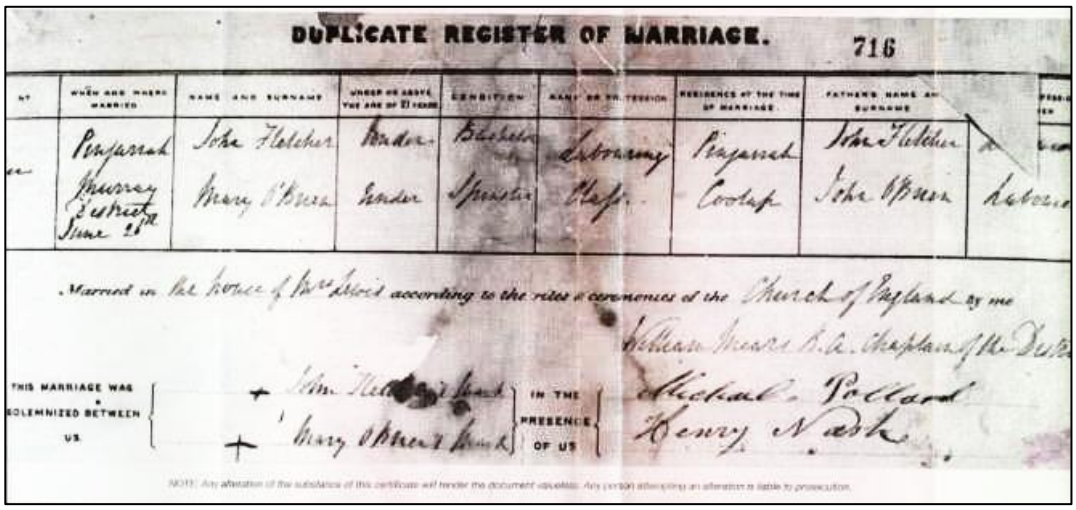
JOHN FLETCHER (1824-1896) married **MARY O'BRIEN (1835-1928)**, 26 Jun 1854, Pinjarra, WA [Reg. 716]. Marriage certificates says she was under 21 years.

MARY O'BRIEN (1835-1928) Mary Ann Fletcher's mother, Matilda's maternal grandmother. Via Beresford Family Tree, Ancestry:

Mary O'Brien was born about 1835, Dublin, Ireland. According to her age of 104 on her death certificate she was born about 1824. There seems to be some contradictions regarding Mary O'Brien's birth date and age on her headstone when she died. Most records show she was born in

1835 so it is assumed there was a mistake when advice was given for her headstone and death certificate.

Via Beresford Family Tree, Ancestry:
Copy of a baptism for Mary O'Brien, birth 1835, Baptism 1 Feb 1835, Cork, Liscarroll, Ireland. Diocese Cloyne. Parents: John O'Brien and Johana McAuliffe.
Mary O'Brien and John Fletcher had 12 children. They lived in Harvey, Coolup and finally settled in Williams.
Mary Fletcher (nee O'Brien died 26 Aug 1928, Williams, WA [Reg. 46]. Headstone reads, aged 104 years. Buried, Boraning Cemetery.


DUPLICATE REGISTER OF MARRIAGE. 716

	Pinjarrah Murray District June 28th	John Fletcher	Bachelor	Bachelor	Labourer	Pinjarrah	John Fletcher	Labourer
		Mary O'Brien	Spinster	Spinster	Clerk	Coolup	John O'Brien	Labourer

Married in the house of Mr Lewis according to the rites & ceremonies of the Church of England by me William Meares B.A. Chaplain of the Dist

THIS MARRIAGE WAS SOLEMNIZED BETWEEN US: John Fletcher his mark; Mary O'Brien her mark

IN THE PRESENCE OF US: Michael Pollard; Henry North

NOTE: Any alteration of the substance of this certificate will render the document void also. Any person altering an alteration is liable to prosecution.

Copy of marriage certificate John Fletcher and Mary O'Brien, 1854

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Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Notes
Fletcher, Mary Ann (nee O'Brien)	1835	1928	Came to W.A. on 'Clara' 1850. Wife of John Fletcher. Pioneered at Coolup 1869 and went to Manjimup until 1870's. Took up land at Quindanning 1876, then to Williams. Died in her 94th year.
Fletcher, Mary Ann (nee King)	9 November 1876	July 1959	Brief biographical notes on Marradong resident.

The ship "Clara" - Departed Southampton, London 11 Jun 1853, arrival Fremantle 3 Sep 1853 - 312 Government Emigrants (Convicts), 48 married couples with their children, 125 Female Servants.

CHILDREN OF JOHN FLETCHER (1824-1896) AND MARY O'BRIEN (1835-1928):
Via Gilchrist Family tree, Ancestry. **Matilda's grandparents.**

1. KATHLEEN FLETCHER (1855-1885) 'CATHERINE', 'Kitty'.

Kathleen Fletcher was born 13 Aug 1855, Harvey, WA [Reg. 2894].

KATHLEEN FLETCHER (1855-1885) 'CATHERINE' married **JOHN WALDOCK (1843-1900)**, 1870, Pinjarra, WA [Reg. 3177], registered under Catherine.
Catherine Waldock (nee Fletcher) died16 Sep 1885, Willams, WA [Reg. 14058]. Murdered at "The Williams" Williams, WA. More on this in her Individual chapter.

2. RICHARD THOMAS FLETCHER (1857-1943)

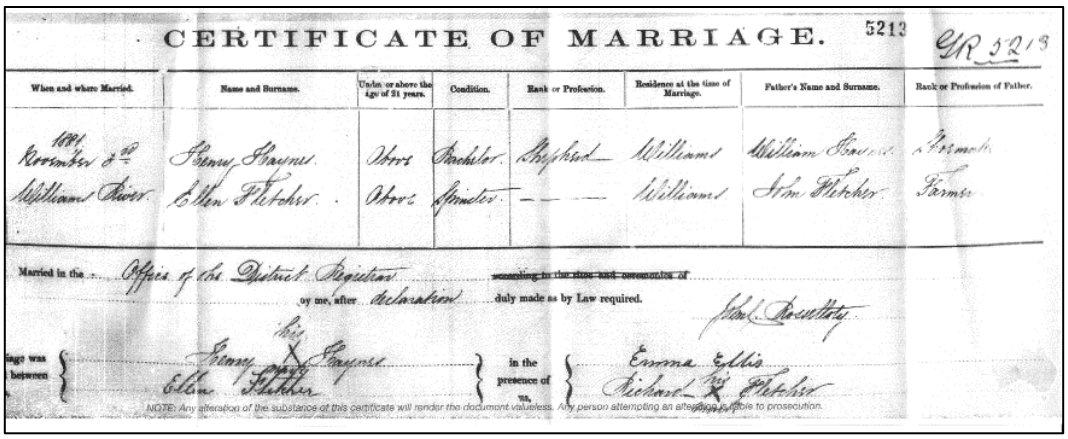
Richard Thomas Fletcher was born 1857, Murray, WA [Reg. 3687].

RICHARD THOMAS FLETCHER (1857-1943) married **AMY ELIZA HAINES SHERRY (1871-1947)**, 1892, Perth, WA [Reg. 402].

3. ELLEN FANNY FLETCHER (1859-1886) Ellen

Ellen Fanny Fletcher was born 26 Feb 1859, Coolup, WA. Family trees via Ancestry have her as a child of John Fletcher and Mary O'Brien. I cannot find a registration under this name or date. Were, she and Mary, also born and died in 1859, twins?

ELLEN FANNY FLETCHER married **CHARLES HENRY HAYNES (1853-1935)**, 3 Nov 1881, Williams, WA [Reg. 5213], registered under Henry Haynes (note spelling).


CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE. 5213

When and where Married.	Name and Surname.	Under or above the Age of 21 years.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
1881 November 3rd Williams River	Henry Haynes	Above	Bachelor	Shepherd	Williams	William Haynes	Farmer
	Ellen Fletcher	Above	Spinster	— — —	Williams	John Fletcher	Farmer

Married in the Office of the District Registrar according to the rites and ceremonies of by me, after declaration duly made as by Law required.

John L. Rosettety

Marriage was between Henry his X mark Haynes, Ellen Fletcher in the presence of us, Emma Ellis, Richard his X mark Fletcher

NOTE: Any alteration of the substance of this certificate will render the document valueless. Any person attempting an alteration is liable to prosecution.

Marriage certificate of Ellen Fletcher and Henry Haynes, 1881.

Ellen and Charles Henry Haynes had two children:

1. HENRY EDWARD HAYNES (1881-1935)
2. WILLIAM WALTER HAYNES (1884-1964).

Ellen Haynes nee Fletcher (26 Feb 1859-21 Dec 1886) died 21 Dec 1886, Williams, WA [Reg. 14348]. Buried, Old Williams Cemetery. Grave No. 40. Ellen drowned trying to rescue 7-year-old Ernie Lilly they both died. Ellen was 7 months pregnant. Ernest William Lilly (Lilley) died 1886, Williams, WA [Reg. 14349].

Via: My Family History Family Tree, Ancestry:

Tragedy again struck the Quindanning area in December 1886. Two lads were playing beside a pool in the Williams River in close proximity to the home of the Harry Haynes family. By some misadventure a boy aged seven years named Ernest William Lilley, who could not swim, fell into the water and was soon in difficulties. Realising the immediate danger, his pal ran to the Haynes home for assistance. Very quickly Mrs Haynes arrived at the scene where she, fully clothed and unable to swim, immediately plunged into the water in a frantic effort to save the boy. She was very soon out of her depth and weighted down by wet clothing, she was drowned. The result was a double tragedy.

At the inquest held at Quindanning on 21 December 1886, a finding of accidental death by drowning was recorded in both instances with a rider commending Ellen Haynes who lost her life in trying to save the boy Lilley. Both are buried in the old Williams cemetery. (2)

MARY FLETCHER (1859-1859) Died soon after birth.

Mary Fletcher was born, 1859, Coolup, WA [Reg. 4710]. Parents: John Fletcher and Mary O'Brien.
* Mary Fletcher died soon after birth. Via Family Tree of Sue Nancarrow.

4. MARY ANN FLETCHER (1862-1898) Matilda's parents.

Mary Fletcher was born 1862, Pinjarra Park, WA [Reg. 6219], parents: John Fletcher and Mary Bride. (sic). Baptised 14 Dec 1865, Pinjarra, WA, Parents: John Fletcher and Ann, FHL Film Number 284855. ***** Via Sue Nancarrow, Family Tree. "Mary Ann was the fourth child of John and Mary O'Brien. Mary's third child was also called Mary Ann, but she died soon after birth.

MARY ANN FLETCHER (1862-1898) married **GEORGE GUTTREY (~1831-1894)**, 1876, Williams River, WA [Reg No 4197]. She would have been only 14 years?

m.2 MARY ANN GUTTREY, (NEE FLETCHER) (1862-1898) married **WILLIAM ROGERS (1869-1951)**, 1895, Quindanning, WA [Reg. 27], recorded as Guttry.

5. JOHN FLETCHER (1864-1864) Died aged 5 days

John Fletcher was born 1864, Canolup (sic. Coolup), WA [Reg. 8206], died 1864, Canolup, WA [Reg. 2691], aged 5 days.

6. JOHN FLETCHER (1866-1938)

John Fletcher was born 1866, Canolup (sic. Coolup), WA [Reg. 9146].

JOHN FLETCHER (1866-1938) married **PHOEBE ANN KING (1874-1959)** 1895, Marradong, WA [Reg. 28].

7. JANE FLETCHER (1869-1931)

Jane Fletcher was born 1869, Canolup (sic. Coolup) WA [Reg. 11387].
Remained single.
Jane Fletcher died 1931, Perth, WA [Reg. 746].

8. THOMAS FLETCHER (1871-1944)

Thomas Fletcher was born 1871, Camlup (sic. Coolup), WA [Reg. 13126].
Thomas Fletcher died 1944, Williams, WA [Reg. 24].

9. WILLIAM FLETCHER (1874-1952)

William Fletcher was born 1874, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 15495].
William Fletcher died 1952, Williams, WA [Reg. 78].

10. GEORGE FLETCHER (1877-1952)
George Fletcher was born 1877, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 18385].

GEORGE FLETCHER (1877-1952) married **EMILY ISABELLE MAY KING (1897-1976)**, 1918, Williams, WA [Reg. 11].

Records show John Fletcher was: Murray farmer 1860s. Coolup 1869. Manjimup 1870s. Quindanning 1876, Williams. Employed a Ticket of Leave man 1865 at Pinjarra. John Fletcher died 13 Jul 1896, Williams, WA [Reg. 1974], aged 67 years.

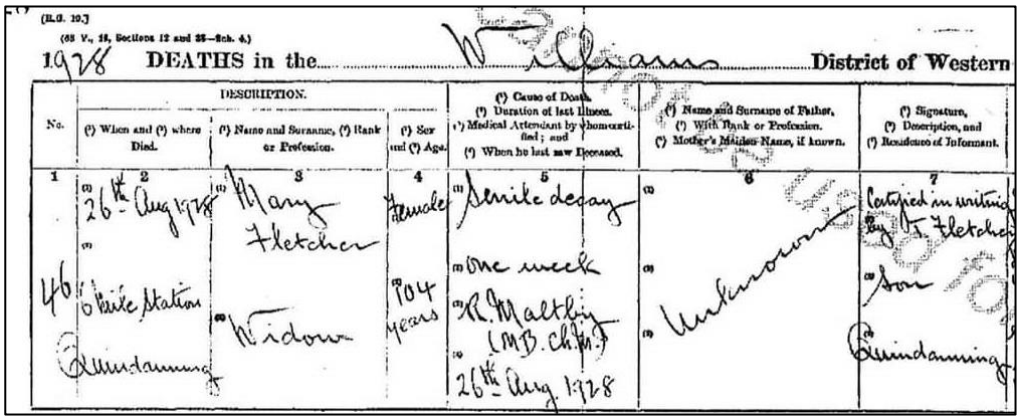
Electoral Roll:
June Menegola commented: *In the electoral rolls, the family have seemed to have kept together in the Quindanning area - Mary, John, Jane, George & Emily, Richard (Richard Thomas), Thomas & William.*

1917, 1922 Fletcher family, Quindanning

Fletcher, Emily Isabella May, "Hill View," Quindanning, home dutie
Fletcher, George, "Hill View," Quindanning, farmer M
Fletcher, Jane, Quindanning road, Quindanning, spinster F
Fletcher, John, Quindanning road, farmer M
Fletcher, John James Basil, Hope Cottage, Williams River, Marrad
Fletcher, Mary, Quindanning road, Quindanning, house duties F
Fletcher, Phoebe Ann, Quindanning road, married F
Fletcher, Richard Thomas, Quindanning, farmer M
Fletcher, Thomas, Green Valley, Quindanning, farmer M
Fletcher, William, Green Valley, Quindanning, farmer M

Mary Fletcher (nee O'Brien died 26 Aug 1928, Williams, WA [Reg. 46]. Headstone reads, aged 104 years. Buried, Boraning Cemetery. See earlier comments regarding her age.

DEATH CERTIFICATE OF MARY FLETCHER (NEE O'BRIEN):



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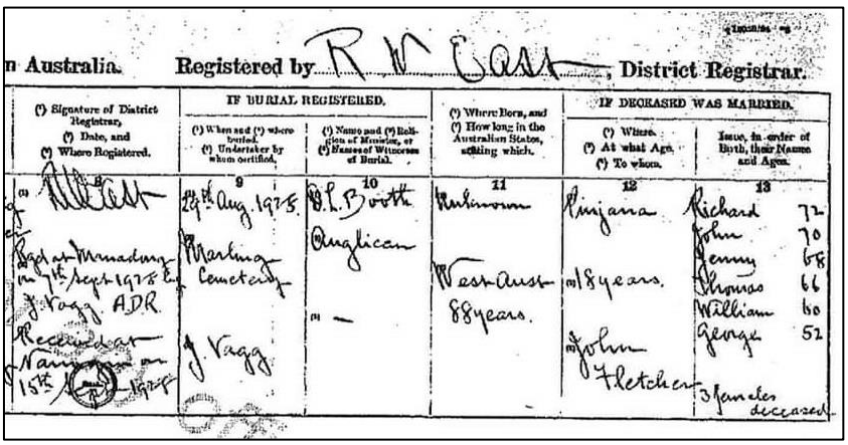
(63 V., 18, Sections 12 and 25—Sch. 4.)

1928 DEATHS in the Williams District of Western

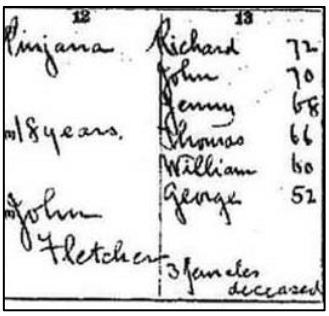
No.	Description: (*) When and (*) where Died.	Description: (*) Name and Surname, (*) Rank or Profession.	Description: (*) Sex and (*) Age.	(*) Cause of Death. (*) Duration of last Illness. (*) Medical Attendant by whom certified; and (*) When he last saw Deceased.	(*) Name and Surname of Father, (*) With Rank or Profession. (*) Mother's Maiden Name, if known.	(*) Signature, (*) Description, and (*) Residence of Informant.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
46	(a) 26th Aug 1928 (b) Bible Station Quindanning	(a) Mary Fletcher (b) Widow	Female 104 years	(a) Senile decay (b) One week (c) R. Maltby (MB. Ch.M.) (d) 26th Aug 1928	(a) Unknown (b)	Certified in writing by J. Fletcher (a) Son (b) Quindanning



n Australia. Registered by R W East District Registrar.

(*) Signature of District Registrar, (*) Date, and (*) Where Registered.	If Burial Registered: (*) When and (*) where buried. (*) Undertaker by whom certified.	If Burial Registered: (*) Name and (*) Religion of Minister, or (*) Names of Witnesses of Burial.	(*) Where Born, and (*) How long in the Australian States, adding which.	If Deceased was Married: (*) Where. (*) At what Age. (*) To whom.	Issue, in order of Birth, their Names and Ages.
8	9	10	11	12	13
(a) [signature] (b) Registered on 7th Sept 1928 J. Vagg ADR (c) Recorded at Narrogin on 15th [illegible] 1928	(a) 29th Aug. 1928 (b) Marling Cemetery (c) J. Vagg	(a) B.P. Booth (b) Anglican (c) —	Unknown West Aust 88 years.	(a) Pinjarra (b) 18 years. (c) John Fletcher	Richard 72, John 70, Jenny 68, Thomas 66, William 60, George 52. 3 females deceased.

Copy of Death certificate of Mary Fletcher (nee O'Brien), 26 Aug 1928, aged 104 years.



12	13	
Pinjarra	Richard	72
	John	70
	Jenny	68
18 years.	Thomas	66
	William	60
John	George	52
Fletcher	3 females deceased	

Cropped section showing the children mentioned on Mary Fletcher (nee O'Brien's death certificate who died 26 Aug 1928, Williams, WA [Reg. 46]. The ages do not match with their date but are only as correct as the person giving the information. Who is Jenny? Perhaps Jane is Jenny.

CONTINUING MARY ANN FLETCHER (1862-1898) AND GEORGE GUTTREY (~1831-1894)

GEORGE GUTTREY (~1831-1894) and **MARY ANN FLETCHER (1862-1898)** had six children. More details following in their own sections.

1. MARY ANN GUTTREY / GUTTRY (1877-1941) 'Julia'
2. GEORGE GUTTREY (1879-1950)
3. FRANK GUTTERY (1882-1963)
4. ELLEN GUTTREY (1884-1965)
5. JOHN THOMAS GUTTREY (1888-1889)
6. MATILDA JANE GUTTREY (1890-1964)

INDIVIDUAL DETAILS OF THE CHILDREN OF GEORGE GUTTREY (~1831-1894) AND MARY ANN FLETCHER (1862-1898):

1. MARY ANN 'JULIA' GUTTREY / GUTTRY (1877-1941) (Variations of spelling of Guttrey) was born 8 Jul 1877, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 18381], registered as Mary Ann Guthry (sic). Parents: George Guthry and Mary Ann Fletcher. Some Ancestry Family Tree pages have added the name of Julia, perhaps a nickname. Mary died 13 Oct 1941, Collie Hospital, (Wellington), WA [Reg. 40], aged 64 years. Buried Collie Cemetery.

1941: DEATH NOTICE: ***STONE*** *-On October 12 at Collie Hospital. Mary Ann, loving wife of A. Stone, 42 Robert-street, Collie, loving mother of Bill and Dorry, grandmother of Nell and Bob; aged 64 years. Melbourne papers please copy. At rest.*

Mary had two children registered under her name, no father recorded - see below. These children took on the surname Stone. Family trees have her partnered with Alfred William Stone. I have been unable to find record of a marriage.

MARY ANN GUTTREY / GUTTRY (1877-1941) and Partner **ALFRED WILLIAM STONE (1876-1951)**. Via Michelle Mosely Family Tree, Ancestry. **ALFRED** (via Morgan Thompson Family Tree, Ancestry) was born in Port Chalmers, New Zealand, Jan 1876, NZ [Reg. No. 5947], son of **THOMAS ALEXANDER STONE (1836-1920)** and **ALTHEA ELLEN DAVISON (1839-1909)** who were married 1 Jun 1861, Portland, St John, Dorset, England. Althea Ellen Stone (nee Davison) died 1909, Subiaco, WA [Reg. 93]. Thomas Alexander Stone died 26 Aug 1920, RPH, WA [Reg. 1166]. Alfred William Stone died 1951, Wellington, WA [Reg. 131], aged 75 years. Buried Collie Cemetery. **MARY ANN** and **ALFRED** had two children as follows:

1. DORIS 'DORRY', HELENA GRACE GUTTRY (1899-1952) – STONE. The Electoral Roll indicates that Doris took on the surname of Alfred William Stone. Doris was born 1899, Canning, WA [Reg No. 5317], registered under Doris Helena Grace Guttry, mother, Mary Ann Guttry.

Electoral Roll:
1931 Doris Helena Grace Stone, Christie St, Collie, spinster, Alfred William Stone, sleeper cutter, Mary Ann Stone, housewife, Alfred William George Stone, sleeper cutter, brother.
1937 Doris Helena Grace Stone, Moira Rd, Collie, home duties, Alfred William Stone, sleeper cutter, Mary Ann Stone, housewife.
1943 Doris Helena Grace Stone, 111 Wittenoom St, Collie, home duties, Alfred William Stone, timber worker.
1949 Doris Helena Grace Stone, Ewington, home duties, Alfred William Stone, Ewington, pensioner.

Doris 'Dorry', Helena Grace Stone died 29 Jul 1952, Collie, (Wellington), WA [Reg.124], recorded under Doris Stone. Buried Collie Cemetery. Methodist H64.

2. ALFRED WILLIAM 'BILL'GEORGE GUTTRY (1905-1966) – STONE. The Electoral Roll indicates Alfred took on the surname of Alfred William George Stone. Alfred was born 1905, Midland Junction, WA [Reg. 6821], registered under mother, Guttry Mary Julia Ann.

Electoral Roll:
1931 Alfred William George Stone, Christie St, Collie, sleeper cutter, Doris Helena Grace Stone, spinster, Alfred William Stone, sleeper cutter, Mary Ann Stone, housewife.

ALFRED WILLIAM GEORGE STONE (1905-1966) 'BILL' married **m.2 ROSE ANNA MAY WILLIAMS (NEE STANTON) (1911-1972)**, 1934, Wellington. WA [Reg. 4]. Roseanna had been married before. **m.1 ROSE ANNA MAY STANTON) (1911-1972)** married **ALFRED KEITH WILLIAMS (-1932)**, 1928, Wellington. WA [Reg. 83]. Alfred Keith Williams died 17 Jan 1932. Following Alfred's death, she remarried. **ALFRED WILLIAM GEORGE STONE (1905-1966) AND ROSE ANNA MAY WILLIAMS (NEE STANTON) (1911-1972) HAD TWELVE CHILDREN:** See Alfred William and Rose's headstone:

Electoral Roll
1937 Alfred William George Stone, Forrest Street, sleeper cutter, Rose Anna May, home duties.
1949 Alfred William George Stone, Forrest Street, sleeper cutter, Rose Anna May, home duties, Robert Edward Stone, bricklayer.
1954, Alfred William George Stone, 70 Forrest St, Sleeper cutter, Rose Anna May, home duties.

Alfred 'William' George Stone died 20 Aug 1966, aged 61 years, Buried Aug 1966, Collie Cemetery, Anglican N58.

Rosana May Stone died 18 Jul 1972, aged 60 years

In Loving Memory of
WILLIAM
LOVED HUSBAND OF ROSE
LOVING FATHER OF
MAY, ALF, SHIRLEY, MARY,
BILL, LILA, JIM, LYLE, JILL,
JOHN, PETER & EVELYN
Died 20th August 1966.
ALSO HIS LOVING WIFE
ROSE
DIED 18TH JUNE 1972
AGED 60 YEARS
TREASURED MEMORIES
R.I.P.

Headstone:(Albert) William' and Rose Stone, Collie Cemetery. Via Michell Mosely Family Tree

Continuing with the story of Mary Ann Guttry (1877-1941) and Alfred William Stone (1876-1951).

Electoral Roll:
1903 Alfred William Stone, Canning Mill, labourer, Mary Julia Annie, home duties.
1910 Alfred William Stone, Canning Mill, Pickering Brook, sleeper cutter, Mary Ann, married.
1925 Alfred William Stone, 111 Wittenoom St, Collie, sleeper cutter, Mary Ann, home duties, Doris Helena Grace, Domestic.
1937 Alfred William Stone, Moira Rd, sleeper cutter, Mary Ann, home duties, Doris Helena Grace, Home duties.
1949 Alfred William Stone, pensioner, Ewington, Collie, Doris Helena Grace, home duties.

COLLIE CEMETERY http://www.ozburials.com/CemsWA/Collie/collie.htm

STONE, Alfred William (1876-1951) Snr died 9 Aug 1951 Aged 75 years.
STONE, Mary Ann (nee Guttry) (1877-1941) died 13 Oct 1941 Aged 64 years.

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2. GEORGE GUTTREY (1879-1950) Variations in spelling of surname. Thank you to Sue Nancarrow for sharing her family tree. George Guttrey was born 4 Jun 1879, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 200026], recorded under Guthry. George died 21 Jun 1950, Buried Williams Cemetery. **GEORGE** married **LAURA GERTRUDE PUMPHREY (1891-1975)** 1910, Williams, WA [Reg. 13], recorded under Guttrey.

LAURA GERTRUDE PUMPHREY (1891-1975) was born 24 Oct 1891, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 1700]. Parents: **WILLIAM PUMPHREY (1858-1906)** and **m.3 HANNAH MARIA MARY ANN (nee BATT) (1848-1918)** who were married 1894, Quindanning, WA [Reg. 98]. Laura died 10 Jul 1975, aged 83 Years. Buried Williams Cemetery.

The next few pages have details of Laura Gertrude Pumphrey's parents: William Pumphrey (1858-1906) and Hannah Maria Mary Ann Batt (1848-1918) and family.

WILLIAM PUMPHREY (1858-1906), Laura Gertrude Pumphrey's father, was born 31 Jan 1858, Pinjarra, WA. Parents **WILLIAM PUMPHREY (1827-1910)** and **ANN GOWER (1824-1885)** who were married 24 Nov 1846, St Ives District, Over, Cambridgeshire, England. William Pumphrey died 1906, Williams, [Reg. 1].

HANNAH MARIA MARY ANN BATT (1848-1918), Laura Gertrude Pumphrey's mother (via the Osborne Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 5 Oct 1848, Mangonah, WA. [Reg. 1192]. Parents: **JOSEPH BATT (1800-1884)** and **RUTH DOWNTON (1814-1867).** (Mangonah was a property situated at Ashfield and extended from the south bank of the Swan River to near where the Perth Airport is located today). See section on Joseph Batt (1800-1884) for more details. Hannah Maria Mary Ann Pumphrey, Deverell (nee Batt) died 29 May 1918, Williams, WA [Reg. 20].

Laura's mother Hannah Maria Mary Ann Batt was married three times (one de facto).

m.1 HANNAH MARIA MARY ANN BATT (1848-1918) married **Convict JAMES DEVERELL (1830-1893)** 24 Oct 1865, Registrar's Office, Pinjarra, WA [Reg.2348]. **JAMES** was born 1830, Wells, Norfolk, England. Parents: **JOHN DEVERELL (1795-1885)** and **SOPHIA BARBER (1800-1884)**. Trial place, Wells: Convict James Deverell, labourer, aged 23 years, arrived Fremantle via the *Dudbrook*, 7 Feb 1853. Conditional Pardon, 1855. James Deverill died 1893, WA [Reg. 788]. Recorded as Deverill.

HANNAH MARIA MARY ANN BATT (1848-1918) and **JAMES DEVERELL (1830-1893)** had two children: One living child, one Stillborn.

1. HANNAH MARIA MARY DEVERELL (1865-1936), was born 1865, Pinjarra, WA [Reg. 8811], registered under Hannah Deverel. HANNAH married WILLIAM HENRY BINGHAM (1849-1924), 1880, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 4944]. Registered under Batt. They had twelve children.

Electoral Roll:
1910 Hannah Maria Mary Bingham, Perth Rd, Williams, married, William Henry Bingham, farmer.
1916 Hannah Maria Mary Ann Bingham, Armadale, home duties, William Henry Bingham, Prospect Rd, Armadale, contractor.

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2. UN-NAMED STILLBORN (1867-1867) Via family tree. I can't find registration records of this child.

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m.2 De facto: HANNAH MARIA MARY ANN BATT (1848-1918) and **JOSEPH DENLEY (1829-1884)** lived together from ~1871 until his death in 1884. **JOSEPH** was born 1829, in Red Hill, Devon, England. Convict: Trial Devon, England 1853. John Denley aged 26 years, arrival date 24 May 1855, via the *Stag*. Joseph died 16 Dec 1884, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 12950]. They had two children:

1. PHOEBE DENLEY (1871-1889) was born 1871, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 13515], registered under Denly, Parents Joseph Denly and Anne Batt.

2. JOSEPH DENLEY (1874-) was born 1874, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 13515], registered under Denly, Parents Joseph Denly and Anne Batt.

After the death of Joseph Denley in 1884, Hannah and William Pumphrey had six children born from 1886-1893. Hannah and William Pumphrey were married in 1894.

m.3 HANNAH MARIA MARY ANN DEVERELL (1848-1918) married **WILLIAM J PUMPHREY (1858-1906)** 1894, Quindanning, WA [Reg. 98]. Recorded under Deveril.

Children of WILLIAM PUMPHREY (1858-1906) & HANNAH MARIA MARY ANN (nee BATT) (1848-1918):

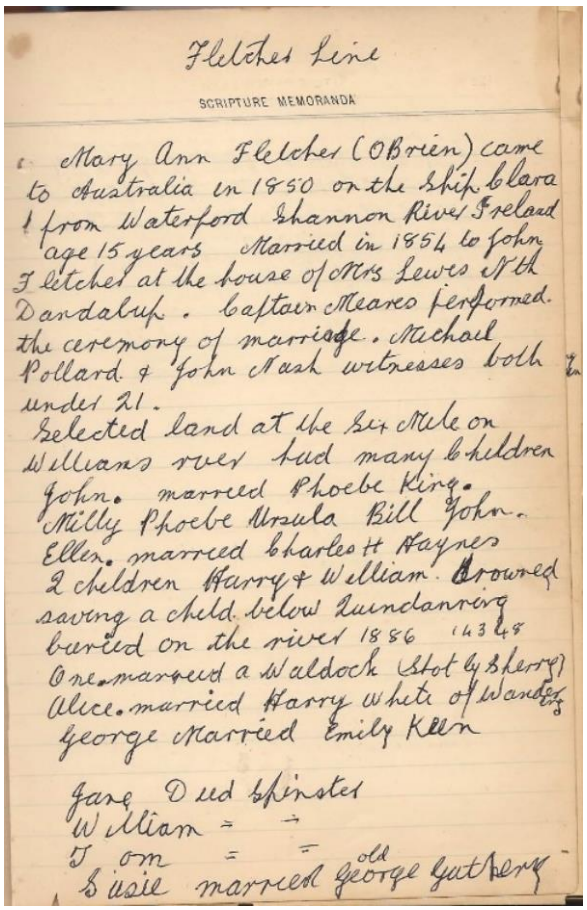
1. DAVID WILLIAM PUMPHREY (1886-1963) married EMILY ALICIA REED (1896-1977) 1915, Williams, WA [Reg. 21].
2. UNAMED PUMPHREY (1888-1888) Stillborn
3. RITA GRACE PUMPHREY (1889-1929)* married WILLIAM WALTER HAYNES (1884-1964) 25 Dec 1905, Daylerking, (Williams), WA [Reg. 2086].

4. CLARA ANN PUMPHREY (1890-1963) married FRANK GUTTREY (1877-1963) 1909, Williams, WA [Reg. 34]. Her sister Laura Pumphrey married Frank's brother George Guttrey.
5. LAURA GERTRUDE PUMPHREY (1891-1975) married GEORGE GUTTREY (1879-1950) 1910, Williams, WA [Reg. 13], recorded under Guttrey. Her sister Clara Pumphrey married Frank Guttrey, brother of George Guttrey.
6. MABEL DEARCIE PUMPHREY (1893-1970) married FREDERICK JAMES CRANE (1888-1969) 6 Sep 1911, Williams. WA [Teg. 10].

BIBLE - Fletcher Line
Courtesy Patricia Ann Barber.

*Rita Grace PUMPHREY (1889-1929)
third child of William Pumphrey (1858-1906)
and Hannah Maria Mary Ann (nee Batt).

Rita Grace Pumphrey (1889-1929)
married Walter Haynes (1884-1964)
25 Dec 1905.



Fletcher Line

SCRIPTURE MEMORANDA

Mary Ann Fletcher (OBrien) came to Australia in 1850 on the Ship Clara from Waterford Shannon River Ireland age 15 years Married in 1854 to John Fletcher at the house of Mrs Lewis Nth Dandaluf. Captain Meares performed the ceremony of marriage. Michael Pollard & John Nash witnesses both under 21.
Selected land at the Six Mile on Williams river had many children
John. married Phoebe King.
Milly Phoebe Ursula Bill John.
Ellen. married Charles H Haynes
2 children Harry & William. Drowned saving a child below Quindanning buried on the river 1886 14348
One. married a Waldock (Shot by Sherry)
Alice. married Harry White of Wandering
George Married Emily Klein

Jane Died Spinster
William = =
Tom = =
Susie married old George Guttery

Continuing with GEORGE GUTTREY (1879-1950) and **LAURA GERTRUDE PUMPHREY (1891-1975)**:

CHILDREN OF GEORGE GUTTREY (1879-1950) AND LAURA GERTRUDE PUMPHREY (1891-1975): **George, Enid Mary, Edith Margaret and Millie Thelma Guttry**.

Carnamah WA Livestock Brands 1912-1962
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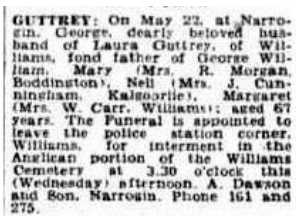
Guttrey	G. (jrn)	Broadacres, Williams	GG8 and 48B, 30E	1962
Guttrey	Geo.	Quandering, Williams	GU4	1924

Electoral Roll:
1917, 1925, 1931, 1943 George Guttrey, Williams, labourer, Laura Gertude, *Quaindering, Williams, home duties. *As recorded in Electoral Roll.
1954 Laura Gertude Guttrey, Quandering, Williams, home duties.
1972 Laura Gertude Guttrey, Williams, home duties.

George Guttrey died 21 May 1950, Williams, WA [Reg. 27], recorded under Guttrey. Buried Williams Cemetery, Anglican section.

***West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Wed 24 May 1950, pg 37**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article47864634.txt

GUTTREY: On May 22, at Narrogin. George, dearly beloved husband of Laura Guttrey, of Williams, fond father of George William, Mary (Mrs. R. Morgan, Boddington), Nell (Mrs. J. Cunningham, Kalgoorlie), Margaret (Mrs. W. Carr. Williams); aged 67 years. The Funeral is appointed to leave the police station corner Williams, for interment in the Anglican portion of the Williams Cemetery at 3.30 o'clock this (Wednesday) afternoon.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3. FRANK GUTTERY (1882-1963) (Variations in spelling of name) was born 8 Feb 1882, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 22706], registered under Guttry. Parents George Guttry and Mary Ann Fletcher. Frank Guttry died 25 Jul 1963, Boddington, WA [Reg. 13], registered under Guttrey. Buried Boddington Cemetery. **FRANK** married **CLARA ANN PUMPHREY (1890-1963)** 1909, Williams, WA [Reg No. 34], registered under Guttry. **CLARA** was born 30 Aug 1890, Williams, WA [Reg. 1384]. Parents: **WILLIAM PUMPHREY (1858-1906)** and **HANNAH MARIA MARY ANN (nee BATT) (1840-1918)** who were married 1894, Quindanning, WA [Reg. 98]. Clara was their third child. Clara's sister Laura married Frank's brother George and her other sister Rita married Billy Haynes the Guttrey's cousin. **Clara Ann Guttrey (nee Pumphrey) died 9 Sep 196**3, Murray, WA [Reg. 41]. Buried Boddington Cemetery.

Electoral Roll:
1914, 1926 Frank Guttrey, Quindanning, contractor, Clara Ann, home duties.
1931, 1943, 1949 Frank Guttrey, Crossman, contractor, Clara Ann, home duties.
1958 Frank Guttrey, Boddington, pensioner Clara Ann, Crossman, home duties.

4. ELLEN GUTTREY (1884-1965) (Variations in spelling of name) was born 1884, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 25795], registered under Guttry. Ellen died 11 Nov 1965, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 603]. Buried Fremantle Cemetery. **ELLEN** married **GEORGE DAVID DOWSETT (1887-1944)** 1913, Beverley, WA

[Reg. 23], registered under Guthrie. **GEORGE** was born 1887, Wandering, WA [Reg. 78]. Parents: **SAMUEL DOWSETT (1858-1917)** and **THERESA ALICE BARRON (1864-1930)** who were married 1885, Perth, WA [Reg. 5968]. George David Dowsett died 8 Oct 1944, Perth, WA [Reg. 2192].

Electoral Roll:

1910 George David Dowsett, Blackboy Gully, Wandering, farmer, Parents: Samuel Dowsett, Wandering, farmer Theresa Alice, married.
1925 George David Dowsett, Loch Erin, Wandering, farmer, Ellen, home duties.
1931, 1936, 1943 George David Dowsett, Dwarda, Williams, labourer, Ellen, home duties.
1958, 1963 Ellen Dowsett, 4 Passmore Av, Fremantle, home duties.

5. JOHN THOMAS GUTTREY (1888-1889) was born 1888, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 338], registered under Guttry. John Thomas Guttrey died aged 1 year, [Reg. 77], registered under Guttry.

6. MATILDA JANE GUTTREY (1890-1964) (Variations in spelling of name) was born 10 Mar 1890, Williams, WA [Reg. 433], registered under Guttrey. Matilda died 1964, Williams, WA [Reg. 64]. **MATILDA** married **JOHN PAGE (1876-1939)** 15 Mar 1910 in St Alban's Church, Marradong, (Williams), WA [Reg. 6], registered under Guttry. More details following.

Continuing the story of John Page (1876-1939) and Matilda Jane Guttrey (1890-1964):

JOHN PAGE (1876-1939) and **MATILDA JANE GUTTREY (1890-1964)** had three children. More details on these children are in their Individual sections following.

1. PAGE, JOHN EDWARD (1909-1967)
2. PAGE, SARAH JANE (1913-1969)
3. PAGE, GEORGE LEONARD (1921-1982)

John Page died 21 Jan 1939, Williams, WA [Reg. 4], aged 62 years. Buried Quindanning Cemetery.
https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/132184516/john-page

Narrogin Observer (WA: 1918 - 1955), Sat 28 Jan 1939, pg. 3
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article260373650.txt

JOHN PAGE.

Mr. John Page passed away *at Quindanning at the age of 62 years, on the 20th. inst. The funeral took place on 22nd. inst. at Quindanning cemetery.*

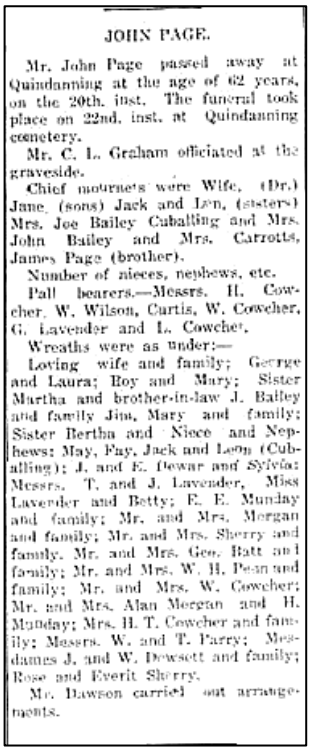
Mr. C. L. Graham, officiated at the graveside.

Chief mourners were Wife, (Dr.) Jane, (sons) Jack and, Len, (sisters) Mrs. Joe Bailey Cuballing and Mrs. John Bailey and Mrs. Carrotts, James Page [brother). Number of nieces, nephews, etc.

Pall bearers.—Messrs. H. Cowcher, W. Wilson, Curtis, W. Cowcher, G. Lavender and L. Cowcher.

Wreaths were as under:—

Loving wife and family; George and Laura; Roy and Mary; Sister Martha and brother-in-law J. Bailey and family Jim, Mary and family; Sister Bertha and Niece and Nephews; May, Fay, Jack and Leon (Cuballing); J. and E. Dewar and Sylvia; Messrs. T. and J. Lavender, Miss Lavender and Betty; E. E. Munday and family; Mr. and Mrs. Morgan and family; Mr. and Mrs. Sherry and family. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Batt and



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Mr. Dawson carried out arrangements.

family; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Penn and family; Mr. and Mrs. W. Cowcher; Mr. and Mrs. Alan Morgan and H. Munday; Mrs. H. T. Cowcher and family; Messrs. W. and T. Parry; Mesdames J. and W. Dowsett and family; Rose and Everit Sherry.

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***Daily News* (Perth, WA: 1882 - 1950), Mon 10 Apr 1939, pg 18**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article83075827.txt

Page, John, late of Quindanning, farmer, to Matilda J. Page, of Quindanning—value £1274.

Last Week's Wills

During last week probates and letters of administration were granted in respect of the following wills: —
Page, John, late of Quindanning, farmer, to Matilda J. Page, of Quindanning— value £1274

PROBATE AND WILL OF JOHN PAGE (1876-1939)

Gross Value of Estate £1274 16 2
Net Value of Estate £1274 - 1 - 2

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE MATTER of the Will of JOHN PAGE late of Quindanning in the State of Western Australia Farmer deceased.

BE IT KNOWN that on the 29th day of March One thousand nine hundred and thirty nine the last Will and Testament (a copy whereof is hereunto annexed) of JOHN PAGE late of Quindanning in the State of Western Australia farmer deceased who died on the 20th day of January One thousand nine hundred and thirty nine at the Narrogin Hospital Narrogin in the State of Western Australia was proved approved and registered in the Supreme Court of the said State of Western Australia at Perth; and that administration of the real and personal estate of the said deceased was granted by the aforesaid Court to MATILDA JANE PAGE of Quindanning in the said State the lawful widow of the said deceased and the sole executrix named in the said will she having been first sworn well and faithfully to administer the same.

BY THE COURT.

DEPUTY MASTER.

Deputy Master

THIS IS THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of me JOHN PAGE of Quindanning (West Australia) in the State of Western Australia made the 14th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty nine.

I REVOKE all other wills made by me.

I APPOINT my wife, Matilda Jane Page to be my Executor, and direct that my Funeral and Testamentary Expenses and all my debts shall be paid as soon as conveniently may be after my decease.

I GIVE UNTO My Beloved Wife, Mrs Matilda Jane Page the whole of my possessions, my property, my goods and chattels, and whatsoever else I may own, in the belief that she will make good use of it, and deal fairly and justly with the needs of my children as the occasion arises And make provision for them one and all at her death.

IN WITNESS whereof I the said JOHN PAGE have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand the 14th day of January in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and thirty nine.

SIGNED by the said JOHN PAGE the Testator on the day and year aforesaid in the presence of us present at the same time, who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as Witnesses.

JOHN PAGE

J. J. SAVAGE M.B.

HARRY SHERRY.

...an, her Heirs, Executors and Administrators, the sum of Four Thou-
..., for her sole separate use and benefit, AND to my daughter, Dor-
...n Arnold at present residing at South Perth in the State of West-
...ia, Widow, her Heirs, Executors and Administrators, the sum of
...nd pounds, for her sole separate use and benefit, and DIRECT that
...ts may be paid by my Executrix either in cash or "Australian Con-
...reasury Bonds" at their face value, as she may determine. I, GIVE,
...EQUEATH to my wife, Laura Elizabeth Strother of South Perth in
...f Western Australia, her Heirs, Executors and Administrators, the
...y Estate both real and personal and wheresoever situate, for her
...t and use absolutely.

...NESS whereof, I the said Frederick William Strother have to this
...t Will and Testament set my hand the Ninth day of March in the
...f our Lord One thousand nine hundred and thirty-three.

F.W. Strother, Testator

...e said Frederick William ...e Testator on the day and year ...the presence of us present ...time, who at his request in ...d presence and in the sight ...of each other have subscribed ...e witnesses

Effie Summers
Witness

Sheila E. Summers
Witness.

Matilda Page (nee Guttrey) died 21 Sep 1964, Quindanning, WA, aged 74 years. Buried Quindanning Cemetery.

Headstone John Page, Quindanning Cemetery

Headstone Matilda Page, (nee Guttrey), Quindanning Cemetery

INDIVIDUAL DETAILS FOLLOWING ON THE CHILDREN OF JOHN PAGE (1876-1939) AND MATILDA JANE GUTTREY (1890-1964):

1st CHILD OF JOHN PAGE & MATILDA JANE GUTTREY

1. PAGE, JOHN EDWARD (1910-1967)
John Edward Page was born 19 Oct 1910, Williams, WA [Reg. 110].

John Edward Page, photo via Sandilands Family Tree, Ancestry

Military 1939-1948, Williams, WA.
WW2 Service No. W84043 B884: Army Citizen Military Forces. NOK Muriel Page.

John Edward Page died 12 Sep 1967, Williams, WA [Reg. 62], aged 57 years. He was buried 14 Sep 1967 Quindanning Cemetery, WA.

JOHN EDWARD PAGE (1910-1967) married **MURIEL AMELIA WILSON (1906-1996)** 3 Jul 1935, Holy Trinity Church, Williams, WA [Reg. 32]. C/E
MURIEL AMELIA WILSON (1906-1996)
Sandilands Family Tree, Ancestry.

Muriel A Wilson was born 9 Jul 1906, Spring Gully, Marradong, (Williams), WA [Reg. 61]. Parents: **THOMAS WILSON (1864-1936)** and **CHARLOTTE AMELIA KING (1880-1959)** who were married 1898, Marradong, WA [Reg. 1639]. Sandilands Family Tree, Ancestry have him as William Thomas Wilson. Muriel Amelia Page (nee Wilson) died 12 Jul 1996, Marradong, (Narrogin), WA, aged 90 years 3 days. She was buried 19 Jul 1996 Quindanning Cemetery, WA.

The following eight pages have details of Muriel Amelia Wilson's parents, Thomas Wilson (1864-1936) and Charlotte Amelia King (1880-1959) and grandparents Thomas Wilson (1837-1894) Convict and Martha Batt (1847-1872) and great grandparents, Joseph Batt (1800-1884) and Ruth Downton (1814-1867). This all gives an outline of the hardships of life at that time for the settlers and convicts.

m.1 JOSEPH BATT (1800-1884) and **RUTH DOWNTON (1814-1867).**

THOMAS WILSON (1864-1936) Muriel Amelia Wison's father

Thomas Wilson was born 9 Oct 1864, Dandalup, WA [Reg No 8154]. Parents: **CONVICT, THOMAS WILSON (1837-1894)** and **MARTHA BATT (1847-1872)**.
Thomas Wilson died 17 Nov 1936, Marradong, Williams, WA [Reg. 60], aged 72 years.
https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/213949634/thomas-wilson

THOMAS WILSON (1837-1894) CONVICT Muriel Amelia Wilson's paternal grandfather

Thomas Wilson was born in 1834, Dundee County, Scotland. Parents: **THOMAS WILSON** and **JANE ISOBELLA ANDERSON.**
Thomas Wilson died 1894, WA [Reg. 902], aged 61- 62 years. Buried East Perth Cemetery.

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LEWIS FAMILY TREE: Lewis and Batt family history by Ian Lewis.
Thomas Wilson | lewisfamilytree (wordpress.com)

Following is a paragraph from the above link about convict, Thomas Wilson (1837-1894).
*He was a factory worker **when, aged 13 years** was convicted for theft on trial at Aberdeen court on 21/4/1847. He was sentenced to seven years imprisonment at the Parkhurst juvenile jail. He was convicted along with five other lads which were all part of a gang known as the Copper company by the local police. In to his second year of that sentence, he was deported as one of the many Parkhurst juvenile convicts sent to Western Australia and New Zealand. His four months on the sea journey was on board the vessel "Mary", which arrived in Western Australia in 1849. Seven other lads of the 53 on board were also members of that Copper company gang.*

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MARTHA BATT (1847-1872) Muriel Amelia Wilson's paternal grandmother

Martha Batt was born 8 Jun 1847, at Mangonah, (Canning, WA [Reg. 968]. Parents: **JOSEPH BATT (1800-1884)** and **RUTH DOWNTON (1814-1867)** who were married 10 Apr 1838, Pitney Parish Church, Somerset, England. Martha was their seventh child.

Joseph Batt | lewisfamilytree (wordpress.com)

It is recorded in an early family publication by the Batt family that Joseph and his wife Ruth (nee Downton) arrived in Western Australia during the early years of the establishing of the colony, either on or about the 4th or 12th Dec 1838, on board the vessel "Britomart", or in Jan of 1840 on the vessel "Westmorland".

For more on the history of this family, follow the link above.

Martha Wilson (nee Batt) died 16 Feb 1872, WA [Reg No 6106]. Buried, 19 Feb 1872, East Perth Cemetery, C/E. WA.

Muriel Amelia Wilson's great grandparents, Martha Batt's parents:

m.1 JOSEPH BATT (1800-1884) and **RUTH DOWNTON (1814-1867) had twelve children:** Ruth was pregnant with their first child at their marriage. Isabella was born in England; the rest of the children were all born in WA.

1. ISABELLA BATT (1838-1875) was born 13 Jul 1838, Langford, Somerset, England.

m.1. ISABELLA BATT (1838-1875) married JOHN BOULT (1835-1863) 1852, Wexcombe, WA [Reg. 626].

m.2 ISABELLA BOULT (NEE BATT) (1838-1875) married JOHN HIGGINS (`1838-) 1863, Perth, WA [Reg. 2006].

2. ARTHUR BATT (1840-1916) was born 15 Jun, 1840, Guildford, WA. Married **JANE POLLARD (1846-1920)** 22 Sep 1869, Pinjarra, WA [Reg. 2992].

3. WILLIAM BATT (1842-1868) was born 1842, Central Swan, WA [Reg. 78]. Married **MARGARET BRODIE (1849-1867)** 1865, Pinjarra, WA [Reg. 2266]

4. JOHN DOWNTON BATT (1843-1919) was born 1843, Guilford, WA.

5. ELLEN MARY BATT (1844-1909) was born 1844, Carmi Cottage, (Guildford), WA [Ref. 448]. Married **PETER LEWIS (1837-1902)** 17 Feb 1863, Pinjarra, WA [Reg. 1936].

6. GESTINA 'JUSTINA' BATT (1846-1875) was born 1846, Carmi Cottage, WA [Reg. 716]. Married **WILLIAM ANDREWS (1823-1907)** 1862, Pinjarra, WA [Reg. 1901]. Registered under Gertina.

7. MARTHA BATT (1847-1918) was born 1847, Mangonah, (Canning), WA [Reg. 968]. Married **THOMAS WILSON (1837-1894)** 1861, Murray River, registered in Fremantle, WA [Reg. 1692].

8. HANNAH MARIA MARY ANN BATT (1848-1918) was born 1848, Mangonah, WA [Reg. 1192].

1. HANNAH MARIA MARY ANN BATT (1848-1918) married **JAMES DEVERELL (1830-1893)** 24 Oct 1865, Pinjarra, WA [Reg. 2348].

m.2 HANNAH MARIA MARY ANN BATT (1848-1918) married **WILLIAM HENRY BINGHAM (1849-1924)** 1880, Williams Bridge, WA (4944].

m.3 HANNAH MARIA MARY ANN DEVERELL (NEE BATT) (1848-1918) married **WILLIAM HENRY PUMPHREY (1858-1906)** 1894, Quindanning, WA [Reg. 98].

9. DAVID BATT (1850-1922) was born 1850, Mangonah, WA [Reg. 1412]. Married **MARY ELLEN BENTLEY (1863-1944)** 12 Oct 1877, Perth, WA [Reg. 4390].

10. ROBERT BATT (1851-1917) was born 1851, Mangonah, WA [Reg. 1761]. Married **SARAH ANN BUTCHER (1856-1940)** 7 Jun 1876, Perth, WA [Reg. 4124].

11. EDA BATT (1854-1892) was born 1 Sep 1854, Canning, WA [Reg. 2563].

1. EDA BATT (1854-1892) and **GEORGE JAMES BELL (1852-)** had a child named **ROSE BATT BELL 1869**, Serpentine, WA [Reg. 11774]. Registered under Bell. Can't find a marriage.

2. EDA BATT (1854-1892) and **RICHARD BALDWIN (1844-1922)** had a child: named **HENRY FRANCIS BALDWIN 1871**, Madella, WA [Reg. 13518]. Can't find a marriage.

3. EDA BATT (1854-1892) married **JAMES BUSHFIELD (1827-1901)** 1871, Serpentine, WA [Reg. 3349]. They had a child **SARAH ANN BUSHFIELD 1873**, Serpentine, WA [Reg. 14592]. Registered under Busfield.

12 WALTER BATT (1855-) was born Jul, 1855, Gooralong, WA

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m.2 JOSEPH BATT (1800-1884) married **m.2 ANNA MARIA LOUISA BENTLEY (nee BRYANT) (1837-1922)** 13 Feb 1872, Congregational Chapel, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 3385]

m.1 ANNA MARIA LOUISA BRYANT (1837-1922) married **JOHN BENTLEY (1822-1871)** 1861, St Mary the Virgin Parish Church, West Derby, Liverpool, Lancashire, England.

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CHILDREN OF THOMAS WILSON (1837-1894) and **MARTHA BATT (1847-1872):**

1. MARGARET WILSON (1861-1874) was born 1861, Murray River, WA [Reg. 6185]. She died 1874, Pinjarra, WA [Reg. 8122], aged 14 years.

Following a bit further on is an article from the Supreme Court which tells the terrible story of how Margaret's father *"Thomas was imprisoned for life for assaulting his 12-year-old daughter."* She died twelve months later.

2. ANDREW WILSON (1863-1896) was born 1863, Dardanup, WA [Reg. 7248].

3. THOMAS WILSON (1864-1936) was born 9 Oct 1864, Dandalup, WA [Reg. 8154]. Baptised 14 Mar1865, Pinjarra, WA. [FHL Film number: 1363650]. He married **CHARLOTTE AMELIA KING (1880-1959)** 1898, Marradong, WA [Reg. 1639]. Thomas died 17 Nov 1936, Marradong. WA [Reg. 60].

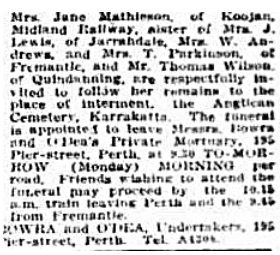
4. RUTH JANE WILSON (1864-1917). Could not find her birth in WA registrations.
Ruth Jane Wilson was baptised 24 Sep 1864, Pinjarra, WA. [FHL Film number: 284855].

m.1 JANE WILSON (1864-1917) married CHARLES BROWN (1835-1895), 1880, Perth, WA [Reg. 4985]. Registered as Jane. They had six children.

m.2 JANE BROWN married JOHN MATHIESON 1896, Canning, WA [Reg. 19]. They had one child.

Sunday Times (Perth, WA: 1902 - 1954), Sun 26 Aug 1917, pg 1
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/57984269?searchTerm=mathieson

***MATHIESON**-The friends of the late **Mrs. Jane Mathieson,** of Koojan, Midland Railway, sister of **Mrs. J. Lewis**, of Jarrahdale. **Mrs. W. Andrews**, and **Mrs. T. Parkinson**, of Fremantle, and **Mr. Thomas Wilson**. of Quindanning, are respectfully invited to follow her remains to the place of interment, the Anglican Cemetery. Karrakatta. The funeral is appointed to leave Messrs. Bowra and O'Dea's Private Mortuary, 195 Pier-street, Perth, 9.30 TOMORROW (Monday) MORNING per road. Friends wishing to attend*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5. HELEN 'ELLEN' WILSON (1866-1961). Could not find her birth in WA registrations. Helen was baptised 11 May 1867, Pinjarra, WA. (FHL Film number:1363650]. She married **WILLIAM M ANDREWS (1867-1930)** 1892, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 50]. Ellen died 1961, Perth, WA [Reg. 579].

6. REBECCA AGNES WILSON (1867-1950) was born 1867, Pinjarra, WA [Reg. 10142]. Baptised 11 Feb 1868, Pinjarra, WA. [FHL Film number: 284855]. She married **THOMAS PARKINSON (1861-1918)** 6 Apr 1885, Perth, WA [Reg. 5959]. Rebecca died 2 Jul 1950, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 203].

7. MARY ANN WILSON (1869-1961) was born 1869, Pinjarra, WA [Reg. 11554]. Baptised 25 Jul 1869. (FHL Film number:284855]. She married **JOSEPH HENRY LEWIS (1864-1928)** Nov 1887, Jarrahdale, WA [Reg No 316]. Mary died 1 Mar 1961, East Victoria Park, registered in Wellington, WA [Reg. 30].

8. WILLIAM WILSON (1871-1872) was born 1871, Pinjarra, WA [Reg. 12908]. Baptised 31 Dec 1871. [FHL Film number:1363713]. He died 1872, aged 1 year [Reg. 6237]. His mother Martha also died that year.

Ian Lewis is the Author and Publisher of the excellent book *An Olive Branch in the Jarrah Forest.* The History of the Lewis Family in WA.
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The following article is a shocking story:

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***Inquirer and Commercial News* (Perth, WA: 1855 - 1901), Wed 31 Dec 1873, pg 3**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article65962244.txt

SUPREME COURT— CRIMINAL SIDE.

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Margaret Wilson, the prosecutrix, a mere child, deposed that on the morning of Wednesday, November 5, she went to the house of a man Cooper, at her father's request, to procure meat. Her father went to the Williams on the same day. Witness obtained the meat and took it home; she went to bed before her father returned, in company with her little sister, who slept in the same bed. She recollected her father returning during the night; he was on horseback. Witness got up, lit a lamp, and, putting on her frock and jacket, went to her father outside. He asked her why she had that frock on; she replied that she had worn it that day going to Cooper's. He was then on horseback. and he told her to go inside and take off her clothes, and he would give her a good "warming" when he came in. She went into her bedroom, and divested herself of her frock and jacket. Her father followed her into the bedroom, and began to beat her about the bare back with a leather strap (produced and identified). He subsequently threw her on the bed, and continued beating her about the naked back and body. He then dragged her on the floor, told her he would kill her,—that "he meant it this time"; kicked her in the abdomen and other parts of her body, and trampled on her face. He had on the boots produced—a heavy, bob nailed pair. During all this time witness was quite naked. He also attempted to throttle her, and subsequently dragged her out of the house, threatening he would drown her in the river, which threat he proceeded to carry out, by dragging her along in that direction. When about half way he fell down, but soon got up again and began to kick her about her naked body. She ultimately became insensible. The next time she saw her father was in the court-house at Pinjarrah. Witness admitted having been once criminally assaulted by a man named Sam Ewen, and that the prisoner (her father) had often had criminal intercourse with her.

Mr. Thomas F. Bedingfeld, a medical practitioner residing at Pinjarrah, said he was sent for to the police station to attend to the prosecutrix, whom he found in bed covered with bruises. Blood was oozing from two contused wounds on the right side, above the hip. Witness suggested that a nurse should be sent for, to wash the child. When this was done witness discovered several lacerated bruises, such as would be caused by the strap produced, all over her body. There was a bleeding wound on her head—an incised wound, which could not have been caused by the strap. There were contused wounds about the lower part of the abdomen, which must have been caused by some blunt instrument. The point of a boot would produce such wounds. Witness saw marks of nailed-boot on the pelvis. Her arms were much bruised, and there appeared marks of a finger and thumb on either side of the gullet. She was, in fact, covered with wounds and bruises. The boot produced would inflict some of the wounds, which had clearly been caused by violently stamping with the sole. On the evening of the day upon which witness was called to attend to the prosecutrix, fever set in, she became delirious, and her life was in danger. If supposition of the wounds had taken place, death, in all probability, would have ensued.

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Christian Bates deposed to having washed the prosecutrix, having been sent for for that purpose by Mr. Bedingfeld. She was lying on a mattress, much bruised and disfigured about her body. Witness further described the nature of the wounds, the details of which are unfit for publication.

This was the case for the prosecution. The Crown Solicitor then addressed the jury, and Mr. Howell in a powerful speech followed on the other side. His Honor having summed up, the jury, after half-an-hour's deliberation, found the prisoner guilty on the minor count of wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

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The next article contains a repetition of the story above. It has been cropped to show the outcome. ***The charge had to be abandoned owing to the prosecutrix declining to give evidence to incriminate him.***

***Perth Gazette and West Australian Times* (WA: 1864 - 1874), Fri 2 Jan 1874, pg 3**
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CHARLOTTE AMELIA KING (1880-1959) 'Maud' Muriel Amelia Wilson's mother

Charlotte Amelia King was born 9 Oct 1880, Wandering, WA [Reg. 21353]. Parents **JOHN WILLIAM KING (1849-1922)** and **ELLEN AMELIA LITTLE (1857-1928)** were married 1873, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 3649].

Charlotte Amelia Wilson (nee King) died 17 Dec 1959, Murray District, WA, aged 78-79 years. Buried St Alban's Cem. Marradong WA.

CHILDREN OF THOMAS WILSON (1864-1936) AND CHARLOTTE AMELIA KING (1880-1959): Muriel Amelia Wilson's parents.

1. REBECCA JANE WILSON (1899-1974)

Rebecca Jane Wilson was born 1899, Marradong, (Quindanning), WA [Reg. 5123]. Father Thomas Wilson, mother, Charlotte Amelia King.
Rebecca Jane Roberts (nee Wilson) died 18 May 1974, Boddington, WA.

REBECCA JANE WILSON (1899-1974) married **JAMES ARTHUR ROBERTS (1893-1986)** 1926, Williams, WA [Reg. 35].

2. CHARLOTTE MAUD WILSON (1902-1975)

Charlotte Maud Wilson was born 3 Jul 1902, Marradong, WA [Reg. 6230], Father Thomas Wilson, mother, Charlotte Amelia King.
Charlotte Maud Wilson died 11 Aug 1975, Quindanning, WA.

3. THOMAS WILFRED WILSON (1903-1985)

Thomas Wilfred Wilson was born 19 Aug 1903, Marradong, (Quindanning), WA [Reg. 6738]. Father Thomas Wilson, mother, Charlotte Amelia King.

WILSON THOMAS WILFRED: Service Number - W84275: Date of birth - 19 Aug 1903: Place of birth - MARRADONG WA: Place of enlistment - WILLIAMS WA: Next of Kin - WILSON MARTHA

Thomas Wilfred Wilson died 8 Jun 1985, Quindanning, WA.

4. MURIEL AMELIA WILSON (1906-1996)

Muriel Amelia Wilson was born 1906, Williams, WA [Reg. 61].

JOHN EDWARD PAGE (1910-1967) married **MURIEL AMELIA WILSON (1906-1996)** 3 Jul 1935, Holy Trinity Church, Williams, WA [Reg. 32]. C/E
More details above:

Following are more details on John Edward Page (1910-1967) and Muriel Amelia Wilson (1906-1996)

Electoral Rolls:
1915 John Edward Page, 'Sunnyside', Porongorups
1954 John Edward Page, 'Bloomsdale', Quindanning, farmhand, *Muriel Amelia*, home duties
1977, 1980 Muriel Amelia Page, 107 Earl St, Narrogin.

John Edward Page died 12 Sep 1967, Narrogin, (registered in Williams), WA. Buried 14 Sep 1967 Quindanning Cemetery.
https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/132184517/john-edward-page

Muriel Amelia Page (nee Wilson) died 11 Jul 1996, Narrogin Hospital, Narrogin, WA. Buried 19 Jul 1996, Quindanning Cemetery.
https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/132184528/muriel-amelia-page

Grave of John Edward Page (1910-1967, Quindanning Cemetery

Headstone Muriel Amelia Page (nee Wilson), Quindanning Cemetery

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2nd CHILD OF JOHN PAGE & MATILDA JANE GUTTREY

2. PAGE, SARAH JANE (1912-1969) Sarah Jane Page was born 27 Nov 1912, Williams, WA [Reg. 3], registered in 1913. Sarah died 20 Aug 1969, Quindanning, Williams District, WA [Reg. 61].

SARAH JANE PAGE (1912-1969) married **CLEMENT WILLIAM HANRETTY (1899-1973)** 1950, Perth, WA [Reg. 2687].

SARAH JANE PAGE (1912-1969) and **CLEMENT WILLIAM HANRETTY (1899-1973)** had one child**: Max Hanretty.**

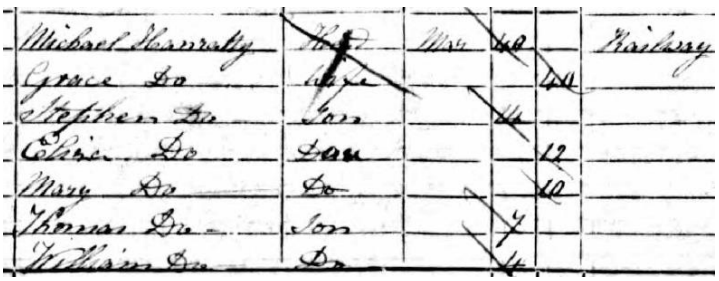
Jane Hanretty (nee Page)

CLEMENT WILLIAM HANRETTY (1899-1973)

Clement William Hanretty was born 1899, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 2055], father, **THOMAS HANRETTY (1843-1911)** and mother, **JANE ELIZABETH THORPE (1857-1913)** who were married 1879, Rockingham, WA [Reg. 4687].
Clement William Hanretty died 25 Apr 1973, Quindanning, WA.

Clement's father Thomas was the son of **MICHAEL (Aka JOHN) HANRETTY (1811-)** and **GRACE PAGE (1811-1884)**. Thomas arrived with his parents with 5 children, Stephen, Elizabeth, Mary, **Thomas** and William, per *Sabrina,* 13 Jun 1853.

1851 Census: Staffordshire: Almington and Stony Deph
Michael and Grace Hanretty and family



Michael Hanretty	Head	Mar	48		Railway
Grace Do	Wife			48	
Stephen Do	Son		14		
Eliza Do	Dau			12	
Mary Do	Do			10	
Thomas Do	Son		7		
William Do	Do		4		

THOMAS HANRETTY (1843-1911) AND JANE ELIZABETH THORPE (1857-1913) HAD SEVEN CHILDREN:

1. FRANCIS JOHN HANRETTY (1880-1956) Born 1880, Fremantle, WA [Reg.20871].
2. MABEL MARY HANRETTY (1882-1948) Born 1882, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 22905].
3. THOMAS PERCIVAL HANRETTY (1884-1959) Born 1884, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 22905].
4. GRACE PAGE HANRETTY (1886-1958) Born 1886, Fremantle, WA [Reg.28858]. Registered as Grace Page Hauretty
5. HENRIETTA ETHEL HANRETTY (1889-1953) Born 1889, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 1252].
6. HILDA ELLEN HANRETTY (1892- 1968) Born 1892, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 47].
7. RAYMOND HAROLD HANRETTY (1894-1918) Born 1894, Rockingham, WA [Reg.1041].
8. CLEMENT WILLIAM HANRETTY (1899-1973) Born 1899, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 2055]

Electoral Roll:
1936 Sarah Jane Page, Quindanning, home duties
1968 Clement William Hanretty, Quindanning, farmer, Sarah Jane, Home duties

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Headstone Sarah Jane, Hanretty (nee Page), Quindanning Cemetery, opieone1 Originally shared this on 26 Jan 2013

Headstone Clement William Hanretty, Quindanning Cemetery, opieone1 Originally shared this on 4 Aug 2012

3rd CHILD OF JOHN PAGE & MATILDA JANE GUTTREY

3. PAGE, GEORGE 'LENNY' LEONARD (1921-1982) was born 25 May 1921, Quindanning, (Williams), WA [Reg. 95]. He died 25 Jan 1982, Quindanning, WA. Buried Quindanning Cemetery.

Electoral Rolls:
1943, 1954, 1958, 1977, George Leonard Page, Quindanning, farmer
1980 George Leonard Page, Bloomsdale, Quindanning, farmer

FIFTH CHILD OF SARAH BLECHYNDEN & JOHN PAGE

5. PAGE, MARIA (1879-1960) & CARROTTS, ROBERT 'BOB' EDWARD (1873-1935)

Maria Page was born 26 Mar 1879 at Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 19899].

Maria Carrotts (nee Page)

Maria Carrotts (nee Page) died 29 Apr 1960 at Rosedale, Quindanning, (Williams), registration year 1960, WA [Reg. 23], age 81 years. Buried at Quindanning Cemetery.

MARIA PAGE (1879-1960) married **ROBERT 'BOB' EDWARD CARROTTS (1873-1935)** at Williams Bridge 1 Sep 1903, WA [Reg. 2042], registered as Carrotts.

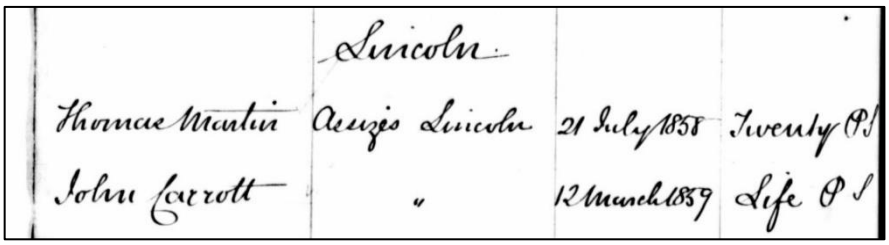
CARROTTS, ROBERT EDWARD (1873-1935) (variations of spelling: Carrott, Carrots) was born in Kojonup in 1873, WA [Reg. 15165], father, **JOHN CARROTT (1832-1918)**, mother, **MARY BEAHAN (1852-1882).** Robert died 7 Sep 1935, Collie, (Wellington), WA [Reg. 124]. Registered as Carrotts. Buried Collie Cemetery, aged 65 years.

Robert Edward Carrotts

The following pages contain details of Robert Edward Carrotts' parents, John Carrott (1832-1918) convict and Mary Beahan (1845-1882) and family.

JOHN CARROTT (1832-1918), Robert's father (via Rob McNeil Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 1832, Addlethorpe, Lincolnshire, England. John died 24 Mar 1918, Claremont, Perth, WA [Reg. 300]. Registered under Carrotts. Buried 26 Mar 1918, Karrakatta Cemetery, Nedlands, WA. Anglican, MC 0159. **m. 1 JOHN CARROTT (1832-1918)** married **ELIZA CLARK (1835-1858)** 20 Aug 1854, Spilsby, Lincolnshire, England. **ELIZA** was born 1835, Anderby, Lincolnshire, England. She died 30 Sep 1858, Spilsby, Lincolnshire, England. (Note Eliza died at the hands of her husband John Carrotts from Domestic violence and wife abuse.)

CONVICT: John Carrott (1832-1918): Sentenced to life for murdering his wife Eliza Clarke at their home in Hogsthorpe. Date of conviction, Manslaughter, Lincoln, England, 12 Mar 1859, Life. ***(Violence and alcohol led to the bashing and manslaughter of his wife Eliza Carrott nee Clark.)***



	Lincoln		
Thomas Martin	Assizes Lincoln	21 July 1858	Twenty PS
John Carrott	"	12 March 1859	Life PS

https://convictrecords.com.au/convicts/carrott/john/47557

Transported to WA via the *Palmerston* on 10 Nov 1860, arrived in Fremantle 11 Feb 1861.

Ticket of leave, 31 Jan 1864. Conditional Pardon, 3 Jul 1871 Albany- Kojonup, Plantagenet. General servant, teamster, thrasher and labourer. Worked for self as farmer 1868-1870. Came as a Coachman with the Hassell family at Albany WA. Farmed at Plantagenet WA and Balgarup WA, Kojonup Shire WA.

Employed 7 Ticket of Leave men on occasions, 1859-1874, at Warkup WA and Balgarup with the road contract work, Kojonup Shire WA paid 42.50 pounds in 1870 for road contract work.

John Carrotts

***The Daily News* (Perth, WA 1882-1950) Tue 15 Jan 1901, page2.**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article79418968.txt

A Lunatic

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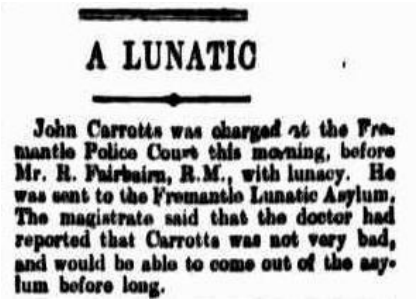

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JOHN CARROTT and ELIZA CLARK had two children as follows:

1. CHARLES CLARK (1854-) Charles Clark was born 1854, Anderby, Lincolnshire, England, Baptised 20 Aug 1854, Anderby, Lincoln, England. Surname as recorded in Family Trees on Ancestry. Charles was an illegitimate son. He was cared for by his grandmother Ann Clark when his mother died.)

2. JOHN CARROTT (1856-1865) (via Gaynor Anderson Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 1856, Hogsthorpe, Lincolnshire, England. John died Hogsthorpe, Spilsby, Lincolnshire, England. Death certificate shows he died at the age of nine years, Tubercular deposit around stomach. Son of John Carrott, farm labourer. Note: John Jnr died aged 9 years, 6 years after his father murdered his mother. A sad story for this little boy. John was cared for by his uncle Robert Clark when John's mother died.

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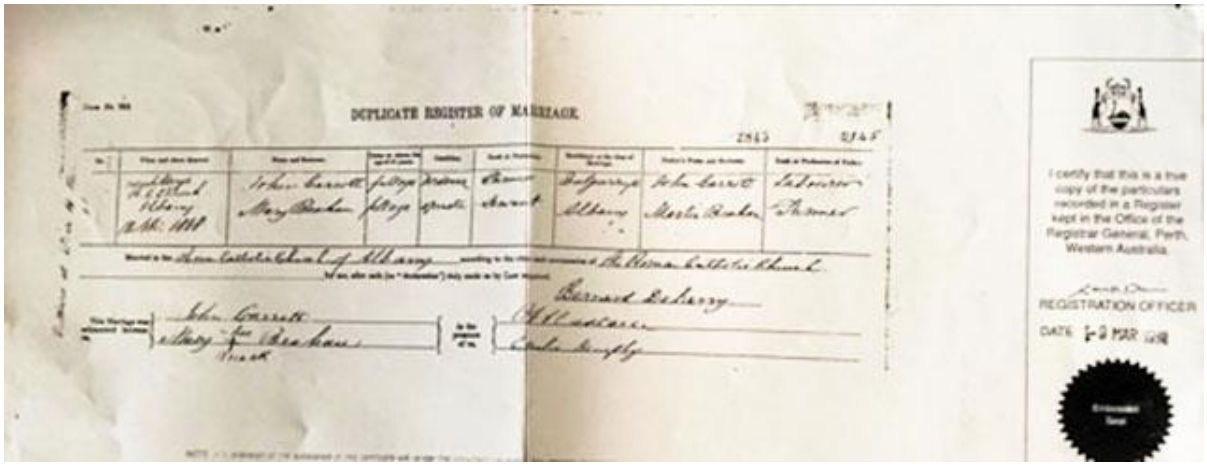
m. 2 JOHN CARROTT (1832-1918) married **MARY BEAHAN (1845-1882)** 18 Nov 1868, Albany, WA [Reg. 2845], recorded as Beahan. Variations in spelling, Behan, Beahan.

MARY BEAHAN (1845-1882), the mother of Robert Carrott who married Maria Page (variation of spelling of Behan, Beahan and married name: Carrot, Carrott, Carrotts) was born about 1845, WA. Mary died 10 Apr 1882, Fremantle Asylum, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 11299], recorded under Carrots, aged 39 years. Buried, possibly Skinner St, Cemetery, Fremantle. WA. Note: Mary Beahan was a maid from Kendenup, WA. She was admitted to Fremantle Asylum, Western Australia, 1 Nov 1879. Mary

had a stillborn baby prior to admission. She had signs of typhoid, hit her head on a wall and died 3 days later of Natural Causes on the 20 Apr 1882.

Mary Carrotts is mentioned in the book by Alexandra Wallis, *Hysterical Women*. She is the first patient mentioned in the book and her story is on pages 5 and 6. Last line. "*That her husband's violent behaviour led Mary Carrotts mental condition and the ensuing breakdown that claimed her life.*"


DUPLICATE REGISTER OF MARRIAGE

I certify that this is a true copy of the particulars recorded in a Register kept in the Office of the Registrar General, Perth, Western Australia.

REGISTRATION OFFICER

Copy of Marriage Certificate of John Carrotts and Mary Beahan

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JOHN CARROTT (1834-1918) and **MARY BEAHAN/BEHAN (1845-1882)** (note variation of spelling of Carrott, Carrotts) had eight children. More details of each following in their own individual sections.

1. MARTIN SEPTIMUS CARROTT (1869-1949),
2. IDA CARROTTS (1870-),
3. ANN CARROTT (1871-1882),
4. MARY JOSEPHINE CARROTTS (1872-1951),
5. ROBERT EDWARD CARROTTS (1873-1935),
6. SARAH LOUISA CARROTTS (1875-1907),
7. STILLBORN CARROTS (1877-1877), and
8. MICHAEL THOMAS MARK CARROTTS (1879-1956).

Note: As outlined above, there also was a stillborn baby prior to Mary's admission to the Fremantle Asylum, WA, 1 Nov 1879.

INDIVIDUAL DETAILS ON THE CHILDREN OF JOHN CARROT (1834-1918) AND MARY BEAHAN (1845-1882) BEHAN:

1. MARTIN SEPTIMUS CARROTT (1869-1949) was born 1869, Balgarup, WA [Reg. 11841]. Remained single, farmer at Katanning. Martin died 23 Mar 1949, Katanning, WA [Reg. 23]. Buried Katanning Cemetery, WA.

Electoral Roll: Recorded as Martin Carrotts.
1916 Martin Carrotts, Redmund, G.S.R., sleeper cutter.
1931, 1936, 1937, 1943 Martin Carrotts, Katanning, farmer

2. IDA CARROTT (1870-) Via a number of trees in Ancestry. Can't find a record of her. Ida Carrott was born about 1870- death unknown. Margaret Jean Dau (nee Carrotts) a descendant, has no knowledge of an Ida.

3. ANN 'ANNIE' CARROTT (1871-1882) was born 1871, Kojonup, WA [Reg. 12841], mother's name recorded as Mary Behan. Ann died 1882, Kojonup, WA [Reg. 11496], aged 11 years, name recorded as Annie Carrotts. Ann died the same year as her mother. Buried in the Old Cemetery, Kojonup, WA.

4. MARY JOSEPHINE CARROTT (1872-1951) (Via Gaynor Anderson Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 1872, Kojonup, WA [Reg. 14107], mother's name recorded as Behan. Mary died 23 Mar 1951, Plantagenet, WA [Reg. 6].

Mary Josephine Carrotts, about 17 years, via gaynorth, 17 Aug 2013, Ancestry.

m1 MARY JOSEPHINE CARROTTS (1872-1951) Partner **DANIEL SULLIVAN (1862-1892)** 1892. There is no record of a marriage between these two. They had one child, **JOHN 'JACK' DANIEL SULLIVAN (1892-1973).** John was born 26 Jun 1892, Albany, WA [Reg. 1267]. He served in WW1. Service Number - 10885: Place of Birth - Albany WA: Place of Enlistment - Blackboy Hill WA: Next of Kin - (Mother) CARLSON Josephine Mary. Enlisted 5 Jan 1916. He served in Cairo, Alexandria and Marseilles. Returned to Australia, per *Canberra*, 10 Jul 1919. **JOHN** married **ELSIE MAY TEAL (1893-1963)**, 7 Jun 1919, Crofton, All Saints, Yorkshire, England. Copy of Marriage Certificate in John's service records

m.2 MARY JOSEPHINE CARROTTS (1872-1951) Partner **MR MCBRIDE** who disappeared without acknowledging paternity. Twin babies were born, one dying at birth. **HAROLD RICHARD CARLSON (1895-1971) MCBRIDE Twin** was born 9 Aug 1895, Albany, WA [Reg. 1535]. Interesting that he was registered under John Carlson and Josephine Carrotts in the year 1933. *Harold was born one of twins, the other twin Mary Josephine died shortly after birth. *Mr McBride supposedly disappeared without acknowledging paternity. Harold was adopted by his stepfather Johan Carlson as a young child.*

HAROLD RICHARD CARLSON (1895-1971) married **CATHERINE ELIZABETH READ 'Kitty',** 1916, Perth, WA [Reg. 620]. Harold served in WW1: Service Number - N/A: Unit - Machine Gun Depot, Australian Imperial Force. Served in France, 16th Battalion Australian Imperial Force, 23 May 1917 – 4 Aug 1919, Aeneas 12 Jul 1919. Harold also served in WW2: Service Number - W29009: Date of birth - 09 Aug 1895: Place of enlistment - PERTH WA: Next of Kin - CARLSON JOSEPHINE. Enlisted 10 Jan 1941 Discharged 10 Aug 1941. Essential Services (Railways).

MARY JOSEPHINE CARLSON (1895-) MCBRIDE was born as a twin in 1895, Albany, WA [Reg. 1534]. She died shortly after birth. Registered under John Carlson and Josephine Carrotts. Can't find death registration. *See above re paternity.

m.3 MARY JOSEPHINE CARROTTS (1872-1951) married **JOHAN 'JOHN' CARLSON (1868-1920)** 23 May, 1900, Albany, WA [Reg. 1565]. Recorded as Josephine Mary. Via the Gaynor Anderson Family Tree, Ancestry.

Johan 'John' Carlson and his wife Mary Josephine (nee Carrotts) with Harold and Ida. Via Gaynor, 17 Aug 2013, Ancestry.

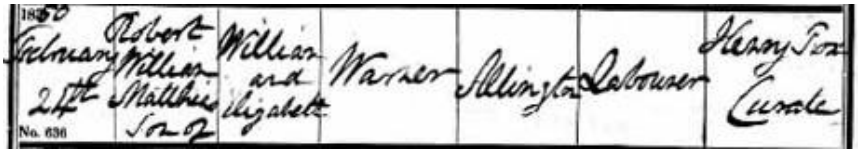
Johan Carlson was born 25 Oct 1868, Öland, Sweden. Parents: **CHARLES CARLSON** and **ANNIE NEILSON**. Emigration: Arrival 6 Aug 1897, King George Sound, WA via Melbourne and Sydney. Departure 6 Aug

1897, England. John Carlson died 24 Jun, 1920, (Plantagenet), Albany, WA [Reg. 36]. Buried Albany Cemetery. Mary and John had one child, Ida Mary Carlson. Johan adopted Harold Richard (McBride) as a child. **IDA MARY CARLSON (1901-1989)** was born 5 Feb 1901, Albany, WA. [Reg. 4722]. Registered under John Carlson and Josephine Carrotts. Ida married **EDWARD ERNEST MCCORMISH (1887-1956)** 22 Feb 1925, Kellerberrin, (Northam), WA [Reg. 14].

Electoral Roll:
Recorded under Josephine Mary. John Carlson died in 1920.
1903, 1914, 1916, 1917, John Carlson, Gladstone Rd, Albany, Josephine, married.
1922, 1931, 1943, 1949 Josephine Mary Carlson, Grey St, Albany, laundress.
It appears that after John Carlson's death in 1920 Josephine worked as a laundress.

5. ROBERT EDWARD CARROTTS (1873-1835) was born 1873, Kojonup, WA [Reg. 15165]. More details in this chapter.

6. SARAH LOUISA 'LOUISE' 'KATHERINE' CARROTT (1875-1907) was born 1875, Kojonup, WA [Reg. 16508]. Recorded as Sarah Louisa Carrots. Louisa died 23 May 1907, Kalgoorlie, (Coolgardie), WA [Reg. 84]. Registered under Louisa K Warner. Buried Kalgoorlie Cemetery. **'LOUISE'** married **m.1 ROBERT WILLIAM MATHIAS WARNER (1850-1915)** 1906, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 140]. Registered as Louise Carrotts and Robert W M. In the WA marriage records and the Electoral Roll it appears that that Sarah went by the name of Louise Kathleen Warner. **ROBERT** was born 28 Jan 1850, Dorset, England. Baptised 24 Feb 1850, Allington, Dorset, England. Parents: **WILLIAM WARNER (1826-1895)** married **ELIZABETH HUXTER** 21 Nov 1847, Whitechurch, Canonicorum, Dorset, England. The 1851 Census shows his mother as Elizabeth Warner.



Baptism, Robert William Matias Warner

Somerset and Dorset Family History Society group: He volunteered for the Royal Navy in 1871. UK, Royal Navy Registers of Seamen's Services, 1853-1928: Robert William Mathias Warner served on the *Vulture*, 1 Jan 1873-2 Nov 1875, Service No. 69350. It appears Robert was in the army in Aden (1875) and then in India as an engine driver in 1881.

m.1 ROBERT WILLIAM MATHIAS WARNER (1850-1915) married **ANNIE WENSLEY**, Nov 1879, Jubbolpore, Bengal India. Via Crabb Family Tree, Ancestry.

SARAH 'LOUISA' CARROTT and ROBERT WILLIAM MATHIAS WARNER had three children as follows:

1. ELLEN LOUISA WARNER (1896-1976) was born 1896, Albany, WA [Reg. 2077]. Parents: Robert William Warner and Louisa Carrotts. ELLEN married WILLIAM FARQUHAR REID (1885-1977) 1914, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 55].

2. ETHEL MAUD WARNER (1897-1897) was born 1897, Albany, WA [Reg. 3073]. Ethel died aged four months 1897, Albany, WA [Reg. 981].

3. LIONEL DOUGLAS WARNER (1898-1967) was born 1898, Perth, WA [Reg. 3659. Parents recorded as Robert William Warner and Louisa Caris (sic). LIONEL married AMY WHITEHEAD (1895-1972) 26 Dec 1923, Perth, WA [Reg. 49]. Registered in 1924.

Sarah Louisa Katherine Warner (nee Carrott) died 23 May 1907, Kalgoorlie, (Coolgardie), WA [Reg. 84]. Registered under Louisa K Warner. Buried Kalgoorlie Cemetery. 'Louisa' and Robert were not married with the birth of their three children. As Marriage records show, they were married in 1906.

Electoral Roll:
1903, 1906 Robert William M Warner, Sanders St, Leederville, engine driver, Louise Kathleen, home duties.

Sarah Louisa Katherine Warner (nee Carrott) died 28 May 1907, Kalgoorlie, (Coolgardie), WA [Reg. 84]. Registered under Louisa K Warner. Buried Kalgoorlie Cemetery. Ellen was aged 11 years and Lionel 9 years.

Following the death of his wife Sarah 'Louisa', Robert married again.

m.2 ROBERT WILLIAM MATHIAS WARNER (1850-1915) married **m2. ESTHER COLLINS (1855-1923)** 1908, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 112]. Esther had been married before. **ESTHER** (via Sonia Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 19th Jul 1855, Military Barracks, Melbourne, VIC [Reg. 19063]. Parents: **RICHARD MANSER (1828-1895)** and **ELIZA PREBBLE (1819-1877)** who were married 5 Jul 1846, Southgate, Canterbury, Kent, England.

m.1 ESTHER MANSER (1855-1923) married **CHRISTOPHER JOHN BARTLETT COLLINS (1843-1902)** 30 Mar 1875, Wesleyan Church, Sandhurst, Bendigo, VIC [Reg. 409]. They had 11 children, all born in VIC. **CHRISTOPHER** was born 2 Sep 1843, Honiton, East Devon District, Devon, England. Parents: **JOHN CHARLES WILLIAM HENRY EDWARD COLLINS (1810-1888)** and **ELEANOR BARTLETT (1815-1844)** who were married 17 Jul 1843, Branscomb, Devon, England. All John's names shown on Christopher's birth certificate. Christopher died 16 Oct 1902, New Chum and Victoria Mine, Bendigo, VIC [Reg. 12595], aged 59 years. Mine accident. Inquest. Burial, Bendigo Public Cemetery, VIC.

Esther was 47 years of age when Christopher died from the mining accident. The children ranged from the eldest being ~29 years to the youngest at ~6 years. The younger of the children, Clara, Rachel, Esther, Samuel and George came with and settled in WA with their mother.

m.2 ESTHER COLLINS (NEE MANSER) (1855-1923) married **ROBERT W M WARNER (1850-1915)** 1908, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 112]. Robert died 5 Oct 1915, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 165]. Esther Warner (Collins, nee Manser) died 9 May 1923, Perth, WA [Reg. 521]. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery, WA.

Electoral Roll:
1910 Robert William M Warner, 185 Forrest St, Kalgoorlie, engine driver, Esther, home duties.
1914 Robert William M Warner, 239 Forrest St, Kalgoorlie, railway employee, Esther, home duties.
Esther Warner, 167 Adelaide St, East Perth.

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7. STILLBORN CARROTS (1877-1877). Male, Kojonup, WA [Reg. 18592]. Registered under Carrots and Mary Baine.

8. MICHAEL THOMAS MARK CARROTTS (1879-1956) was born 1879, Kojonup, WA [Reg. 20377], father recorded as John Carrotts, mother, as Mary Bean (sic, should be Beahan/Behan). Michael Thomas Mark Carrott died 26 Jul 1956, Perth, WA [Reg. 1985] aged 75 years. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery, Nedlands WA. R/C. FA 0490. Source: MCB Search records. Note: Mary Carrotts died in childbirth 1882. Michael was adopted out to a family in Albany WA.

MICHAEL THOMAS MARK CARROTTS (1879-1956) and **m.2 EUNICE VICTORIA FALLOWS (NEE LADHAMS) (1870-1948)** 1 Jan 1902, WA. Can't find marriage. **EUNICE** was born 1870, Albany, WA [Reg. 12459], father **GEORGE LADHAMS (1831-1921)**, mother, **MARY ANNE AYRES (1833-1923)**. Eunice V Fallows (nee Ladhams) died 1948, Fremantle, WA. [Reg. 88].

The following 2pages contain details about Eunice Victoria Ladham's Parents, George Ladhams (1831-1921) and Mary Anne Ayres (1833-1923).

GEORGE LADHAMS (1831-1921), convict, Eunice Victoria Ladham's father (via Greenhow/Ladhams Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 1831 Maidstone, Kent, England. Parents: **WILLIAM LADHAMS (1800-1841)** and **MARY VINSON (1798-)** who were married 23 Jul 1825, All Saints Church, Maidstone, Kent, England. George Ladhams died 1921, Perth, WA Reg. 1925]. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery. George

Ladhams arrived in Australia in 1852 in the ship *William Jardine*. He was sentenced to 15 years. Robbery with violence.

http://www.perthdps.com/convicts/con-wa6.html

MARY ANNE AYRES (1833-1923), Eunice Victoria Ladham's mother (via Fallows/Barnard/Kennedy Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 1838, Peterborough, Northamptonshire. England. Baptism, 22 Jul 1838, Peterborough, Northampton, England. Father Thomas Ayres, mother Matilda. Parents: **THOMAS AYRES (1816-1897)** and **MATILDA SNART (1818-1874)** who were married 27 Feb 1836, Peterborough, St John, Northamptonshire, England.

m.1 MARY ANNE AYRES (1833-1923) married **WILLIAM ROLFE** 1853, Perth, WA [Reg. 522]. They had six children. Follow the link for more details:

https://convictrecords.com.au/convicts/ladhams/george/18644
Mary Anne Ladhams (nee Ayres) died 26 Aug 1923, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 218]. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery.

m.1 EUNICE VICTORIA LADHAMS (1870-1948) married **FRANCIS ALEXANDER FALLOWS (1867-1941)** 21 Oct 1888, Albany, WA [Reg. 261]. Recorded as Eunice Victoria. **FRANCIS** (via the Fallows/Barnard/Kennedy Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 14 Aug 1867, Albany WA [Reg. 9854]. Registered as Frank Alexander, parents: **WILLIAM FALLOWS (1832-1938)** and **MARY JANE MOORE (~1841-1875)** who were married 18 Aug 1859, Albany, WA [Reg. 13]. Following three other convictions, on 12 Apr 1850, at Newcastle Under Lyme, Staffordshire, England, William Fallows (alias Follows) was convicted of larceny along with Elijah Brazenhall. He was sentenced to transportation for seven years at the Stafford, Borough of Newcastle under Lyme Quarter Easter Sessions. Transportation arrival via *Pyrenees*, 30 Apr, 1853. Ticket of leave granted on arrival. **MARY JANE MOORE (~1841-1875)** aka HILL (adoptee, formal or informal) by WILLIAM and JANE HILL, possibly Dublin.

EUNICE and **FRANCIS** had seven children between 1889-1900 as follows. 1. Adeline Alice in (1889-1899) died aged 4 days, 2. Cyril George (1890-1962), 3. Lilian Mary (1892-1966), 4. Ethel Maude Jane (1894-1990). The next three children died as babies. 5. Francis William (1896-1897) died aged 18 months, 6. William Henry (1899-1899) died at 6 weeks and 7. Charles Albert (1900-1901) died aged 6 months. A very sad time for Eunice and Frank.

Relationship between EUNICE VICTORIA FALLOWS (NEE LADHAMS) (1870-1948) and MICHAEL THOMAS MARK CARROTTS (1879-1956) about 1902, WA.

1. GEORGE FREDERICK LADHAMS (1903-1970) was born 1903, Albany, WA [Reg. 5644], registered under Ladhams, father- Michael Thomas, mother- Emily Victoria Ladhams.

Electoral Roll:
Recorded as George Frederck Carrotts and Fallows.
1931, 1937, George Frederick Carrotts, Swanbank Rd, Maryland, dairy hand.
1943, George Frederick Fallows, 107 Hope St, South Fremantle, labourer, Eunice Victoria Fallows, Cook.

George Frederick Fallows died 20 Jan 1970, Fremantle, WA. [Reg. 51]. Recorded: Father Frank, mother Eunice V. Buried Fremantle Cemetery.

2. WILLIAM THOMAS LADHAMS (1908-1977). William Thomas Carrotts / Fallows was born 7 Apr 1908, Northam, WA [Reg. 157], registered under Ladhams. Service records registered under William Thomas Fallows.

FALLOWS WILLIAM THOMAS: Service Number - WX17228: Date of birth - 07 Apr 1908: Place of birth - NORTHAM WA: Place of enlistment - CLAREMONT WA: Next of Kin - FALLOWS EUNICE
Served overseas. Quite a complicated report, including injury to buttock and Court Martial. Missing 5 Aug 1942. Prisoner of War no 6617, 9 Mar 1944, transferred from Italy to Stalag 18 A, Germany. Sep 45, embarked per Otranto to Fremantle, arriving 21 Sep 1945. Rehabilitation treatment ongoing. Married: Wife Mrs Elizabeth Farrows, 227 Manchester St, Oldham, Lance, England. Air Transfer 19 Jan 1946:

WILLIAM THOMAS LADHAMS (1908-1977) married **ELIZABETH SHANNON (1923-2007)**, 27 Jun 1945, Oldham, Lancashire, England.

Electoral Roll:
1917 Eunice Victoria Fallows, 192 South terrace, South Fremantle, Cook.
1929, 1931 Eunice Victoria Fallows, 159 Hope St, South Fremantle, Cook, Thomas Henry Fallows, carter.
1943 Eunice Victoria Fallows, 107 Hope St, South Fremantle, labourer, Cook, George Frederick Fallows, labourer.

Electoral Roll:
1913 Michael Thomas Mark Carrotts, Worsley, Millhand.
1917 Michael Thomas Mark Carrotts, Grass Valley, South Fremantle, labourer.
1917, Michael Thomas Mark Carrotts, Baddera, Greenough, labourer.
1934 Michael Thomas Mark Carrotts, Blackboy Camp, Guildford, labourer.

***The South Australian Police Gazette*, Jun 15, 1910**.
Michael Thomas Mark Carrotts by M. C. Dwyer, as a lunatic at Ardrossan; sent to the asylum.

The Electoral Roll following, shows Francis Alexander Fallows and the children living together in Ravensthorpe.

Electoral Roll:
Francis Alexander Fallows and children.
1903 Francis Alexander Fallows, Floater Mine, labourer.
1912 Francis Alexander Fallows, Ravensthorpe, teamster.
1922, Francis Alexander Fallows, Commercial Hotel, Ravensthorpe, Hotel keeper, Cyril George, Ravensthorpe, prospector, Martha, Ravensthorpe, home duties.
1925, 1937 Francis Alexander Fallows, Commercial Hotel, Ravensthorpe, Hotel keeper, Cyril George, Ravensthorpe, prospector, Edward Thomas, Harbour View Mine, Kundip, cook, Martha, Ravensthorpe, home duties.

Francis Alexander Fallows died 1941, Belmont, WA [Reg. 115). Buried 11 Jan 1941, Karrakatta Cemetery, WA.

Michael Thomas Mark Carrotts died 26 Jul 1956, Perth, WA [Reg. 1985] aged 75 years. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery, Nedlands WA. R/C. FA 0490. Source: MCB Search records.

Eunice Victoria Fallows (nee Ladhams) died 1948, Fremantle, WA. [Reg. 88]. Registered as Eunice V Fallows. Buried 12 Mar 1948, Fremantle Cemetery, WA. Anglican area, MonA7, gravesite 0499.

Headstone of Eunice Victoria Fallows, Fremantle Cemetery.

CONTINUING THE STORY OF MARIA PAGE (1879-1960) and ROBERT 'BOB' EDWARD CARROTTS (1873-1935), they had two children:

1st CHILD OF MARIA PAGE & ROBERT 'BOB' EDWARD CARROTTS

1. CARROTTS, ROBERT JAMES (1903-1965)
Robert James Carrotts was born 13 Nov 1903, Williams, WA [Reg. 6750]. Registered under Carrolls, sic. Robert died 8 Jan 1965, Marradong, WA [Reg. 9], registered under Carrotte. **ROBERT** married **IVY MYRTLE REED (1908-1984)** 1 Sep 1926, Holy Trinity Church, Williams, WA [Reg. 27]. (First marriage in the refurbished church). **IVY** was born 1908, Williams, WA [Reg. 75]. Parents: **JOHN REED (1867-1946)** and **MARY LOUISA DYSON (1874-1936)** who were married 17 Apr 1893, William's Bridge, WA [Reg. 185]. Recorded as John Reed. Ivy Myrtle Carrotts (nee Reed) died 6 Oct 1984, Quindanning, Williams, WA. Buried Boddington, Cemetery, WA.

Electoral Roll:
1937, 1949, Robert James Carrotts, 'Rosedale', Quindanning, farmer, Ivy Myrtle, married.
1954, 1958 Robert James Carrotts, Marradong, farmer, Ivy Myrtle, Quindanning, married.
1968, 1980 Ivy Myrtle Carrotts, Marradong, home duties.

2nd CHILD OF MARIA PAGE & ROBERT 'BOB' EDWARD CARROTTS

2. CARROTTS, JOHN HENRY (1907-1980) was born 1907, Williams, WA [Reg. 13], under Carrots. He married **m.2 FLORENCE PITCHERS (NEE REED) (1901-1968)** 23 Dec 1933, registered in 1934, Williams, WA [Reg. 4], registered as Carrotts. No children from this marriage. Florence had been married before. John died 23 Dec 1980, WA. **FLORENCE** was born 21 Oct 1901, Williams, WA [Reg. 5734]. Recorded as Florence Reid. Parents: **JOHN REED (1867-1946)** and **MARY LOUISA DYSON (1874-1936).** Florence died 15 Oct 1968, Collie, WA [Reg. 213].

The next two pages have details of Florence Reed's parents John Reed (1867-1946) and Mary Louisa Dyson (1874-1936) and family.

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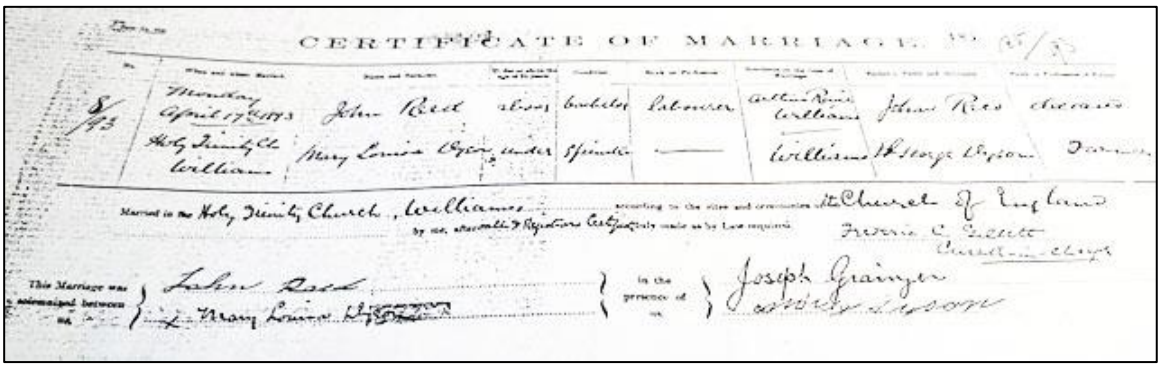
CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

Copy of marriage certificate of John Reid (note spelling) and Mary Louise Dyson. Courtesy Margaret Dau.

JOHN REED (1867-1946) Florence's father

John Reed was born 16 Apr 1867, Guildford, WA. [Reg. 9819]. Parents: **JOHN REED (1834-1867)** and **MARY ANN BINGHAM (1842-1915)** who were married 13 Jul 1859, Perth WA [Reg. 9819].
Note: It appears John Reed snr (1834-1967) died the same year his son John was born.

John Reed (1867-1946) died 2 Sep 1946, Narrogin, (Williams), WA [Reg. 57].

John and Mary Reed (nee Dyson), Florence's parents

MARY LOUISA DYSON (1874-1936) Florence's mother
Mary Louise Dyson was born 1874, Williams Bridge, WA. [Reg. 4644]. Parents: **GEORGE DYSON (1843-1894)** and **MARY DUNCAN (1845-1915)** who were married 1865, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 2295]. Registered as George Dyson and Mary Duncan.
Mary Louise Reed (nee Dyson) died 1936, Narrogin, (Williams), WA. [Reg. 37].

CHILDREN OF JOHN REED (1867-1946) AND MARY LOUISA DYSON (1874-1936)

1. **CHARLOTTE ALICIA REED/READ (1894-1980)** married **JOHN ETHELBERT BINGHAM (1886-1962)** 1911, Williams, WA [Reg.6].

2. EMILY ALICIA REED /READ (1896-1977) married **DAVID WILLIAM PUMPHREY (1886-1963)** 1915, Williams, WA [Reg. 21].

3. ELIZABETH ALICE REED (1899-1982) married **CORNELIUS PATRICK HOGAN (1874-1952)** 10 Apr 1920, Williams, WA [Reg.17], registered as Alice Reed.

4. FLORENCE REED (1901-1968) m.1 married **SIDNEY AMOS PITCHERS (1898-1954)** 1921, Williams, WA [Reg. 16]. **m.2** married **JOHN HENRY CARROTTS (1907-1980)** 23 Dec 1933, registered in 1934, Williams, WA [Reg. 4].

5. ETHEL AMELIA REED (1904-2006) married **GORDON MARTIN WOOD (1909-1985)** 1928, Perth, WA [Reg.296].

6. MARY LOUISA REED (1906-1981) m.1 married **HENRY EDGAR PAGE (1904-1968)**
25 Nov 1925, Williams, WA [Reg. 43]. Divorced. **m.2** married **ALFRED OLIVER KING (1895-1969)** 1941, Perth, WA [Reg.2541].

7. IVY MYRTLE REED (1908-1984) married **ROBERT CARROTTS (1905-1965)** 1926, Williams WA [Reg. 27]. Not to be confused with the Roberts Carrotts **(1873-1935)** who married Maria Page. See their section earlier on.

8. CYRIL JOHN REED (1910-1986) married **JEAN HARTLEY (1919-2012)** 1939, Katanning, WA [Reg. 46].

9. ELVIE REED (1912-1985) married **m.1 JOHN FRANCIS FLETCHER (1902-1935)** 26 Nov 1932, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 37]. **m2 ALBERT WILFRED HERBERT (1918-1996)** 1937, Plantagenet, WA [Reg. 70].

FLORENCE REED (1901-1968) was married twice:

m.1 FLORENCE REED (1901-1968) married **SIDNEY AMOS PITCHERS (1898-1954)** 1921, Williams, WA [Reg. 16]. Recorded as Reed. They had three children.

SIDNEY AMOS PITCHERS (1898-1954)

Sidney Amos Pitchers was born 22 Mar 1898, Booleroo Centre, SA [Pg. 47 Vol 620]. Parents: **JOHN SOUTHWELL PITCHERS (1860-1927)** and **SILVEY HARVEY NURTON (1869-1951)** who were married 9 Jul 1884, Victor Harbour, SA [Pg. 68, Vol 140].

Sidney Amos Pitchers died 18 Feb 1954, Williams, WA. Buried Fremantle Cemetery, WA.

Sidney Amos Pitchers served overseas, WW1: 11 Jun 1915 Enlisted at Blackboy Hill Army, # 2440, left Fremantle on A63 Karoola on 25 Jun 1915, 11th Battalion, Sidney was promoted to Corporal 5 Aug 1916 while in France, was listed as MIA on 16 Apr 1917, confirmed as a POW in Limburg, Germany, returned to Australia 5 Mar 1919
Prisoner of War: 16 Apr 1917, Limburg, Bavaria, Germany
Was repatriated back to England on 2 Dec 1918.

FLORENCE REED (1901-1968) AND SIDNEY AMOS PITCHERS (1898-1954) HAD THREE CHILDREN:

1. CYRIL 'MICK' PITCHERS (1921-1988) married **VERONICA WINNIFRED AMBROSE DUNN (1924-1990)**, 1943, Williams, WA Reg. 45].

PITCHERS CYRIL: Service Number - WX26254: Date of birth - 09 Jul 1921: Place of birth - WILLIAMS WA: Place of enlistment - PERTH WA: Next of Kin - CARROTTS FLORENCE

Cyril Pitchers

2. MARJORIE PITCHERS (1922-1984) married **GORDON STEPHEN MATTHEWS (1920-1987)** 1941, Wellington, WA [Reg. 92].

MATTHEWS GORDON STEPHEN: Service Number - W83277: Date of birth - 03 Aug 1920: Place of birth - COLLIE WA: Place of enlistment - COLLIE WA: Next of Kin - MATTHEWS MARGERY

3. WALLACE PITCHERS (1924-1981) married **MAUREEN DALLAS LILLY (1935-1996)** 1956, Sussex, WA [Reg. 2].

PITCHERS WALLACE: Service Number - WX40419: Date of birth - 26 Sep 1924: Place of birth - NARROGIN WA: Place of enlistment - STATION 457 WA: Next of Kin - CARROTTS FLORENCE Served overseas.

Wallace Pitchers

Electoral Roll:
I can't find electoral records for Sidney Amos Pitchers after 1922.
1922 Sidney Amos Pitchers, Williams, farmer, Florence, Narrakin, home duties.
1922, 1925 Parents: John Southwell Pitchers, Marjidin, farmer, Silvey Harvey, Williams, married.
1925 Florence Pitchers, Narrakin, Williams, home duties. Narrakin as recorded.
1931 Florence Pitchers, Williams, home duties.

PITCHERS, Florence beneficiary of PITCHERS, Sydney Amos [aka Ey Amos] - Service Number - 2440

Electoral Roll:
1931 John Henry Carrotts, Darkan, farmer
1936, 1943, 1949 John Henry Carrotts, Darhan, farmer, Florence, home duties.
1958 John Henry Carrotts, Worsley, farmer, Florence, home duties.
1968 John Henry Carrotts, 170 Princep St, Collie, Florence, home duties.
1980 John Henry Carrotts, 170 Princep St, Collie.

CONTINUING THE STORY OF MARIA PAGE (1879-1960) AND ROBERT EDWARD 'BOB' CARROTTS (1873-1935):

Electoral Rolls:
1903 Robert Edward Carrotts, farmer, Marling Rd, Maria, home duties.
1913, 1917, 1925, Robert Edward Carrotts, Quindanning, Williams, farmer, Maria, Quindanning, married.
1931, Robert Edward Carrotts, 'Rosedale', Quindanning, farming, Maria

Maria and Robert 'Bob' Carrotts lived over the road from Maria's parent's, (Sarah Harrison and John Henry Markham Page's) farm.

Old Carrotts home, Marradong

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Carrots	Maria	Homestead, Quindanning	EM8	1912
Carrots	Maria	Homestead, Quindanning	EM8	1924
Carrots & Sons	-	Rosedale & Rosedale, Quindanning & Marradong	EM8 and 20D, 38E	1962
Page	John	Homestead, Quindanning	PA2	1912
Page	John	Homestead, Quindanning	PA2	1924

The article below was an add put into the newspaper by Maria Carrotts, Rosedale, Quindanning, about a stray horse.

Sunday Times **(Perth, WA: 1902 - 1954), Sun 7 Nov 1915, pg 5**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article57828559.tx**t**

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Robert E Carrotts died 7 Sep 1935, Collie, buried Collie Cemetery, aged 65 years

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/180795342/robert-edward-carrotts

***Collie Times* (WA: 1935), Thu 12 Sep 1935, pg 1**
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Obituary

THE LATE MR. R. E. CARROTTS

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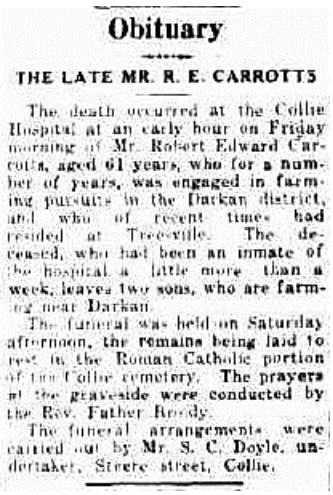
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Grave of Maria Carrotts (nee Page), Quindanning Cemetery.

SIXTH CHILD OF SARAH BLECHYNDEN & JOHN PAGE

6. PAGE, BERTHA (1881-1944) & BAILEY, JOSEPH 'JOE' EDWARD (1869-1930)

Bertha Page was born 15 Sep 1881 at Williams Bridge, Quindanning, WA [Reg. 22263].

Bertha Bailey (nee Page, courtesy Elizabeth Bailey

Bertha Bailey (nee Page) died 23 May 1944, aged 62 years, Cuballing, WA [Reg. 1119]. Buried Fremantle Cemetery.

BERTHA PAGE (1881-1944) married **JOSEPH 'JOE' EDWARD BAILEY (1869-1930)** at Williams Bridge in 1902, WA [Reg. 1983]. Joseph, brother of Manassa John Borton Bailey who married her sister, Martha Markham Page in 1897.

BAILEY, JOSEPH 'JOE' EDWARD (1869-1930)
Joseph Edward Bailey was born 28 Jul 1869 at Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 11623]. father, **JOSEPH BAILEY (1831-1897)**, mother, **SARAH DEWIS (1850-1901)**, His parents were married in 1867 in Perth, WA [Reg. 2595].

L and R: Joseph Edward Bailey, photo with dogs, courtesy Elizabeth Bailey

Joseph Bailey died 28 Nov 1930, aged 60 years, registered as Perth, WA [Reg. 1901]. Burial Fremantle Cemetery, WA.

More details can be found about Joseph Edward Bailey's parents in the earlier section on Joseph Bailey and Sarah Dewis.

BERTHA PAGE (1881-1944) AND JOSEPH EDWARD BAILEY (1869-1930) HAD FOUR CHILDREN: More information can be found following in their individual sections:

1. BAILEY, JOSEPH EDWARD (1903-1982)
2. BAILEY, ELIZABETH 'MARY' MAY (1905-1977)
3. BAILEY, LEWIS JOHN (1906-1998)
4. BAILEY, LEON (1910-1997)

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Bailey	A. E.	Milang, Lumeah Via Kojonup	A1J and 33C, 26E	1962
Bailey	B. F.	Maidstone, Kojonup	OH1 and 6C, 40A	1962
Bailey	Berthar	Red Hill Farm, Quindanning	2BE	1912
Bailey	Berthar	Red Hill Farm, Quindanning	2BE	1924
Bailey	D. R.	Haslendale, Kojonup	BL3 and 16B,105E	1962
Bailey	I. J.	Springhill, Quindanning	MX7 and 16D, 52F	1962
Bailey	J. E.	Redfield, Quindanning	2JE	1912
Bailey	J. E.	Redfield, Quindanning	2JE	1924
Bailey	Martha	Spring Hill, Quindanning	MX7	1912
Bailey	Martha	Springhill, Quindanning	NX7	1924

Bailey & Robertson	-	Thanet Farm, Lake Grace	B8X and 45B, 35A	1962
Bailey & Sons	C. F.	Maidston, Kojonup & Albany	BL6 and 25E, 23D	1962

Information source from Nora Grant: 1997

Joseph Bailey farmed at "Red Hill" Quindanning WA (1000 acres). Later bought property at Cuballing WA (9 miles from Narrogin WA). Also owned own home in township of Cuballing, WA. When the farm was sold after Joseph & Bertha Bailey's deaths, family moved on. Joe to Narrogin, WA and Louis to Gosnells WA.
Leon, a Bike rider & competitor, also Shearer to Victoria Park, WA. May also lived in Carlisle WA, her daughter, Fay married Mr Deverill who lived in Greenwood WA. Joseph donated part of his farm for what now is Quindanning Cemetery WA. Joseph & Bertha Bailey are both buried in Fremantle Cemetery WA.

Bertha Bailey nee Page
Bertha Page married Joseph Edward Bailey "Joe" brother of John Bailey. Their farm was near town of Quindanning WA. They had 4 children, 3 sons and a daughter,
They lived towards Williams WA called "Stockyards". In later years Joe and Bertha Bailey sold the farm and moved to a small farm in Pingelly WA.
Times were hard in those days with no shops nearby and the closest being at Williams WA 24 miles away.
Wheat was carted to Narrogin WA to be grounded into Flour and byproducts of Bran and Pollard.
It was carted by wagons pulled by a team of horses. Trips were also made to Perth WA for stores. All farmers sending their orders for groceries etc.
When the wagons left, wool was also taken to Narrogin or Perth by wagons. Afgan Hawkers who traveled in covered wagons were very welcomed. They sold dresses, materials, sweets and a variety of cooked foods. They cooked curries at night. Their names were Gandah-Singh, Dave Singh and Buda Sing.

Electoral Roll:
1910, 1917, 1925 Joseph Edward Bailey, 'Red Hill', Quindanning, farmer, Bertha, married

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***Daily News* (Perth, WA: 1882 - 1950), Sat 29 Nov 1930, pg. 1**
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PERSONAL
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***West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Sat 24 Jan 1931, pg 12**
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WILLS AND PROBATES. . . . *Mr. Joseph Edward Bailey, farmer, of Cuballing, who died on November 28 last, left net estate of £5,087 to his widow and children.*

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Headstone Joseph Edward Bailey and Bertha Bailey (nee Page.

INDIVIDUAL SECTIONS ON THE CHILDREN OF BERTHA PAGE (1881-1944) AND JOSEPH EDWARD BAILEY (1869-1930):

1st CHILD OF BERTHA PAGE & JOSEPH EDWARD BAILEY

1. BAILEY, JOSEPH EDWARD (1903-1982)
Joseph Edward Bailey was born 11 Dec 1903, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 6756].
Joseph Edward Bailey died 22 May 1982, Narrogin, WA. Burial Narrogin Cemetery.

JOSEPH EDWARD BAILEY (1903-1982) married **FRANCES HILDA DYSON (1903-1999)**, 1929. Williams, WA [Reg. 17]. They had one child: **Joseph Edward 'Ted' Bailey.**

FRANCES HILDA DYSON (1903-1999)

Frances Hilda Dyson was born 1903, Narrogin, WA [Reg. 6742]. Parents: **GEORGE HENRY DYSON (1873-1929)** and **ELIZABETH VAGG (1879-1903)** who were married 1895, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 633]. Hilda's mother Elizabeth died 1903, the same year Hilda was born.
Hilda Frances Bailey (nee Dyson) died 6 May, 1999, Narrogin, WA. Burial Narrogin Cemetery.

The following two pages have details about Francis Hilda Dyson's parents, George Henry Dyson (1873-1929) and Elizabeth Vagg (1879-1903):

GEORGE HENRY DYSON (1873-1929) Francis Hilda Dyson's father

George Henry Dyson was born 1873, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 15143]. Parents: **GEORGE M DYSON** and **MARY DUNCAN** who were married 1865, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 2295].
George Henry Dyson died 1929, Williams, WA [Reg. 51].

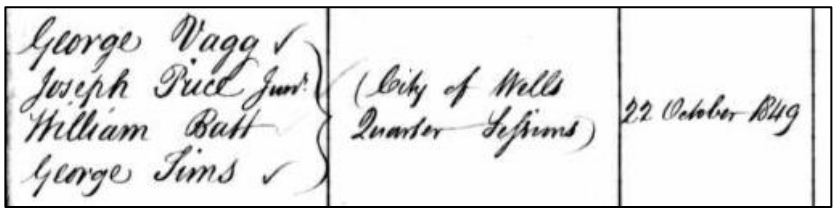
ELIZABETH VAGG (1879-1903) Francis Hilda Dyson's mother
Via Coffey McDonald Family Tree, Ancestry.

Elizabeth Vagg was born 1879, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 19900]. Parents: **m.3 GEORGE VAGG (1822-1899)** and **ELLEN SHAUGHNASSY (1859-1884)** who were married 1870, WA.
This was George Vagg's third marriage. They had seven children.
Elizabeth Dyson (nee Vagg) died 1903, William's Bridge, WA [Reg. 2959].

The next few paragraphs are interesting as they tell the story of George Vagg, Francis's grandfather and how he as a convict came to WA.

GEORGE VAGG (1822-1899) Francis Hilda Dyson's grandfather

m.1 GEORGE VAGG (1822-1899) married **MARY NICHOLAS (1820-1956)** 8 Jun 1843, Chilcompton St, John the Baptist, Somerset, England. They had three children. Convict: Arrival to WA, 1849, via the Pyrenees from Somerset. The day after arrival he received a ticket of Leave as a Blacksmith.


George Vagg ✓
Joseph Ruel Junr
William Batt
George Sims ✓
(City of Wells Quarter Sessions)
22 October 1849

m.2 GEORGE VAGG (1822-1899) married **CATHERINE DAVITT (1815-1887)** 15 Jan 1855, Pinjarra, WA [Reg. 4501]. They had three living children plus one unnamed.
Catherine Vagg (nee Davitt) died 1887, WA [Reg. 4].

Back to Frances' parents:

GEORGE HENRY DYSON (1873-1929) AND ELIZABETH VAGG (1879-1903) HAD THREE CHILDREN:

1. ELLEN ELIZABETH DYSON (1893-1983) married **DUNCAN MCDONALD (1890-1958)** 1920, Williams, WA [Reg. 15].

2. FLORENCE MAY DYSON (1897-1907) Died aged 10 years.

Florence May Dyson was born 1897, Condingup, WA [Reg. 3918].
Florence May Dyson died 1907, Williams, WA [Reg. 9].

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***Great Southern Leader* (Pingelly, WA: 1907 - 1934), Fri 11 Oct 1929, pg 7**
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Old Resident Passes.

DEATH OF MR. G. H. DYSON.

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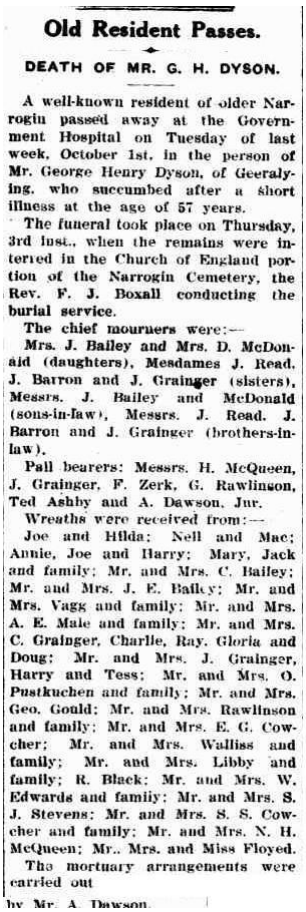
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Pall bearers: Messrs. H. McQueen, J. Grainger, F. Zerk, G. Rawlinson, Ted Ashby and A. Dawson, Jnr.

Wreaths were received from:—

Joe and Hilda; Nell and Mac; Annie, Joe and Harry; Mary, Jack and family; Mr. and Mrs. C. Bailey; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bailey; Mr. and Mrs. Vagg and family; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Male and family; Mr. and Mrs. C. Grainger, Charlie, Ray, Gloria and Doug; Mr. and Mrs. J. Grainger, Harry and Tess; Mr. and Mrs. O. Pustkuchen and family; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gould; Mr. and Mrs. Rawlinson and family; Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Cowcher; Mr. and Mrs. Walliss and family; Mr. and Mrs. Libby and family; R. Black; Mr. and Mrs. W. Edwards and family; Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Stevens; Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Cowcher and family; Mr. and Mrs. N. H. McQueen; Mr.. Mrs. and Miss Floyed.

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Continuing with the story of JOSEPH EDWARD BAILEY (1903-1982) and FRANCES HILDA DYSON (1903-1999):

Electoral Rolls:
1931, Joseph Edward Bailey Jnr, c/o S. S, Cowcher, Geeralying, Frances Hilda, married Joseph
1943 Joseph Edward Bailey Jnr, Cuballing, farmer, Frances Hilda, home duties.
1954, 1977 Joseph Edward Bailey Jnr, 42 Fairway St, Narrogin, labourer, Frances Hilda, home duties.

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2. BAILEY, ELIZABETH 'MARY' MAY (1905-1977)
(via Winsome family tree, Ancestry), was born 10 May 1905, Quindanning, (Williams Bridge), WA [Reg. 7573]. She died 1977, 106 Planet St, Carlisle, WA. **MARY** married **m.2 JOHN ALBERT HIGHMORE ASHBY (1888-1962)**, 1930, Williams, WA [Reg. 17]. **JOHN** was born 13 Jul 1888, Firewood Creek, Redruth, Burra, SA [Pg. 100, Vol 421]. Parents: **JOHN ASHBY (1859-1937)** and **CAROLINE ASENATH MILL (1861-1942)** who were married 1 Mar 1882, Residence of Henry Mill, Firewood Creek, SA [Pg. 916, Vol 130]. John died 2 Dec 1962, Royal Perth Hospital, Perth, WA.

m.1 JOHN ALBERT HIGHMORE ASHBY (1888-1962) married **GRACE GERTRUDE QUINLAN (1899-1927)** 26 Aug 1918, Collie, WA [Reg. 33]. They had one child. **GERTRUDE ELLEN MAINE ASHBY (1919-1992). GRACE died 12 Jul 1927, C**ollie, WA [Reg. 82]. Gertrude was eight years of age. Following her death, John married Mary Bailey as above.

The following page contains details of John Albert Highmore Ashby's parents, John Ashby (1859-1937) and Caroline Asenath Mill (1861-1942):

JOHN ASHBY (1859-1937) John Albert Highmore Ashby's father

John Ashby was born 1859, Hallett, SA. Parents: **JAMES SAMUEL ASHBY (1833-1864)** and **ELLEN TURNER (1840-1874)** who were married 22 Apr 1858, Residence of Thomas Ashby, Stanley Flat, SA. [pg. 38 Vol 34].
John Ashby died 24 May 1937, 20 Hive St, Narrogin, WA

CAROLINE ASENATH MILL (1861-1942) John Albert Highmore Ashby's mother
Via Gabriel MILL Tree, Family Tree, Ancestry.

Caroline Asenath Ashby was born 1 Jun 1861, Firewood Creek, Burra, SA [Pg. 399 Vol 22]. Parents: **HENRY MILL (1828-1906)** and **ELIZABETH ANN MAYNE (1830-1914)** who were married 1851, Camborne, Cornwall, England. Emigration: 20 Nov 1854 from Plymouth
England to Port Adelaide, Australia on 20 Feb 1855, aboard the *Rodney*. Henry became a miner then a farmer. They had eight children.
Caroline Asenath Ashby (nee Mill) died 23 Jun 1942, district Hospital, Narrogin, WA.

Caroline Aseneth and John Ashby, Via My Working Tree, Ancestry, ElaineKelly71 originally shared this on 27 Mar 2013

CHILDREN OF JOHN ASHBY (1859-1937) AND CAROLINE ASENATH MILL (1861-1942):

1. ELLEN ASHBY (1883-1969) married **GEORGE EDWIN WIESE (1872-1931)** 'Ned', 5 Jun 1907, Narrogin, (Williams), WA [Reg. 10]. Recorded as Edwin G Wiese.

2. JOHN ALBERT HIGHMORE ASHBY (1888-1962) married **ELIZABETH MAY BAILEY (1905-1977)** 1930, Williams, WA [Reg. 17].

3. SAMUEL EDWIN ASHBY (1890-1976) married **CATHERINA CANALE VEITCH (1894-1944) 'REENIE'**, 9 Feb 1929, Perth, WA [Reg. 229]. Registered as Catherina.

m.2 SAMUEL EDWIN ASHBY (1890-1976) married **VIOLET EVELYN RULE (1911-1972)**, 27 Apr, 1944, South Perth, WA [Reg. 1056].

4. EMMA ASHBY (1892-1982) married **JAMES ANDREW KELLY (1882-1956)**, 1916, Williams, WA [Reg. 24].

5. HERBERT ASHBY (1894-1923) married **ETHEL MAY LAKELAND (1900-1923)**, 7 Aug 1923, Williams, WA [Reg. 23]. Both died the same year they married (1923). Sadly, Etel died just a few weeks after their union and Herbert died on account of the disabilities a suffered during WW1.

***Great Southern Leader* (Pingelly, WA: 1907 - 1934), Fri 14 Dec 1923, pg 5**
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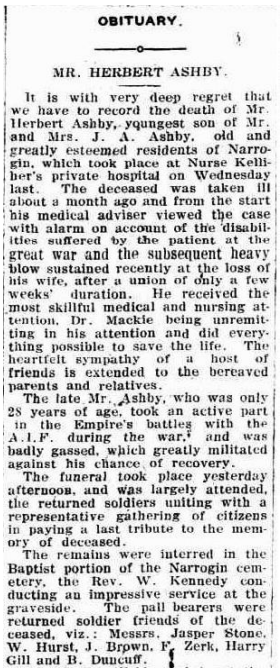
OBITUARY.

ME. HERBERT ASHBY.

It is with very deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Herbert Ashby, -youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ashby, old and greatly esteemed residents of' Narrogin, which took place at Nurse Kelliher's private, hospital on Wednesday last. The deceased was taken ill about a month ago and from the start his medical adviser viewed the case with alarm on account of the disabilities suffered by the patient at the great war and the subsequent heavy blow sustained recently at the loss of his wife, after a union of only a few weeks' duration. He received the most skillful medical and nursing attention. Dr. Mackie being unremitting in his attention and did everything possible to save the life. The heartfelt sympathy of a host of friends is extended to the bereaved parents and relatives.



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The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, and was largely attended, the returned soldiers uniting with a representative gathering of citizens in paying a last tribute to the memory of deceased.

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6. ADELAIDE LEAH ASENATH ASHBY (1903-1982) married **HAROLD STANYFORD COUCHER (1901-1964)**, 1928, Williams, WA [Reg. 18].

Electoral Roll:
1906 John Ashby, Manering, Caroline Asenath, Narrogin.
1915 John Ashby, 'Ashgrove', Narrogin, farmer, Caroline Asenath, home duties, Emma, home duties, Samuel Edwin, 'Ashgrove', Narrogin, farmer.
1923, 1933 John Ashby, Hive Street, Narrogin, farmer, Caroline Asenath, home duties,

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***Narrogin Observer* (WA: 1918 - 1955), Sat 29 May 1937, pg 2**
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Death of Mr. John Ashby.

After a long period of indifferent health, Mr. John Ashby died somewhat suddenly on the 24th inst., at an advanced age. Deceased was an old resident and had been farming for many years at Geeralying prior to coming in to Narrogin. Before his health weakened a few years ago, he took a lively interest in local sporting affairs and was a particularly keen bowler. Possessed of a happy and friendly demeanour, he was greatly esteemed by all who knew him and the deepest expressions of regret were heard on all sides when the news of his death became known. He leaves a wife and grown-up family to mourn the loss of a good husband and father. The funeral was attended by a representative gathering in the Baptist portion of the cemetery when the Rev. H. Law-Davis officiated at the graveside. The pall-bearers were Messrs. W. Ingleton, N. A. Culleton, H. Dowling, A. Spargo, C. W. Allen and M. L. Read.

Floral tributes were received from the following:—

Loving Wife; Loving Daughter Addie, Son-in-Law Harold and family; Loving Daughter Emm, Son-in-Law Jim and family; Loving Daughter Nell and family; Edie, Neil and family; Loving Son Ted, Daughter-in-Law Renie and Little Katy; Loving Son Jack, May, Little Fay; Mrs. Lavender and George; Grandchildren Harry, Jack and Jim; Mrs. Trestrail and family; Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Cowcher and family; Miss Lavender and T. and J. H. Lavender; Mr. Hodgson and Nurse; Mr. and Mrs. Barrington; Members Narrogin Bowling Club; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Boothey and family; Mr. and Mrs. E. Bailey and Nora; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bailey and Ted; Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Culleton; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Bird; Management and Staff, Elder, Smith & Co., Ltd., Narrogin; Mrs. Westerberg; Mr. and Mrs. N. H. McQueen; Mr. and Mrs. G. Cowcher and family; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Paynter and family; Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Moon and Boys; Mr. and Miss Pittaway and family; Mr. and Mrs. Colgin; Dolly and Kevin and Great Grand Children; Grandchildren Eileen and Doss; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. James and family; Mr. and Mrs. C. Bailey; Mrs. Bailey (Senr.) and Leon; Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kenny and Esme Mr. I. Penn and family; Nurse Menzies and family; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Deacon and Vi; Mr. and Mrs. G. Gould; Mrs. H. T. Cowcher; Clara, Jim and Teddy; Mr. and Mrs. Duncliff and family; Mrs. Floyed and family; Mrs. Bushby and family; Mrs. David Pryce and family; Mr. and Mrs. W. Cowcher; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cowcher, Lance, Vernon; Mr. and Mrs W. H. Ingram.

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Mr. F. J. French carried out the mortuary arrangements.

Returning to details of ELIZABETH MAY BAILEY (1905-1977) and JOHN ALBERT HIGHMORE ASHBY (1888-1962), 1930, Williams, WA [Reg. 17].

Electoral Roll:
1931, 1936 John Albert Highmore Ashby, Narrogin, farmer, Elizabeth May, Geeralying, near Narrogin, home duties.
1943 John Albert Highmore Ashby, Highmore, "Daliak", York, manager, Elizabeth May, "Daliak", York,
1954 John Albert Highmore Ashby, 108 Planet St, Carlisle, Elizabeth May, home duties

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3. BAILEY, LEWIS JOHN (1906-1998) was born 30 Nov 1906, Williams, WA [Reg, No. 6]. Registered in 1907. Lewis married **MARJORIE ANNIE BEE (1916-2009)**, 1 May 1937, St Peter's Church, Cuballing, WA [Reg No 26]. Her name recorded as Marjorie. They had three children: **Keith Arthur (died as a baby), Noel John and Gary Bailey**. John died 25 Apr 1998, Mundaring, WA. Burial Mundaring Cemetery.

MARJORIE ANNIE BEE (1916-2009) (via Elizabeth Bailey, her name was spelt as Marjorie) was born 23 Mar 1916, Claremont, WA [Reg. 114]. Her name recorded as Majorie (sic). Parents: **ARTHER EDWARD BEE (1877-1966)** and **EMMA AMELIA REYNOLDS (1883-1956)** who were married 1909, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 1]. Marjorie Annie Bailey (nee Bee) died 30 Nov 2009, Mundaring, WA. Burial Mundaring Cemetery. The following two pages contain details of Marjorie's parents and maternal grandparents: Charles Thomas Reynolds (1854-1942) and Mary Ann Chin (1858-1933), showing how the family moved from NSW to WA.

ARTHUR EDWARD BEE (1877-1966), Marjorie's father, was born 1877, Sandhurst, VIC [Reg. 11302]. Parents: **WALTER JOHN BEE (1845-1910)** and **MARY FRANCIS 'MINNIE' CARNE (1845-)** who were married 1876, VIC [Reg. 296].

EMMA AMELIA REYNOLDS (1883-1956), Marjorie's mother, was born 1883, Parramatta, NSW [Reg. 15547]. Parents: **CHARLES THOMAS REYNOLDS (1854-1942)** and **MARY ANN CHIN (1858-1933)** who were married 1880, Liama, NSW [Reg. 3688]. They had eight children. Emma Amelia Bee, (nee Reynolds) died 28 Nov 1956. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery, WA.

The then children of CHARLES THOMAS REYNOLDS (1854-1942) and MARY ANN CHIN (1858-1933) were all born in NSW except for George Eric Hubert Reynolds who was born in 1899 when the family came to WA.

1. ALICE GRACE REYNOLDS (1879-1963) married **THOMAS EDMUND KEEN (1879-1948)**, 1900, Malcolm, WA [Reg. 925].

2. CHARLES THOMAS LESLIE REYNOLDS (1881-1945) married **ANNIE GEORGINA ANDREWS (1882-1968)**, 6 Dec 1905, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 828].

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4. JOHN EDGAR REYNOLDS (1885-1952) married **ELLEN ETHEL MORTON (1885-1971)** 9 Feb 1908, Geraldton, WA [Reg. 4].
5. EVA ROSE REYNOLDS (1887-1910) married **DANIEL MURRAY ROSE (1877-1916)** 11 Mar 1907, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 43].

6. ERNEST STANLEY REYNOLDS (1887-) married **FLORENCE ATHERTON LIPPIATT**, 1911, Sussex, WA [Reg. 2]. Registered as Florence Lippiatt. Ancestry records Florence Atherton.

Electoral Roll:

1931 Ernest Stanley Reynolds, Ashfield, Bassendean, civil servant, Florence Atherton, St, Ashfield, home duties.
1937 Ernest Stanley Reynolds, The Residency, Broome, civil servant, Florence Atherton, married.
1943 Ernest Stanley Reynolds, The Residency, Albany, Civil servant.

7. NORMAN WILFRED REYNOLDS (1891-1972) married **EDITH WHALLY (1888-1942)** 1913, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 85]. **m.2 NORMAN WILFRED REYNOLDS (1891-1972)** married **STELLA MAY WILLIAMS (1907-1971)** 19 May 1943, Geraldton, WA [Reg. 46].

8. GEORGE ERIC HUBERT REYNOLDS (1899-1994) married **RITA MELVILLE HUTCHINSON (1911-1974)** 1937, Perth, WA [Reg. 762].

Continuing with details of LEWIS JOHN BAILEY (1906-1998) and MARJORIE ANNIE BEE (1916-2009.

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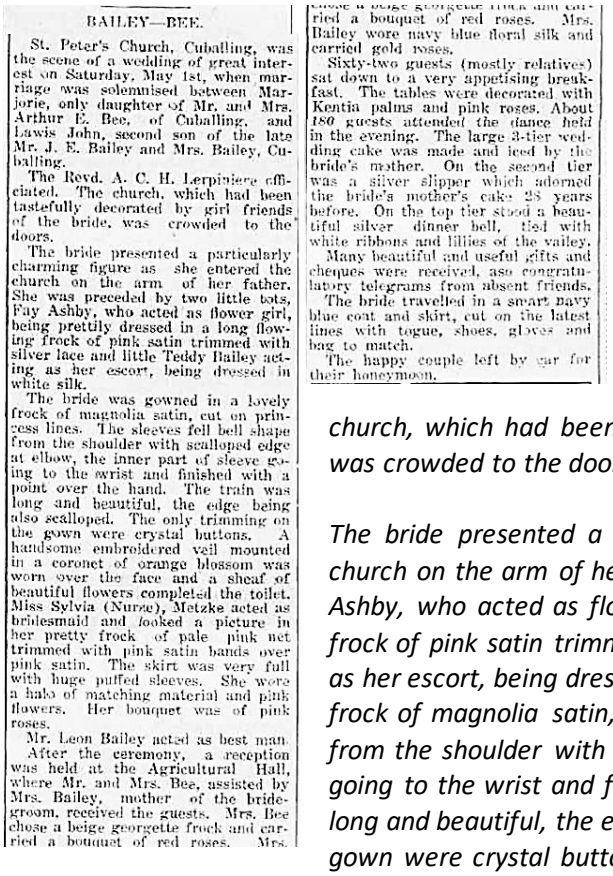

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Mr. Leon Bailey acted as best man.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at the Agricultural Hall, where Mr. and Mrs. Bee, assisted by Mrs. Bailey, mother of the bridegroom, received the guests. Mrs. Bee chose a beige georgette frock and carried a bouquet of red roses. Mrs.

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The happy couple left by car for their honeymoon.

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Electoral Rolls: Her name recorded as Marjorie Annie – with an r.
1931, Lewis John Bailey, Cuballing, farm labourer
1943 Lewis John Bailey, West Swan, farming Marjorie Annie, home duties
1954, 1972, 1980 Lewis John Bailey, Swanbourne Rd, Parkerville, farmer Marjorie Annie, home duties.

Lewis John Bailey died 25 Apr 1998, Mundaring, WA. Burial Mundaring Cemetery.

Marjorie Annie Bailey (nee Bee) died 30 Nov 2009, Mundaring, WA. Burial Mundaring Cemetery.

Headstone Lewis Bailey and Marjorie Annie Bee, Mundaring Cemetery

Note the mention of their children: ***Keith (dec), Noel and Garry.***

4th CHILD OF BERTHA PAGE & JOSEPH EDWARD BAILEY

4. BAILEY, LEON (1910-1997)
Via Gilchrist – Cameron Family Tree, Ancestry.

Leon Bailey was born 3 Apr 1910, Quindanning, (Williams), WA [Reg. 35].
Leon Bailey died 7 Nov 1997, Parkerville, WA. Burial Pinnaroo Memorial Park, WA.

Leon served in the Second World War: He enlisted at Narrogin 25 Feb 1941, farmer, single, aged almost 31 years. Discharged 20 May 1944.

BAILEY LEON: Service Number - W22154: Date of birth - 03 Apr 1910: Place of birth - QUINDANNING WA: Place of enlistment - NARROGIN WA: Next of Kin - BAILEY BERTHA

LEON BAILEY (1910-1997) married **SYLVIA MABEL WEBB (BLEWETT, NEE GIBSON) (1914-1990)** between 1977-1980.

SYLVIA MABEL GIBSON (1914-1990)
Sylvia was married three times.

Sylvia Mabel proved elusive for many of us for some time as we only had her two Christian names. It was known she had been married twice before. After an immense amount of time speculating and researching finally, we had a breakthrough thanks to Elizabeth from the Lost Parkerville & Stoneville History Group.

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Sylvia Mabel Gibson was born 1914, Canning, WA [Reg. 106].
Sylvia Mabel Bailey (Webb, Blewett, nee Gibson) died 5 Oct, 1990, aged 75-76). Buried Pinnaroo Valley Memorial Park,

m.1 SYLVIA MABEL GIBSON (1914-1990) married **THOMAS BLEWETT (1912-1985)**, 1932, Perth, WA [Reg. 1175]. It seems as if they had one child., Valma. Divorced 5 Dec 1947, Perth, WA.

THOMAS BLEWETT (1912-1985)

Thomas Blewett was born 21 Jan 1912, Sons of Gwalia Mine, Leonora, (Mt, Margaret), WA [Reg. 24]. Parents: **SAMUEL JAMES BLEWETT (1879-1917)** and **MARY K READ 1877-1962)** who were married 1906, Mt Margaret. WA [Reg. 32]. They had four children: Frank William Blewett (1907-1971), Thomas Blewett (1912-1985), Samuel James Blewett (1914-1959, Catherine Mary (1915-2000). Thomas Blewett died 11 Jul, 1985, Perth, WA. Buried, Karrakatta Cemetery, WA.

m.2 SYLVIA MABEL BLEWETT (NEE GIBSON) (1914-1990) married **ALFRED FRANCIS WEBB**, 1951, Perth, WA [Reg. 2799].

ALFRED FRANCIS WEBB was born 1923, Perth, WA [Reg. 753].

m.3 SYLVIA MABEL WEBB, (BLEWETT, NEE GIBSON) (1914-1990) married **LEON BAILEY (1910-1997)** between 1977-1980. The Electoral Rolls show Leon and Sylvia Bailey as living in Parkerville in 1980. Leon would have been aged 70 years.

Electoral Roll:
1936, 1937 Sylvia Mabel Webb, 212 Berwick Street, Victoria Park, home duties, Thomas Blewett, labourer.
1943, 1949 Sylvia Mabel Webb, 128 Hubert Street, Victoria Park, home duties, Thomas Blewett, carrier.
1954 Sylvia Mabel Webb, 128 Hubert Street, Victoria Park, home duties, Alfred Francis Webb, butcher.
1958 Sylvia Mabel Webb, 128 Hubert Street, Victoria Park, home duties.
1963 Sylvia Mabel Webb, 14 Gwenyfred Rd, home duties.
1972, 1977 Sylvia Mabel Webb, 15 Cargill St, Victoria Park, home duties.

Via Mervyn Beacham: Be aware when searching *Trove*, there were two Leon's, one is the one we are chasing and the other was Thomas Leon Ford Bailey. Thomas Leon Ford Bailey used Leon for the main name and was the musical Leon, especially did well with the Violin and involved with Repertory Club. There is a send-off article for him about to join the airforce, whereas the other Leon joined the army for a short while, from 25 Feb 1941 to 16 Mar 1943. Anne Barrett (nee Carrotts) remembers Leon shearing for her father, Harold Ernest Carrotts. The Leon we are chasing, bore witness against a neighbour who peppered some stay cattle with No. 6 shot from a 410-orchard gun.

Electoral Roll:
1931 Leon Bailey, Cuballing, farm assistant, Bertha, Leon's mother, household duties, Lewis John Bailey, brother.
1937, 1943 Leon Bailey, Cuballing, farm assistant, Bertha, Leon's mother, household duties. She died in 1944.
1949, 1954 Leon Bailey, 26 Lyall St, Belmont, shearer
1968, 1977 Leon Bailey, 186 Planet St, Carlisle, shearer
1980 Leon Bailey, 382 Seaborne St, Parkerville, Sylvia Mabel, home duties.

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3. ANNE ELIZABETH BLECHYNDEN (1842-1927) & THOMAS EDWARDS (1838-1903)

'Anne' Elizabeth Blechynden was Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden's third child. She was born on 19 Mar 1842 at 'St Aubyns', East Beverley.

On 5 Mar 1862, Anne married Thomas Edwards at 'Mount Pleasant' at Edwards Crossing.

They had eight children.

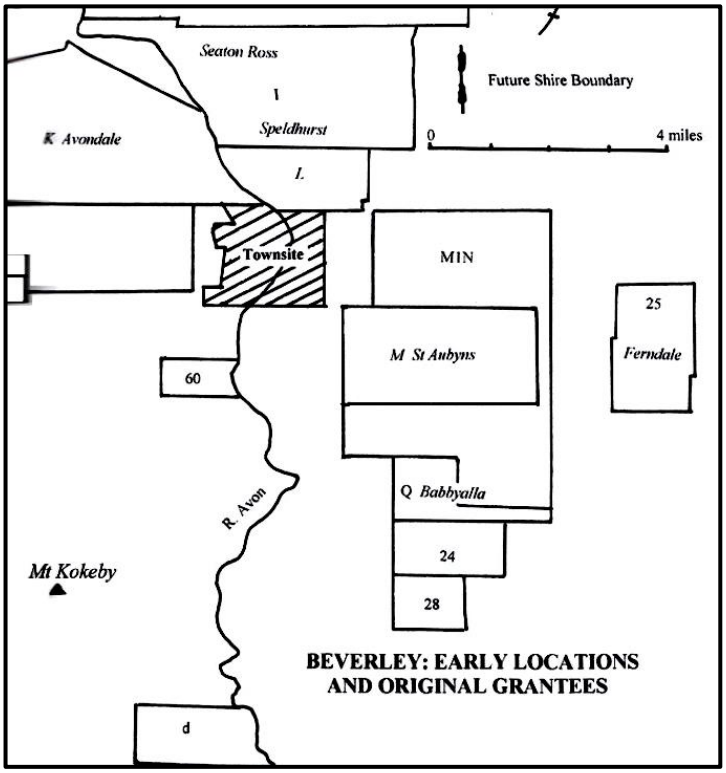
Thomas Edwards passed away at the age of 64 on 7 Feb 1903 in Beverley. Anne passed away at the age of 83 in Dec 1927.[3] They are buried together, with their daughter Florence, at Edwards Crossing Cemetery in Beverley.

[3] Anne's death notice records that she died in the Beverley Hospital on 1 Dec and that her funeral took place on 3 Dec 1927. However, her headstone indicates that she died on 8 Dec 1927.

BLECHYNDEN, ANNE ELIZABETH (1842-1927) was born 19 Mar 1842, 'St Aubyns', East Beverley, WA [Reg No. 105], her name being recorded as Elizabeth Anne. It appears that from then on, she was known as Anne Elizabeth. Her marriage and death records record her as Anne. Her headstone has her as Anne and Ann. Her parents, Harrison Blechynden and Charlotte Augusta Robus, who were married in Perth on 3 Mar 1832, emigrated from Kent in England to the newly established Swan River Colony, arriving on the ship *Minstrel* 20 Jan 1830. Her older brother and sister John and Sarah were born in Perth, WA. Prior to Elizabeth's birth her parents moved to an undeveloped property in the newly surveyed district of Beverley.

BEVERLEY Our journey through time pg. 24: ***Barracks were established at John Mann's property at the Dale, aptly named the Barracks, and at Turkey Cock Creek on 'St Aubyns'**. Patrols were mounted from these barracks and at times the military also provided armed escorts across the Darling Range.*

One wonders who would have assisted with her birth as at this stage there was no town as such and very little infrastructure. By the time her brother Henry George was born in October 1843, his birth was registered as being at 'Babbyalla', the property next door. By the time Elizabeth Anne (known as Anne) was almost eleven years old, six more brothers had been added to the family: Jesse William, 1845, died in 1846 at the age of 20 months); Walter Edward, 1846; Charles Edwin, 1848; Thomas Harrison, 1849; Jesse William, 1851 and Joseph, 1853.



Map showing 'St Aubyns', 'Babbyalla' and 'Speldhurst' BEVERLEY Our journey through time pg. 11

Anne and her sister Sarah would have had a busy time helping their mother with so many boisterous little boys running around. There were no schools at this time, so their mother taught them to basically read and write. The girls would have become competent at helping to do all the household chores, which held them steadfast later in their lives when they married and had their own families. There were no shops to begin with. With hard work from dawn until dusk, their farm became self-sufficient, with a home- grown garden, chooks, cattle, sheep and pigs. Transport anywhere was by horse or horse and buggy. At an early age the children were taught and became proficient at riding. As the boys got older, they too had to help with the chores, graduating to helping their father and older brother John on the farm.

By 1852, a small service area consisting of a mud bat store and a wheelwright was being established at Edwards Crossing which was 13 kilometres away. One can imagine the family would have travelled by horse and cart to the store to shop for goods. Annual shows were recorded as taking place at York which was 28.5 kms - 17.7 miles away. One can also visualise the family travelling in their horse drawn wagon, participating in different events at the show, socialising and mixing with other families.

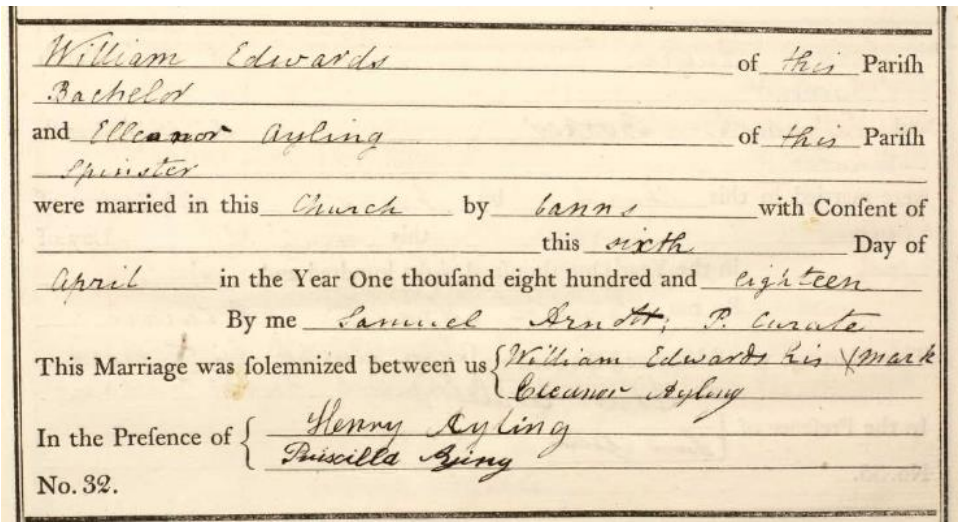
In 1854, her brother John Blechynden walked to the Blackwood district at the age of 21 guided by two friendly Aboriginals. On the 23 of Feb 1860, Anne, now aged almost eighteen years, would have been excited and delighted when John Blechynden married Elizabeth Green on 23 Feb 1860, at St George's Cathedral in Perth. Anne and her sister Sarah, aged almost 19 years, would have enjoyed dressing up in the latest fashion and mixing with the other invited guests.

'Anne' Elizabeth Edwards (nee Blechynden)

Anne Blechynden caught the eye of Thomas Edwards, a young farmer from the property, 'Speldhurst', not far from 'Babbyalla'. One can speculate that living close by they had known one another while growing up and often met at the local shows and social occasions.

'Anne' Elizabeth Blechynden was married on 5 Mar 1862 to **EDWARDS, THOMAS (1838-1903)** at 'Mount Pleasant', Edwards Crossing, Beverley, WA [Reg. 1753], registered in York, under Anne Elizabeth Blechynden. It appears that at this stage she was known as Anne. 1965. Note: St Paul's Church, Edwards Crossing, was consecrated in 1862. In 1865 the property was subdivided into 'Mount Pleasant' and 'Speldhurst.

Thomas Edwards was born 14 Sep 1838 Guildford, WA, the eighth living child of **WILLIAM EDWARDS (1792-1865)** and **ELEANOR AYLING (1798-1871)** married 6 Apr 1818, Easebourne, West Sussex, England FHL 1041534. **WILLIAM** was born 15 Feb 1792, Easebourne, West Sussex, England. Baptised 6 Jan 1793, Cocking, West Sussex. Thank you to Kevin Fowler. His research has shown that John and Elizabeth (Eliza) Edwards were not William's parents (as is recorded by many family trees). Parents at this stage unknown.



William Edwards of this Parish
Bachelor
and Ellenor Ayling of this Parish
Spinster
were married in this Church by Banns with Consent of
this sixth Day of
April in the Year One thousand eight hundred and eighteen
By me Samuel Arnott, P. Curate
This Marriage was folemnized between us { William Edwards his ✗ mark
Eleanor Ayling
In the Prefence of { Henry Ayling
Priscilla Ayling
No. 32.

West Sussex, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754-1936 Easebourne 1813-1937

William and Eleanor and their family arrived 14 May 1830 at the Swan River Colony on the *Rockingham*. An ex-soldier of the 95th Regiment, William was awarded medals for his campaigns including the Battle of Waterloo. More details further on.

This is an example of the Waterloo Medal and a Military General Service Medal mentioned above. Courtesy Lindsay Adams.

William was a farm servant to Thomas Peel at Murray River in 1830. He is recorded as being a tenant on Stirling's farm at Guildford where his wife had a store. Bt. Swan Loc. 23 of 200 acres 1831.

Following is a very brief summary: by 1841 he was leasing Hamersley's property 'Sandgate' at York. By 1845 he had leased with the right to purchase 'Speldhurst' Farm, 3540 acres at Beverley. In 1850 Eleanor opened a store at Edwards Crossing. 1854 purchased 'Speldhurst'. 1865 the property was divided into 'Speldhurst' and 'Mt. Pleasant'. Farmer and grazier (York census 1859), see further on.

William Edwards died 28 Oct 1865, Beverley, WA [Reg. 3009], aged 73 years. Buried Edwards Crossing Cemetery, St Paul's Church, Beverley, WA.

AYLING, ELEANOR (1798-1871) was born 1 Jun 1798, Graffham, Sussex, England. Eleanor's parents were **STEPHEN AYLING (1750-1825)** and **ANN STACEY (1752-1807)** who were married 12 Oct 1781, Sussex, England. Ann Stacey was born 1752, Graffham, Sussex, England. Ann Stacey died 1807, Graffham, Sussex, England. Stephen Ayling was born 23 Dec 1750, Graffham, Sussex, England. Stephen Ayling died 24 Mar 1825, Graffham, Sussex, England.

Eleanor's story is outlined in more detail with William's further on.

Emigration: William Edwards, aged 38 and his wife Eleanor aged 32, left England with their four surviving children, as recorded in a family bible: Elizabeth, William (Jnr), Caroline and Mary Ann; via Peel's third ship, the *Rockingham*, departing Mon, 11 Jan 1830, from St. Katherine's Docks Gravesend, near the Tower of London.

WILLIAM EDWARDS (1792-1865) and **ELEANOR AYLING (1798-1871)** had nine children as below. More details re these children follow further on in their own sections.

1. ELIZA EDWARDS (1819-1866),
2. MARY ANN EDWARDS (1820-1820),
3. WILLIAM EDWARDS (1821-1889),
4. CAROLINE EDWARDS (1824-1898),
5. MARY ANN EDWARDS (1826-1903),
6. MATILDA EDWARDS (1831-1887),
7. ALFRED JAMES EDWARDS (1834-1888),
8. CHARLES FREDERICK EDWARDS (1836-1911), and
9. **THOMAS EDWARDS (1838-1903)**

Following their move to the Beverley, William Edwards and family have been associated with the properties: 'Seaton Ross', 'Speldhurst', 'Mount Pleasant' and 'Edwards Crossing'. All of this is better explained by Edwards family tree researcher Kevin Fowler.

EDWARDS FAMILY TREE - 17th Edition by Kevin Fowler: pgs. 118-123.

'Speldhurst'

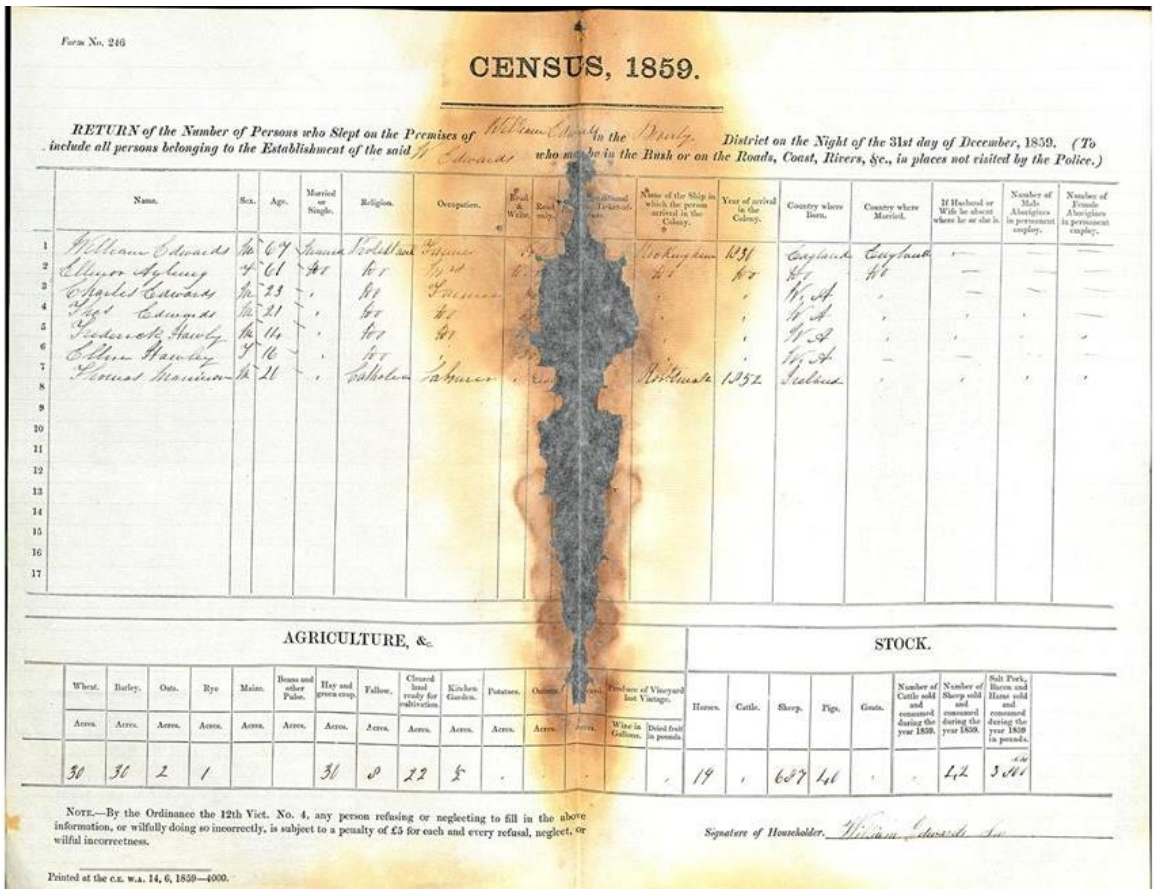
On Saturday, 14 Jan 1854, after leasing 'Sandgate' since 1841, **William** purchased 3,547 acres (1,436.5 ha) for £800 ($1,600), a portion of the original 5,320 acres (2,154.6 ha) of Avon Location 1 in Beverley, from A.H. Stone, who had taken up this land in Dec 1830. (Stone retained the established portion of the land called "Seaton Ross".) There was a mortgage of £300 ($600) for three years, with

interest at 10% paid half-yearly. The final payment took place in 1857, when **William** was 65 years old and **Eleanor** 59.

This property was generally known as '*Speldhurst*' and was still in its virgin state. The **Edwards** first home at '*Speldhurst*' was the crude mud-bat bush affair, down near the river, at a fresh water pool. Because of floods, they abandoned this house and built a better establishment much further up the banks.

CENSUS 1859: WILLIAM EDWARDS, BEVERLEY DISTRICT

RETURN *of the Number of Persons who Slept on the Premises of William Edwards in the Beverley District on the Night of the 31st day of December 1859. (To include all persons belonging to the Establishment of the said W Edwards who may be in the Bush or on the Roads, Coast, Rivers etc., in places not visited by the police.)*



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	Name.	Sex.	Age.	Married or Single.	Religion.	Occupation.	Head & Wife.	Kind only.	Name of the Ship in which the person arrived in the Colony.	Year of arrival in the Colony.	Country where Born.	Country where Married.	If Husband or Wife be absent where he or she is.	Number of Male Aborigines in permanent employ.	Number of Female Aborigines in permanent employ.
1	William Edwards	M	67	Married	Protestant	Farmer	H		Rockingham	1831	England	England	—	—	—
2	Eleanor Ayling	F	61	do	do	Wife	W		do	do	do	do	—	—	—
3	Charles Edwards	M	23	"	do	Farmer	S		"	"	W.A.	"	—	—	—
4	Thos Edwards	M	21	"	do	do	S		"	"	W.A.	"	"	"	—
5	Frederick Hawley	M	14	"	do	do	G		"	"	W.A.	—	"	"	"
6	Ellen Hawley	F	16	"	do	"	G		"	"	W.A.	—	"	"	"
7	Thomas Morrison	M	20	"	Catholic	Labourer	S		Williams	1852	Ireland	"	"	"	"
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AGRICULTURE, &c.

Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.	Rye	Maize.	Beans and other Pulse.	Hay and green crop.	Fallow.	Cleared land ready for cultivation.	Kitchen Garden.	Potatoes.	Onions.	Turnips.	Produce of Vineyard last Vintage.	
Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Wine in Gallons.	Dried fruit in pounds.
30	30	2	1			31	8	22	5	.			.	.

STOCK.

Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Goats.	Number of Cattle sold and consumed during the year 1859.	Number of Sheep sold and consumed during the year 1859.	Salt Pork, Bacon and Hams sold and consumed during the year 1859 in pounds.
19	.	687	46	.	.	42	3 cwt

NOTE.—By the Ordinance the 12th Vict. No. 4, any person refusing or neglecting to fill in the above information, or wilfully doing so incorrectly, is subject to a penalty of £5 for each and every refusal, neglect, or wilful incorrectness.

Signature of Householder. William Edwards Sen

Printed at the C.E. W.A. 14, 6, 1859—4000.

1. WILLIAM EDWARDS, Male, Age 67, Married, Protestant, Farmer, Head, who arrived in the Colony on the Ship *Rockingham* in 1830. He was born in England and married in England.

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3. CHARLES EDWARDS, Male, Age 23, Son born in WA.
4. THOS EDWARDS, Male, age 21, Son, born in WA.
5. FREDERICK HAWLEY, Male, age 14, born in WA. (grandson). Note: William and Eleanor's daughter, Caroline Edwards married George Michael Horley, 1842, Guildford, WA [Reg. 42]. Note spelling. 3. William Frederick Horley (1845-1920), grandson.
6. ELLEN HAWLEY, Female, age 16, born WA. (granddaughter) Note: William and Eleanor's daughter, 4. Caroline Edwards married George Michael Horley, 1842, Guildford, WA [Reg. 42]. Note spelling. 2. Helen/Ellen Horley (1843-1878), granddaughter.
7. THOMAS MORRISON, Male, Labourer, age 20, Catholic, who arrived in the colony in 1852, from Ireland.

Agriculture: 30 acres wheat, 30 acres barley, 2 acres oats, 1 acre of rye, 30 acres Hay and green crop, 22 acres cleared and ready for cultivation, ½ acre kitchen garden

STOCK: 19 horses, 637 sheep, 40 pigs, 42 sheep sold and (word undecipherable) during the year 1859,

In the salt and pork area he had made and sold 3,300 pounds (think this is correct figure) during the year.

Note: By this time, the older children of William and Eleanor Edwards had all married and begun their own families.

Eleanor Edwards (nee Ayling)

William Edwards of Beverley (1792-1865)

Edwards family tree researcher Kevin Fowler continues:

During 1866, **Thomas** built the third house at '*Speldhurst'*, where it still stands, with many subsequent alterations over the past 139 years.

After **William's** death, **Charles** and **Thomas** inherited this property equally and the property was sub-divided into '*Speldhurst'* and *'Mt Pleasant'* and a portion of *'Mt Pleasant'* still belongs to the **Edwards** family.

Being resourceful, **William** built a mud bat store in 1854 beside the road at the Avon River junction for **Eleanor**, who used this to bring in much needed finance whilst *'Speldhurst'* was being developed. Apparently, **Eleanor** was also responsible for the distribution of the mail.

Others also established themselves here, including **Mr Joseph Wansborough** (a wheelwright and carpenter, and who had a forge); a bootmaker and repairer, and a **Mr John Cox** (a blacksmith and Dray Merchant). This 42 acres (17 ha) of land was eventually sold to become part of *"Seaton Ross". . .*

Beverley

Before the Seaton Ross Bridge was built over the Avon in 1864, the road from York to Beverley went through *'Speldhurst'* and past St. Paul's Church and over ***'Edwards Crossing'***. The land on which this church was built had been donated by **William** in 1859, and he, with his neighbours, then built the church, which was consecrated in 1862.

This was the site first fixed for the Town of Beverley when surveyed in 1867, but then it was changed to its current location. After the townsite of Beverley was surveyed, **Thomas** bought land in Hunt Road and Vincent Street; **Charles** bought land in Vincent Street and built a store there and **Kenneth**, **William (Jnr's)** son, also bought land. **Thomas** donated land for the Beverley Cricket Club to commence. In 1872, **Alfred's** son **William** built his York Store, where he began his successful business and farming career in York and Beverley.

When the railway arrived in Beverley on Thursday, 5 Aug 1886, a siding was given the name ***'Edwards Crossing'*** to recollect the crossing over the river at the **Edwards** family homestead which was used by early settlers for many years. The railway terminated in Beverley and passengers to/from the Eastern States went by coach to Albany and then by ship, until the railway line was extended to Albany, opening on Saturday, 1 Jun 1889.

The question has been asked why were the properties named 'Speldhurst' and 'Mount Pleasant'? *https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Speldhurst* *and* *https://www.british-history.ac.uk/survey-kent/vol3/pp275-300*

Speldhurst *is a village and civil parish in the borough of Tunbridge Wells in* ***Kent****, England. The parish is to the west of Tunbridge Wells: the village is 3 miles (5 km) west of the town. . .*

The large and populous hamlet or village of TUNBRIDGE-WELLS is situated at the south-east boundary of this parish; part of it only is in Speldhurst, another part in the parish of Tunbridge, and the remainder in that of Fant, in the county of ***Suffex****. It consists of four smaller districts, named from the hills on which they stand, Mount Ephraim,* ***Mount Pleasant****, and Mount Sion; the other is called The Wells,*

It seems strangely coincidental that a Perth businessman Mr Alfred Hawes, the original owner of the farming property Location 1 at Beverley, named the farm *Speldhurst* (per *Beverley, Our journey through time*). It initially seemed highly probable that the farm *Speldhurst* was named, by William and Eleanor after their local village in Kent. Perhaps, Mr Hawes also had connections with the town.

William Edwards died 28 Oct 1865, Beverley, WA [Reg No. 3009], aged 73 years. Eleanor Edwards (nee Ayling) died 24 Dec 1871, aged 73 years, WA [Reg No. 6096], registered in 1872. Both buried at Edwards Crossing Cemetery, St Paul's Church, Beverley, WA.

Inquirer and Commercial News **(Perth, WA: 1855 - 1901), Wed 22 Nov 1865, pg 2**
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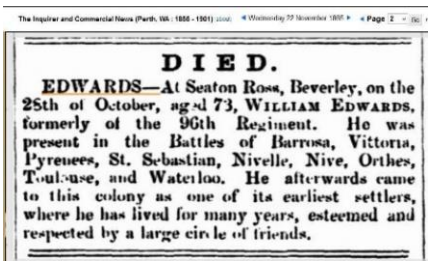
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Headstone of William Edwards and Eleanor Edwards (nee Ayling), Edwards Crossing Cemetery, Beverley, WA. Photo shared by Joy Hetherington80, Ancestry

In Memory Of
WILLIAM
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WHO DIED 28TH
OCT, 1865
AGED 73 YEARS
ALSO HIS WIFE
ELEANOR
WHO DIED 24TH
Dec. 1871
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Reconstructed grave of William Edwards and Eleanor Edwards (nee Ayling), Edwards Crossing Cemetery, Beverley, WA. Photos of new plaque and grave taken by Ken Blechynden, 2020.

THIS GRAVE WAS RECONSTRUCTED
IN MARCH 1999 BY DESCENDANTS
OF WILLIAM, AND ELEANOR AS AN
EXACT REPLICA OF THE ORIGINAL

The following articles tells of when St Paul's Church at Edwards Crossing was consecrated in 1862.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 27 Apr 1962, pg 1**
27 Apr 1962 - Centenary of St. Paul's.. (nla.gov.au)

Centenary of St. Paul's . . .

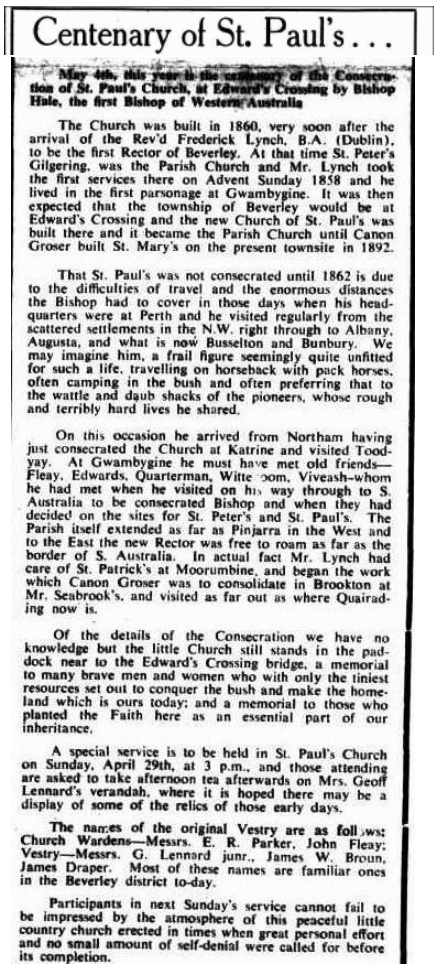
May 4th this year is the centenary of the Consecration of St. Paul's Church, at Edwards Crossing by Bishop Hale, the first Bishop of Western Australia.

The Church was built in 1860, very soon after the arrival of the Rev'd Frederick Lynch, B.A: (Dublin), to be the first Rector of Beverley. At that time St. Peter's Gilgering, was the Parish Church and Mr. Lynch took the first services there on Advent Sunday 1858 and he lived in the first parsonage at Gwambygine. It was then expected that the township of Beverley would be at Edwards Crossing and the new Church of St. Paul's was built there and it 'became the Parish Church until Canon Groser built St. Mary's on the present townsite in 1892.

That St. Paul's was not consecrated until 1862 is due to the difficulties of travel and the enormous distances the Bishop had to cover in those days when his headquarters were at Perth and he visited regularly from the scattered settlements in the N.W. right through to Albany, Augusta, and what is now Busselton and Bunbury. We may imagine him, a frail figure seemingly quite unfitted for such a life, travelling on horseback with pack horses, often camping in the bush and often preferring that to the wattle and daub shacks of the pioneers, whose rough and terribly hard lives he shared.

On this occasion he arrived from Northam having just consecrated the Church at Katrine and visited Toodyay. At Gwambygine he must have met old friends - Fleay, Edwards, Quartermain, Wittenoom, Viveash-whom he had met when he visited on his way through to S. Australia to be consecrated Bishop and when they had decided on the sites for St. Peter's and St. Paul's. The Parish itself extended as far as Pinjarra in the West and to the East the new Rector was free to roam as far as the border of S. Australia. In actual fact Mr. Lynch had care of St. Patrick's at Moorumbine. and began the work which Canon Groser was to consolidate in Brookton at Mr. Seabrook's, and visited as far out as where Quairading now is.

Of the details of the Consecration, we have no knowledge but the little Church still stands in the paddock near to the Edwards Crossing bridge, a memorial to many brave men and women who with only the tiniest resources set out to conquer the bush and make the homeland which is ours today; and a memorial to those who planted the Faith here as an essential part of our inheritance.



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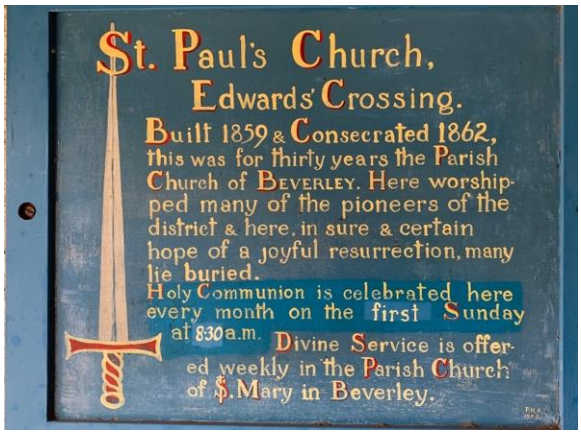

Built 1859 & Consecrated 1862, this was for thirty years the Parish Church of Beverley. Here worshipped many of the pioneers of the district & here, in sure and certain hope of a joyful resurrection, many lie buried.
Holy Communion is celebrated here every month on the first Sunday at 8.30 am.
Divine Service is offered weekly in the Parish Church of St. Mary in Beverley.

Plaque, St Paul's Church, Edwards Crossing.
Photo courtesy of Ken Blechynden, 2019

Following is a delightful description of this historical church, which still stands today.

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By MARK THORNTON

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Wishes

The new windows were installed against the wishes of the Edwards family but they were welcomed by most of the parishioners who turned out in force for the dedication.

The Anglican Archbishop of Perth, Dr Peter Carnley, conducted the morning service and dedicated the four-metre-high windows in the eastern wall of the historic church.

As sunlight streamed through the stained glass, splashing colour on to the altar and the southern wall of the sanctuary, he said: "Look on the rainbow and praise Him who made it."

The congregation replied as one: "How beautiful it is in its brightness."

After the service, Dr Carnley said he was gratified that the Juniper windows looked so striking.

The windows depict traditional religious scenes of Christ's Passion and Resurrection together with local landscapes, flora and fauna and an intermingling of historical events from the Avon Valley.

The old windows portrayed biblical scenes in a classical Italian style.

Made of coloured paper glued between glass sheets, they had cracked and faded since they were donated by Mrs Jane Edwards in memory of her husband, William.

Descendants of the Edwards family had asked that the windows be preserved or replaced by exact copies in stained glass.

They were shocked when the parish vestry committee, with Dr Carnley's support, decided to change the windows entirely and use a contemporary design by Robert Juniper.

Mrs Nancy Monger, great grand-daughter of Jane Edwards, and other members of the family have refused to attend the church since and did not attend yesterday's dedication.

Mrs Monger said of the Juniper windows: "They would look beautiful in a modern church but not in a 19th-century one."

The rector of York, the Rev. Peter Mold, said he feared that the furore surrounding the windows was probably not over, even though they had been dedicated.

"In this sort of town it could continue for centuries unless something is done to redress the balance," he said.

He said that the original windows might possibly be offered to the Residency Museum in York.

At a reception after the dedication, Dr Carnley reflected on structural problems of the Holy Trinity Church.

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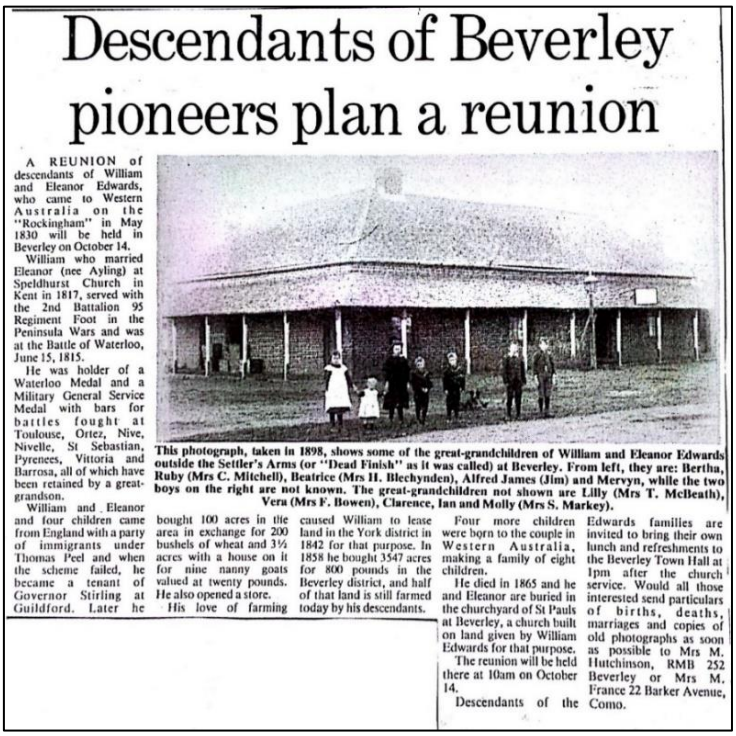
The controversial window from the church Facebook pg, 2021.
We couldn't find an image of the original window.

An excellent history of William and Eleanor Edwards was compiled for an Edwards reunion in 1979. Below is a copy of part of a newspaper item advertising the reunion.



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The reunion will be held there at 10am on October 14.

Descendants of the Edwards families are invited to bring their own lunch and refreshments to the Beverley Town Hall at 1pm after the church service. Would all those interested send particulars of births, deaths, marriages and copies of old photographs as soon as possible to Mrs M. Hutchinson, RMB 252 Beverley or Mrs M. France 22 Barker Avenue, Como.

This photograph, taken in 1898, shows some of the great-grandchildren of William and Eleanor Edwards outside the Settler's Arms (or "Dead Finish" as it was called) at Beverley. From left, they are: Bertha, Ruby (Mrs C. Mitchell), Beatrice (Mrs H. Blechynden), Alfred James (Jim) and Mervyn, while the two boys on the right are not known. The great-grandchildren not shown are Lilly (Mrs T. McBeath), Vera (Mrs F. Bowen), Clarence, Ian and Molly (Mrs S. Markey).

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COMMEMORATIVE PAMPHLET OF A REUNION OF DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM AND ELEANOR EDWARDS, which was held at Beverley, WA on Sun 14 Oct 1979. The reunion commenced with a church service in "St Paul's" and was followed by a lunch and get-together in the Beverley Town Hall. Copy of the pamphlet. Courtesy of Les and Pam Clulow and Lindsay Adams. Following are four of the pages from the pamphlet which provide an intriguing read. A tribute to Mrs. M Hutchison who collated the information for the 1979 Edwards Reunion.

LIFE AND TIMES OF WILLIAM and ELEANOR EDWARDS

This story begins on 15th February, 1792 in England when a son was born to John and Eliza Edwards. He was baptised William on the 6th January, 1793 in the small village of Cocking in Western Sussex.

Nothing is known of William's childhood. He is said to have grown into a very strong man about 5ft. 9in. tall,with wide arms and could lift 100 lbs. while lying on his back. Bad tempered, it is said. Under the trying conditions of most of his life, maybe we all would have been.

It is known that he fought in the Peninsular Wars and in the Battle of Waterloo. William was in the 95th and 96th Regiments 2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade. He is believed to have landed at Lisbon in 1809 and fought through Spain for 7 years. Conditions were appalling with poor rations, wretched billets, lack of money because of delays in pay and slow mails. His Waterloo Medal and General Service Medal are on display today. He was lucky to receive his General Service Medal as it was issued 34 years after the last battle, and by that time he had settled in Western Australia. This medal has 8 bars attached naming the battles fought.

In June, 1813 the French were beaten at Vittoria Spain, and conditions began to improve. Battles were fought throughout 1813 at Barrosa, St. Sebastian, Pyrenees, Nivelle and Nive. In February, 1814 the battle for Ortez was fought and in April, 1814 the battle for Toulouse. In July, 1814, the Regiments returned to England.

However Napoleon struck again and William's Regiment was recalled leaving Ostend, Belgium in May, 1815. The Battle of Waterloo was fought on the 15th, 16th, 17th June, 1815. During a battle, it is said that William received a shot below the heart where the shot remained until his death.

In February, 1817 at the age of 25 he married Eleanor Ayling at a church in Speldhurst, Kent. Eleanor was 19 years old, having been born on 1st June, 1798 but the exact place of her birth is not known. It could have been in Speldhurst, Kent, where they were married or perhaps in Cocking where the name Aylen figures in many old records. The spelling of her maiden surname "AYLING" has been the subject of much discussion. Some believe it may have been "AYLEN". However, William recorded it as "AYLING" as late as 1859 and at least two of her grandsons have it in this form as part of their names. As the story of William's enterprises unfold, You will find Eleanor again and again being the ideal help mate for the early colonist.

After the Peninsular Wars, a Garrison was established in Kent and some of William's contemporaries were known to be there. If William was there also, this may have been the time and place of the courtship of Eleanor.

In 1819, when most of the soldiers were discharged, England was bankrupt. There was no demand for their labour. The pensions granted were small. Food was dear and even bread was scarce.

By 1828-1829 when Thomas Peel was talking of his grandiose schemes for Western Australia, changes in farming and manufacturing were causing riots and stock companies crashed. There was much suffering for those without land. Many families took what they were led to believe was to be the chance of a lifetime with Peel at the Swan River Colony in Western Australia.

Under Peel's scheme, each adult male was to be allotted 200 acres of land. Also each settler to reach the Swan River Colony was to be granted 40 acres for each £3 of value of goods brought with them.

In the New Year of 1830, William now aged 38 and Eleanor aged 32 left England with their four children. The children were Eliza (aged 12), William (aged 9), Caroline (aged 6) and Mary Ann (aged 3). The children were all born in Sussex (according to a family Bible).

The vessel in which they sailed was the "Rockingham", Peel's third ship. She was a three-masted ship of 423 tons, with 4 guns. She carried 24 crew members and 174 passengers. The family travelled steerage at a cost of £114/7/6. The fares were:

Adults	£25
Children under 10 years	£13/2/6
Children under 3 years	£6/5/-

The family carried with them the undermentioned items:-

5 cwt. of beef ..	£21/-/-
4 cwt. of biscuits ..	£11/4/-
¼ cwt. of tea ..	£9/16/-
1 cwt. of rice ..	£2/16/-
¼ cwt. of Split peas	14/-
Agricultural Implements	£5/-/-
Carpenter's Tools	£3/-/-
Bricklayer's Tools	£4/-/-
Shoemaker's Tools	£5/-/-
Wearing Apparel	£50/-/-
A total	£112/10/-

The mention of agricultural tools, carpenter's and bricklayer's tools makes it appear he was fairly versatile in his activities. The amount of £112/10/- together with the cost of the berths probably amounted to all their worldly worth.

Sad and apprehensive they must have been, and even before they could become accustomed to shipboard conditions, the first of so many set backs befell them. On leaving the Thames River the "Rockingham" lost an anchor and drifted on the Goodwin Sands in the Straits of Dover. The high tide refloated her. In the English Channel the ship ran into a fierce gale and lost most of her sail. She limped into Falmouth, Cornwall for a refit which took two weeks.

During the journey to Western Australia Eleanor learnt how to plait straw, thinking the knowledge might be useful in the new land of their adoption. At Guildford she found her opportunity, and soon her menfolk were wearing cool, light, hats (made from Swan River rushes) with broad brims, fabricated by the deft fingers of this resourceful woman.

Upon arrival off the Western Australian coast on 14th May, 1830 the ship was grounded at Mangles Bay by a winter gale. The vessel was abandoned. No lives were lost: (A Cairn was erected in later years to recall this near tragedy).

The wrecked passengers sheltered on shore in casks, barrels and bags until tents could be set up. Their implementswere lost and their stores were soaked and salty. The stormy weather lasted four days.

When the storm abated, the Edwards' family made their way to Peel's settlement at Clarence (now known as Woodman's Point). A tent was their home. Conditions were deplorable. Some of the new settlers died. Starvation became a very real fear as the stores rotted and soon scurvy and dysentry broke out. During these first months Eleanor encountered an animal foraging in their stores one evening. William on being called soon dispatched with the intruder. Had they encountered the first dingo caught by white man?

By October, 1830 Governor Stirling sent Doctor Collie to investigate the settlers' plight. Dr. Collie was horrified. Some of the people were nearly insane with hunger and with worry about their families.

Governor Stirling suggested that the settlers come to Guildford as it was apparent that Peel's scheme was not to be. Most of them accepted, and with the tools they had salvaged, made boats for the trip, some say William stole his!!

Just when the Edwards' family left Clarence is not known. Their fifth child Matilda was born in 1831 in Guildford. At her baptism at Guildford, in November, 1832, William's occupation is given as a farm labourer. In 1841 when William wrote to Governor Hutt, he mentioned becoming a tenant of Governor Stirling which seems to indicate William had accepted Governor Stirling's early offer.

Conditions in the early 1830's were difficult for all early settlers, especially those like the Edwards who had been left destitute. There was a lack of ready money and the bartering system was the method of most transactions. For several years, meat and flour came from Java, Tasmania and the Cape of Good Hope. Often severe rationing was imposed to stave off starvation. Wages were paid wholly or partly in goods.

During the 1830's William and Eleanor were blessed with the births of three more children. Alfred James was born in 1834; Charles Frederick in 1836 and the last of their eight children, Thomas, was born in 1838.

To acquire land on which to grow at least enough food for their own consumption was the wish of most of the new settlers. In 1832 the Surveyor General was instructed "to grant Mr. Edwards lately one of Mr. Peel's people, numbers 63 and 64 Guildford as formerly granted to Captain Meares. It was induced to give him two grants as they are much curtailed and him having a large family, a wife and 5 children."

Research has shown that William Edwards carried out a number of land transactions in subsequent years.

In 1837 William acquired 100 acres on Helena Location 17. In the Census for Guildford in that year William included in his assets: 9 acres of wheat; ¼ acre of potatoes; 1 acre garden; 2 tons artificial oat hay and 6 tons of natural hay.

On the 14th February, 1838 the eldest child, Eliza was married to Jonathan Jones.

In November, 1838, William described himself as a farmer at the Christening of Thomas at Guildford. About this time Eleanor opened a General Store in Guildford. Perhaps she sold some of those light, broad-brimmed hats referred to previously.

Guildford Lot 49 was purchased during 1839. In an old book of N. Ogle, an entry reads "Lot 52 Guildford, William Edwards 1839".

In 1841, William leased for one year and then bought Swan Location 23 of 100 acres for £50. In this year he also wrote to Governor Hutt putting his case for a land grant which was refused.

Daughter Caroline married George Michael Horley in 1842.

In 1843 William appears to have taken over a lease with Edward Hamersley on land knows as "Sandgate" situated between York and Beverley. Just how long the lease lasted with Hamersley is not known. There is also the suggestion that William leased pa rt of the "Speldhurst" property before purchasing it in 1858. It seems the eldest son William and his wife Jane Hewitt (who were married in 1843) were here also, as 8 of their 10 children were born there. It is thought that this is where the oft-mentioned two storey fortress-like building may have been constructed as protection from the natives, who were giving considerable trouble at that time in the York district.

During 1845 an advertisement reads: "The undersigned wishes to take in a small flock of sheep on his run near York either on shares on increase or money payment as agreed on.

Wm. Edwards November 22nd.1845'

It does appear that despite the hard times since their arrival, William had been able to establish appreciable capital. During 1845, he helped his daughter, Eliza, and her husband, Jonathan Jones, to clear a debt of £350 to Mr. Monger which involved portion of Location 16 Guildford and on which was a hotel. The following advertisement in May, 1845, indicates he had no intention of running the business himself. It reads: "Guildford Hotel will be let at a moderate rent with or without furniture -- immediate possession. Wm. Edwards, Address Helena." He later gave this to Eliza in 1857.

1846 there was a depression which brought down stock and produce prices. Sheep prices fell from £6 to 6/-, cows from £30 to £5 and horses from £100 to £20.

While William was in York it is said Eleanor continued with the Guildford shop, assisted by her daughters. As the daughters married it seems that a girl named Mary Conway, could have been her assistant. Mary is later stated to have been Eleanor's servant girl.

Son, James, married Mary Conway in 1855 and left Western Australia to go to South Australia. A daughter, Eleanor, was born to them and they returned to York where their son William John was born in 1859. James became a farmer in his own right, mainly in the York and Beverley districts. At one time he had a sheep run of 26,000 acres.

Tragedy struck the family in 1857 when son-in-law George Horley was killed in a fall from a wagon. Caroline was left with seven children ranging from 1 year old to 14 years.

On 14th January, 1858, William purchased from A. H. Stone land in Beverley. The property consisted of 3,547 acres: Avon Location I and was purchased for £800. There was a mortgage of £300 for three years with interest at 10% paid half yearly. A. H. Stone had taken up 5,320 acres the whole of Location I in December, 1830. He retained the established portion and sold the above mentioned 3,547 acres to William. The property was generally known as "Speldhurst".

Their first home at "Speldhurst" was a crude bush affair down near the river at a fresh water pool. Probably because of later floods they built a better establishment much further up the banks.

The 1859 Census shows that William spelt Eleanor's name as AYLING. There is also information that William and Eleanor and all their children were literate. The education of the youngest children had probably been part of Eleanor's responsibility. William listed amongst the information supplied in the Census:-

30 acres Wheat, 30 acres Barley, 2 acres Oats
1 acre Rye, 30 acres Green Crops, 8 acres Fallow
22 acres cleared, ½ acre kitchen garden, 19 horses,
687 sheep, 40 pigs. He employed one labourer.

In 1862 Thomas married Annie Elizabeth Blechynden.

During 1866 Thomas built the third house at Speldhurst where it now stands with many subsequent alterations over the past 113 years. 1866 also saw the death of Eliza who was aged 47 years.

On the 28th October, 1865 William died at the age of 73, having served his family and his new country well. Eleanor lived for another 6 years and died at the age of 73 on the 24th December, 1871. The death notice reads: "Cause of death -- abscess in side".

So ends this brief extract of the era of these two fine pioneers from whom there are presently over 2,000 descendants.

REUNION OF DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM AND ELEANOR EDWARDS, 14 Oct 1979
Many thanks to Pat Pollard who shared this with us.

St Paul's Church,
Edwards Crossing, Beverley.

Courtesy Pat Pollard.

The people in front of the church are my mum and dad, Len Pollard and Meryl (nee Aiken), my step grandad Uncle Joe and me

ST PAUL'S CHURCH CEMETERY, EDWARDS CROSSING:
http://ozs.com/CemsWA/Beverley/edwards.htm

BLECHYNDEN, Charlotte Augusta, beloved wife of Harrison, who died 13 Sep 1889, aged 77 years [verse]
BLECHYNDEN, Harrison, who died Jul 17th, 1873, aged 73 ('sic', should be 71) years, [with Charlotte, verse]
BLECHYNDEN, John who departed this life Oct 11, 1900, aged 67 years, Earth to earth and dust to dust/Calmly now the words we say/Leaving him to sleep in trust/Til the Resurrection day/ On that happy Easter morning/All the Loraves their dead restore/Father, sister, child and mother/Meet once more
EDWARDS, Andrew Thomas, 5.11.1872 - 15.12.1875, son of Thomas and Anne
EDWARDS, Ann Elizabeth, died 8th Dec 1927, aged 85 years
EDWARDS. Eleanor, wife of William, who died 24th Dec 1871, aged 73 years
EDWARDS, Florence, died 19th Feb 1920, aged 32 years
EDWARDS, James 1834 - 1888, plaque at base of tree
EDWARDS, Lilly Aylen Edwards, 11.5.1870 - 8.5.1875, daughter of Alfred James and Mary [with Andrew]
EDWARDS, Samuel Harrison, 24.2.1863 - 8.9.1940, son of Thomas and Anne
EDWARDS, Thomas, beloved husband of Anne Elizabeth Edwards, died Feb 7th 1903, aged 64 years
EDWARDS, Walter Ernest, 31.7.1875 - 12.7.1958, son of Thomas and Anne [with Samuel]
EDWARDS, William, who died 28th Oct, 1865, aged 73 years

MORE DETAILS ON THE NINE CHILDREN OF WILLIAM EDWARDS (1792-1865) AND ELEANOR AYLING (1798-1871):

FIRST CHILD OF WILLIAM EDWARDS (1792-1865) AND ELEANOR AYLING (1798-1871)

1. EDWARDS, ELIZA (1819-1866) was born 20 Apr 1819, Heyshott, Sussex, England. Eliza died 4 Feb 1866 Guildford, WA [Reg. 3308]. **ELIZA** married **m.1 JONATHON JAMES JONES (1811-1896)** 14 Feb 1838, Guildford, WA, by J. B. Wittenoom. **JONATHAN** (via the Malatzky Family Tree) was baptised 17 Feb 1811 Llandefeilog, Carmarthenshire, Wales, Parents**: WALTER JONES (1777-1868)** and **TABITHA CHAPLIN (1781-1872)** who were married 27 Jun 1807, Llandefeilog, Carmarthenshire, Wales. Via *Dictionary of WA*, Kitchen's O'Rourke Family Tree: *Walter and his son Thomas immigrated to Western Australian per the* Egyptian *in 1830. They came as indentured servants to Charles Boyd. Tabitha accompanied by the other children arrived per* James Pattison *18 Jun 1834.*

Following Eliza's death in 1866, Jonathan Jones remarried. **m.2 JONATHAN JAMES JONES (1811-1896)** married **SARAH ANN SUTTON (1843-1897)** 25 Jul 1868, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 2775]. Jonathan died 06 Feb 1896, Guildford, WA [Reg. 185], father, Walter Jones, mother, Tabitha Chaplin.

FIRST MARRIAGE: CHILDREN OF ELIZA EDWARDS (1819-1866) AND JONATHAN JAMES JONES (1811-1896):

1. WALTER LLEWELLYN JONES (1839-1929) (via Thielemann Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 26 Jun 1839, Swan River Colony, (Guildford), WA. Walter Llewellyn Jones died 21 Sep 1929, Guildford, WA [Reg No 648], aged 90 years. **WALTER** married **FRANCES TWINING SUTTON (1848-1938)** 20 Mar 1869, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 2905].

2. WILLIAM FREDERICK JONES (1842-1915) was born 19 Apr 1842, Guildford, WA. William Frederick Jones died 20 Mar 1915, Midland Junction, WA [Reg. 25]. **WILLIAM** married **SARAH ANN TELFORD (1849-1928)** 20 Oct 1868, Perth, WA [Reg No 2815], recorded as Tilford.

3. ALBERT JAMES JONES (1844-1929) was born 20 Apr 1844, Guildford, WA [Reg. 376]. Never married. Albert James Jones died 17 Jun 1929, Beverley, WA [Reg No 44].

4. FANNY AUGUSTA JONES (1846-1892) was born 5 Feb 1846, Guildford, Swan River Colony, WA [Reg No 714]. Fanny Augusta France, Boyer (nee Jones) died 1892, Beverley, WA [Reg. 20]. **m. 1 FANNY** married **m2. GRIFFONS BOYER (1836-1880)** 1879, Perth, WA [Reg No 4650]. WA Convict. **m. 2 FANNY** married **ROBERT FRANCE, (1842-1904)** 26 Dec 1881, Perth, WA [Reg No 5203].

5. CHARLES THEODORE JONES (1847-1934) was born 17 Oct 1847, Guildford, WA [Reg. 1033]. Remained single. Charles died 26 Oct 1937, Pingelly, WA [Reg. 34].

6. LEWIS EDWARD JONES (1849-1934) was born 13 Sep 1849, Guildford, WA [Reg. 1365]. Edward Lewis Jones died 19 May 1934, Narrogin, Williams District, WA [Reg No 20]. **LEWIS** married **SELINA HALLIDAY (1874-1961)** 1900, Perth, WA [Reg No 1309].

7. ROSE ELLEN 'NELLIE' JONES (1852-1933) was born 13 May 1852, Guildford, WA [Reg No 2285]. Rose was also known by her second name Ellen. Rose died 12 Apr 1933, Beverley, WA [Reg. 1982], written as Rita E Wallis. **ROSE** married **DAVID GEORGE WALLIS (1850-)** 28 Jun 1882, Harvey, (Wellington), WA [Reg No 24].

8. JOHN MORGANS JONES (1854-1942) was born 8 Apr 1854, Guildford, WA [Reg No 2431]. He remained single. John died 1942, Perth, WA [Reg. 12].

9. HENRY FRANCIS JONES (1856-1856) was born 6 Feb 1856. Guildford, WA [Reg. 3123]. Henry died as a baby 29 Feb 1856, Guildford, WA [Reg. 778].

10. GEORGE WATERFORD JONES (1857-1919) was born 18 Jul 1857, Guildford, WA [Reg No 3873]. He died 29 Jul 1919, Perth, WA [Reg. 863]. **GEORGE** married **ELIZABETH MARY MERCY (1859-1911)** 30 Jun 1880, Perth, WA [Reg. 4908].

11. AMBROZENA JONES (1859-1859) was born 10 Mar 1859, Guildford, WA [Reg. 4500]. Ambrozena died aged 12 days 22 Mar 1859, Guildford, WA [Reg. 1243].

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The article above states that "*Mr. Walter Jones is the only one of the family who married ".* However, research indicates that other members of the family did marry. The two sons who were killed in the war were sons of Walter Llewellyn Jones.

LIONEL WALTER JONES (1879-1916) was **Killed in Action in France**. **VICTOR STANLEY JONES (1893-1917)** was **Killed in Action in Belgium.**

m2. JONATHAN JAMES JONES (1811-1896) married **SARAH ANN SUTTON (1843-1897)** 25 Jul 1868, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 2775]. Via the Barrand / Wall Family Tree, Ancestry, Sarah had a child prior to her marriage to Jonathon James Jones. This child was **Annie Matilda Sutton,** born 9 May 1865, Freshwater Bay, WA [Reg. 8620]. Annie's birth registered under Sutton.

Historical story by Ronald Sutton:

In 1869, at age four, Annie moved to "Boyadine" with her mother Sarah Ann and stepfather Jonathon. During her teens, Annie was either employed as a servant to the family of John Frederick and Mary

Morrell on the farm "Wattles" at Northam or unofficially adopted by the family. Annie adopted the name Morrell prior to her marriage and that surname appears on her marriage certificate.

Annie received on 12th February 1895 a land grant of 2 acres from her mother, part of Swan location P232 at Shenton Road, Claremont, WA. Annie subsequently sold the land to the War Services Board in 1920 of which it was divided into eight residential lots. Annie died on 18th October 1944 in Lucknow Hospital, Claremont and is buried at Karrakatta Cemetery, Anglican Plot XC 7A. A memorial headstone marks the burial site. Olaf is buried with Annie.

ANNIE MATILDA MORRELL (SUTTON) (1865-1944) married **OLAF ANTON HAGBART EVENSEN (1859-1935)**, 19 Jan 1885, Perth, WA [Reg No. 5896]. Registered under Annie Matilda Morrell and Olaf Anton Hagbart Evenson. They had ten children all with the surname of Evensen.

CHILDREN OF JONATHAN JAMES JONES (1811-1896) AND SARAH ANN SUTTON (1843-1897):
All births registered in Beverley,

1. EMILY JANE JONES (1869-1871) was born 1869, Beverley, WA [Reg. 11667]. Birth registered under Emelie. Emily Jane Jones died 1871, aged 1 year, [Reg. 4841].

2. JONATHAN BARLEE JONES (1872-1926) was born 21 Feb 1872, Beverley, WA [Reg.13792]. Farmer, Westdale, Beverley. Jonathan died 29 Oct 1926, Beverley, WA [Reg. 51].

3. ALFRED JAMES JONES (1874-1945) was born 1874, Beverley, WA [Reg. 15961]. Alfred died 1945 Perth, WA [Reg. 2718]. **ALFRED** married **ALICE MAUDE MARY WILLEY (1886-1964),** 11 Feb 1903, St Peter's Church, Gilgering, Via Beverley, WA [Reg. 2057].

4. BETSY JONES (1878-1954) was born 1878, Beverley, WA [Reg. 19155]. Registered as Betsy. Betsy Woods (nee Jones) died 1954, Beverley, WA [Reg. 29]. **BETSY** married **WILLIAM WILLIS WOODS (1875-1929)** 27 Feb 1900, Beverley, WA [Reg. 2].

5. MARY ANN JONES (1881-1887) was born 1881, Beverley, WA [Reg. 21917]. Mary died 1887, Beverley, WA [Reg. 715], aged 7 years.

SECOND CHILD OF WILLIAM EDWARDS (1792-1865) AND ELEANOR AYLING (1798-1871):

2. EDWARDS, MARY ANN (1820-1820) (via Jones-Willey Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 31 May 1820, Heyshott, Sussex, England. Mary died as a baby 10 Jul 1820, Heyshott, Sussex, England.

THIRD CHILD OF WILLIAM EDWARDS (1792-1865) AND ELEANOR AYLING (1798-1871):

3. EDWARDS, WILLIAM GEORGE (1821-1889)

William George Edwards was born 23 Oct 1821, Heyshott, Sussex, England.
William George Edwards died 8 Dec 1889, 53 Mandurah Rd, Fremantle, WA [Reg No 593].

WILLIAM EDWARDS (1821-1889) married **JANE HEWITT (1821-1900)** 20 Apr 1843, Guildford, WA [Reg. 69], registered under Hewett.

HEWITT, JANE (1821-1900)

Janet Hewitt was born 25 Mar 1821, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland. Via Olsen Family tree, Ancestry.
Jane Edwards (nee Hewitt) died 29 Oct 1900, York, WA [Reg No. 860]. father, Thomas, mother, Janet.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM EDWARDS (1821-1889) AND JANE HEWITT (1821-1900):

1. ELEANOR EDWARDS (1844-1929) (via Chisolm Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 31 Jan 1844, Guildford, WA [Reg. 358]. She never married. Name written as Ellenor, father, William Edwards, mother, Jane. Eleanor died 21 Oct 1929, York, WA [Reg No 1755].

2. SARAH EDWARDS (1846-1934) was born 15 Jul 1846, Hamersley, WA [Reg. 782]. Never married. Sarah died 21 Jan 1934, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 162].

3. GEORGE EDWARDS (1848-1898) was born 1848, Emsley, WA [Reg. 1185], (place written as Emsley, possibly, Hamersley). George died 11 Jan 1898, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 93], aged 49 years. **GEORGE** married **MARY ANN EDGAR (1852-1917)**, 9 Mar 1871, York, WA [Reg. 3232].

4. CHARLES EDWARDS (1850-1927) was born 29 Jun 1850, York District, WA [Reg No. 1492]. Charles died 25 Nov 1927, York, WA [Reg. 27]. **CHARLES** married **CHARLOTTE ELIZABETH 'BESSIE' MARTHA BROWN (1862-1942)** 20 Apr 1881, Northam, WA [Reg. 5102].

5. RACHAEL EDWARDS (1852-1936) was born 1852, York District, WA [Reg. 1812]. Never married. Name written as Rachael. Rachel died 24 Aug 1936, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 228].

6. ANN 'ANNIE' EDWARDS (1853-1939) was born 27 Oct 1853, 'Sandgate', York, WA. Annie died 24 Oct 1939, Nedlands, WA [Reg. 1985]. Name recorded as Annie. **ANNIE** married **JOHN REID (1850-)**, 15 Jul 1891, York, WA [Reg. 235]. Name recorded as Annie.

7. KENNETH EDWARDS, JP (1856-1944) was born 18 Jan 1856, 'Sandgate', York, WA [Reg. 3092]. Name written as Kennett. Kenneth died 17 May 1944, Ivanhoe, VIC [Reg. 5054]. Married sisters. **m.1 KENNETH** married **EDITH ROSE ANDREWS (1866-1906)** 1891, VIC [Reg. 192]. **m.2. KENNETH** married **MABEL CAROLINE ANDREWS (1868-1939)**, 1907, Claremont, WA [Reg. 81].

8. ELIZABETH EDWARDS (1858-1903) was born 25 Sep 1858, 'Sandgate', York, WA [Reg No 4490]. Elizabeth died 22 Jul 1903, Twickenham, Middlesex, England. **ELIZABETH** married **ALFRED FREDERICK DURLACHER (1854-1921)** 1880, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 4941].

DURLACHER.—On July 22, at Twickenham, Middlesex, England, Elizabeth, the beloved wife of Alfred Frederick Durlacher.

9. LOUISA EDWARDS (1862-1934) was born 21 Jan 1862, York, WA [Reg. 6207]. Louisa died 29 Oct 1934, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 1843]. **LOUISA** married **WILLIAM JOHN SLADE DURLACHER (1859-1918)** 1890, York, WA [Reg. 91], recorded as John Slade Durlacher.

Marriages.

DURLACHER—EDWARDS.—At York, on the 30th April last, by the Rev. E. Williams, JOHN SLADE DURLACHER, of Sharks Bay, to LOUISA, sixth daughter of the late W. Edwards, of York.

10. DEBORAH WILHELMINA EDWARDS (1865-1947) was born 1865, York, WA [Reg. 8244]. Deborah died 19 Jul 1947, South Yarra, VIC [Reg. 7436]. **DEBORAH** married **CHARLES LEONARD ANDREWS (1861-1914)**, 1887, York, WA [Reg. 107].

FOURTH CHILD OF WILLIAM EDWARDS (1792-1865) AND ELEANOR AYLING (1798-1871):

4. EDWARDS, CAROLINE (1824-1898)

Caroline Edwards was born 18 Jul 1824, Heyshott, Sussex, England.
Caroline Horley (nee Edwards) died 12 Apr 1898, Beverley, WA [Reg. 2849].

CAROLINE EDWARDS (1824-1898) married **GEORGE MICHAEL HORLEY (1817-1857)**, 27 Oct 1842, Guildford, WA [Reg. 40].

HORLEY, GEORGE MICHAEL (1817-1857)

George Michael Horley was born 1817, England.
George Michael Horley died 3 Apr 1857, Guildford, WA [Reg No 545G]. Recorded as George Michael Horley.

CHILDREN OF CAROLINE EDWARDS (1824-1898) AND GEORGE MICHAEL HORLEY (1817-1857):

1. HELEN HORLEY (1843-1878) Helena, Ellen, Elena

Helen Horley was born 1843, Guildford, WA [Reg. 277]. Registered as Helen.
Helen Robins (nee Horley) died 13 May 1878, York, Swan, WA [Reg. 9680]. Registered under Helen Robins. Tragically, **Helen, husband Alfred and two of their children died of fever in 1878.**

ELLEN HORLEY (1843-1878) married **ALFRED GEORGE ROBINS (1843-1878)**, 9 Mar 1871, York, WA [Reg. 3233]. Registered under Robins and Ellen Horly.

ALFRED GEORGE ROBINS (1843-1878)

Alfred George Robins was born 1843, Guildford, WA [Reg. 293], Parents: **BENJAMIN ROBINS and MARY ELIZABETH**.
Alfred George Robins died 10 Jun 1878, York, WA [Reg. 9762] aged 34 years.

Alfred George and Helen Robins had three children. Note: Both Parents, Alfred and Ellen and two of the children: Alfred Ernest and Ethel Amelia died of fever in 1878.

1. ALFRED ERNEST ROBBINS (1871-1878), born in 1871, York, WA [Reg. 13540], died 1878, WA [Reg. 9761], aged 6 years.

2. CHARLES FREDERICK (1873-1935) born 1873, York, WA [Reg. 15162], died 1935, Port MacQuarrie, NSW [Reg. 18746]. Father recorded as Alfred G, mother as Ann (sic).

CHARLES FREDERICK (1873-1935) married **MARY ANNE WRIGLEY (1875-1950)** 1898, Port MacQuarrie, NSW [Reg. 6245].

3. ETHEL AMELIA (1875-1878) born 1875, Swan, WA, died 1878, WA [Reg. 16177], aged 3 years.

2. WILLIAM FREDERICK HORLEY (1845-1920)

William Frederick Horley was born 1845, Guildford, WA [Reg. 563].
William Frederick Horley died 30 Jan 1920 (aged 74–75), at the Grange, Popanyinning, WA [Reg.8]. Buried Wandering Cemetery.

WILLIAM FREDERICK HORLEY (1845-1920) married **ANN ELIZABETH POLLARD (1857-1936)** 5 Feb 1885, Bannister Inn, WA [Reg. 5945].

ANN ELIZABETH POLLARD (1857-1936)

Ann Elizabeth Pollard was born 1857, Coulip (sic, Coolup), WA [Reg. 3925], daughter of **THOMAS POLLARD** and **MARY JANE CLARKE**.
Ann Elizabeth Horley (nee Pollard) died 1936, Perth, WA [Reg No 62]. Recorded as Anne E Horley.

3. EMILY HORLEY (1847-1920) Via Malatzky - Stanfield Family Tree, Ancestry.

Emily Horley was born 26 Jun 1847, Beverley, WA.
Emily Campbell (nee Horley) died 25 Dec 1920, Moodiarup, Katanning District, WA [Reg. 2]. Registered in 1921. Buried 28 Dec 1920, Darkan, West Arthur.

EMILY HORLEY (1847-1920) married **WILLIAM MCLEAN CAMPBELL (1839-1908)**, 4 Jun 1871, Perth, WA [Reg. 3277].

WILLIAM MCLEAN CAMPBELL (1839-1908)

William Mclean Campbell was born 10 Oct 1839, Lanarkshire, Glasgow, Scotland, parents: **WILLIAM CAMPBELL** and **JEANETTE RHONDA MCLEAN**. Arrived via ship *Castlemaine,* 18 Apr 1867, Melbourne, VIC. Died 7 Apr 1908, Claremont, WA [Reg. 4].

4. ALFRED GEORGE HORLEY (1849-1928)

Alfred George Horley was born 1849, York District, WA [Reg. 1290].
Alfred George G Horley died 26 Jun 1928, Moodiarup, Darkan, (Katanning), WA [Reg. 45].

ALFRED GEORGE HORLEY married **ELIZA MARY BARRON** 1883, Tawonga (sic), WA [Reg. 5618].

ELIZA MARY BARRON (1860-1944)
Eliza Barron was born 1860, Perth, WA [Reg No. 5264].
Parents: **JOHN JOSEPH BARRON (1883-1898)** and **ELIZABETH JOSEPHINE GALLAGHER (1832-1903)** who were married 6 Dec 1854, Bannister, (Perth), WA [Reg. 773].
Eliza Mary Horley (nee Barron) died 1944, Wellington, WA [Reg. 38].

Alfred George Horley and Eliza Mary (nee Barron)

Tarwonga is a farming district about 20k south of Williams. There is a hall, tennis court and cricket ground hidden among the trees within a few meters on the east side of Albany Hwy. There is also Tarwonga house just a little further south on the west side of Highway that was used as a staging post for the coaches (horses) on the Albany to Perth journey. West Tarwonga Rd is just opposite the Tarwonga Hall entrance track that was the hub of the district. Rosemary (Sattler) whose family still farm at West Tarwonga said the Barron family were the proprietors of the Tarwonga Inn which is the building still there today at the original staging post."

5. AMELIA HORLEY (1851-1922)

Amelia Horley was born 3 May 1851, Guildford WA [Reg. 1636]. Never married.
Amelia Horley died 2 Jan 1922, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 7].

6. CHARLES HORLEY (1853-1903)

Charles Horley was born 1853, Guildford, WA [Reg. 2307]. Never married.
Charles Horley died 13 May 1903, Guildford, WA [Reg. 15].

7. HENRY JAMES HORLEY (1856-1899)

Henry James Horley was born 1856, Guildford, WA [Reg. 3400].
Henry James Horley died 17 Nov 1899, Guildford, WA [Reg. 2522], father, George Michael Horley, mother, Caroline Edwards.

HENRY JAMES HORLEY (1856-1899) married **ELLEN MATILDA ROBINS (1860-1898)**, 18 Jun 1885, Guildford, WA [Reg. 5992].

ELLEN MATILDA ROBINS (1860-1898)

Ellen Matilda Robins was born 4 Sep 1860, Guildford, WA [Reg. 5440], Parents: **BENJAMIN ROBINS (1807-1863)** and **ELIZABETH 'BETSY' MARY DEVENDISH (1820-1913)** who were married 18 Jul 1838, Beverley, WA.
Ellen Matilda Horley (nee Robins) died 12 May 1898, Guildford, WA [Reg. 1966].

FIFTH CHILD OF WILLIAM EDWARDS (1792-1865) AND ELEANOR AYLING (1798-1871):

5. EDWARDS, MARY ANN (1826-1903) (via Hackett Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 14 Dec 1826, Kent, England. She married **JAMES DRAPER (1825-1908)** 24 Jun 1850, York, WA [Reg. 316] and they went on to have 11 children. Mary died 25 Jan 1903, York, WA. [Reg. 11], aged 77 years. [Of note, on her passing, Mary's mother's name was recorded as Eleanor Kitchener, which appears to be incorrect]. **JAMES** was born 18 Jan 1825, Bolton Lancashire, England. Parents ROBERT DRAPER (1789-1863) and JANE FISH (1787-1863). James came out on the Brig *James* arriving on 8 May 1830. He died 02 Mar 1908, Bunbury (Wellington), WA [Reg. 1419].

Via researcher Kevin Fowler: *Mary and James Draper raised horses for the British Cavalry in India on "Westbourne", York. Mary's claim to fame must be that she fired a revolver at* "Moondyne Joe" *when he tried to steal a horse while her husband was away.* See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moondyne_Joe.

Details of Mary Anne and James' 11 children are as follows:

1. ALFRED JAMES DRAPER (1851-1937) was born 1851, York, WA [Reg. 1747]. Alfred died 17 Feb 1937, Beverley, WA [Reg. 5].

2. CHARLES DRAPER (1853-1853) was born 1853, York, WA [Reg. 1999]. He died as a baby aged five months in 1853, York, WA [Reg. 548].

3. ELIZA DRAPER (1854-1934) was born 1 May 1854, York, WA [Reg. 2353]. Eliza died 1934, Perth, WA [Reg. 1373]. **ELIZA** married **ROBERT FOWLER (1863-1944)**, 1888, Beverley, WA [Reg. 292].

4. CHARLES FREDERICK DRAPER (1856-1936) was born 26 Jan 1856, York, WA [Reg. 3090]. He never married. Charles died 4 Feb 1936, Perth, WA [Reg. 262].

5. ALFRED WILLIAM DRAPER (1857-1937) was born 31 Jul 1857, York, WA [Reg. 1747]. Alfred died 17 Feb 1937, Beverley, WA [Reg. 5]. **m.1 ALFRED WILLIAM DRAPER (1857-1937)** married **ALICE ELIZA BLAKISTON (1854-1886)**, 27 Aug 1879, Beverley, WA [Reg. 4749]. **ALICE** was born 1854, York, WA

[Reg. 2595]. Parents: **GEORGE JOHN BLACKSTON (1819-1890)** and **EMMA DAVIES (1826-1890)** who were married 1847, Towcester, Northamptonshire, England. Alice died 13 Jan 1886, Beverley, WA [Reg. 13480]. **m.2 ALFRED WILLIAM DRAPER (1857-1937)** married **'HANNAH' REBECCA WOODLEY (1868-1943)** 27 Apr 1892, (Greenhills), Beverley, WA [Reg. 151]. Registered under Hannah Rebecca. **'HANNAH'** was born 1868, York, WA [Reg. 11100], registered as Sarah Rebecca, daughter of **WILLIAM WOODLEY** and **SARAH TAYLOR** from Oxfordshire, England. Hannah died 19 Apr 1943, Beverley, Reg. Perth, WA [Reg. 850]. Registered under Hannah Draper.

6. JAMES ROBERT DRAPER (1859-1933) was born 6 Mar 1859, York, WA [Reg. 4534]. He died 1933, Perth, WA [Reg. 1419]. **JAMES** married **ELIZABETH SCOTT (1867-1947)** 1886, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 6434]. **ELIZABETH** was born 1867, Nelson District, WA [Reg. 9938], daughter of **WILLIAM SCOTT (1820-1881**) and **MARY KEANE (1835-1875)** who were married 16 Sep 1854, Albany, WA [Reg No. 745]. Elizabeth is the sister of Rebecca who married James's brother George in 1887. Elizabeth Draper (nee Scott) died 1947, Canning, WA [Reg. 60].

7. GEORGE THOMAS DRAPER (1860-1942) was born 17 Oct 1860, 'Yangedine', WA [Reg. 5508]. Baptised 11 Nov 1860, Beverley, WA. Yangedine is a property between Beverley and York. George died 1942, Perth, WA [Reg. 832]. **GEORGE** married **REBECCA SCOTT (1870-1921)**, 1887, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 113]. **REBECCA** was born 1870, Helena District, WA [Reg. 12026], daughter of **WILLIAM SCOTT (1820-1881)** and **MARY KEANE (1835-1875)** who were married 16 Sep 1854, Albany, WA [Reg No. 745]. Sister of Elizabeth who married George's brother James in 1886. Rebecca died 1921, Bridgetown, (Blackwood), WA [Reg. 39].

8. ELEANOR DRAPER 1862-1886) was born 1862, Westbourne, York, WA [Reg No 6415]. Never married. She died 1886, [Reg No 13489], aged 24 years.

9. WILLIAM AYLING DRAPER (1864-1942) was born 1864, York, WA [Reg. 7719]. Registered as William Ailing Draper. Interesting that his second name was Ayling. Never married. William died 1942, York, WA [Reg. 23].

10. EMILY AMELIA DRAPER (1866-1941) was born 1866, York, WA [Reg. 9145]. Never married. Emily died 24 Nov 1941, Perth, WA [Reg No. 2520].

11. ALICE JANE DRAPER (1868-1901) was born 17 Jun 1868, York, WA [Reg. 10784]. Alice died 13 May 1901, York, WA [Reg. 2699]. **ALICE** married **CHARLES GEORGE STAPLES (1867-1936)** 1896, Beverley, WA [Reg. 1]. **CHARLES** was born 11 May 1867, Kempsford, Gloucestershire, England, parents **GEORGE STAPLES** and **MARY ANN**. Charles died 11 May 1936, Harvey, (Wellington), WA [Reg. 71].

SIXTH CHILD OF WILLIAM EDWARDS (1792-1865) AND ELEANOR AYLING (1798-1871):

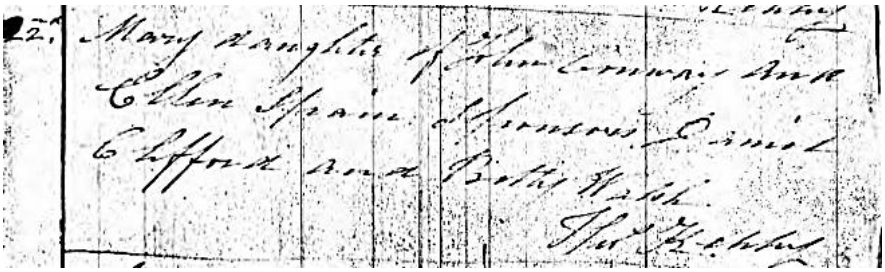
6. EDWARDS MATILDA (1831-1887) was born 10 May 1831, Guildford, WA. Matilda died 27 Mar 1887, Beverley, WA [Reg. 185], registered under Davis. **MATILDA** married **THOMAS DAVIES (1825-1902)** 1849, Wexcombe, WA [Reg. 249]. **THOMAS** was born 1825, Tenby, Pembrokeshire, Wales. He died 24 Jun 1902, York, WA [Reg. 11]. Buried Northam Cemetery. **MATILDA** and **THOMAS** had ten children. Details of these children and more on their parents are in the chapter on **CHARLES EDWIN BLECHYNDEN (1848-1918)** who married **CAROLINE DAVIES (1850-1942)**.

SEVENTH CHILD OF WILLIAM EDWARDS (1792-1865) AND ELEANOR AYLING (1798-1871):

7. EDWARDS, ALFRED JAMES (1834-1888) was born 9 May 1834, Guildford, Swan River Colony, WA. Alfred died 3 Apr 1888, Beverley, WA [Reg. 248]. **ALFRED** married **MARY MERVYN CONWAY (1831-**

1897) 11 Mar 1857, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 1050] and they went on to have seven children. **MARY** (via Gregory Edwards Family Tree, Ancestry). Mary was baptised Aug 1831, Nenagh, Tipperary, Ireland. She died 26 Jul 1897, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 21] aged 64. Father, **JOHN CONWAY**, mother, **ELLEN SPAIN**.

Ireland, Catholic Parish registers, 1655-1915 for Mary Conway. Nenagh 1830-1858.
Baptism Mary daughter of John Conway and Ellen Spain, 11 Aug 1831



The seven children of ALFRED and MARY were as follows:

1. ELEANOR EDWARDS (1858-1941) (via the Phillip Gregory Mouritz Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 1858, Adelaide, SA [Reg. 4189], name recorded as Elenor. Eleanor died 1941, Beverley, WA [Reg. 33]. **ELEANOR** married **LLOYD DAVIES BLAKISTON (1851-1929)**, 1890, Beverley, WA [Reg. 140].

2. WILLIAM JOHN EDWARDS (1859-1941) was born 28 Aug 1859, Sandgate, (York), WA [Reg. 4930]. William died 19 Jul 1941, Beverley, WA [Reg. 43]. **WILLIAM** married **MARIA ANN MOULTON (1859-1935)** 29 Dec 1881, Beverley, WA [Reg. 5218].

3. ALFRED GEORGE EDWARDS (1861-1932) was born 30 Mar 1861, York, WA [Reg. 5706]. Alfred died 30 Apr 1932, Northam, WA [Reg. 72]. **ALFRED** married **MARY MERVYN DRAKE (1865-1924)** 1883, Beverley, WA [Reg. 5651]. Note. Their daughter Beatrice Gertrude Mary Edwards married Herbert Henry Blechynden son of Henry George Blechynden and Mary Ann Reilly. Henry George is the fourth child of Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden.

4. CAROLINE JANE EDWARDS (1865-1948) was born 18 Dec 1865, York, WA [Reg. 8985]. Caroline died 19 Jan 1948, Beverley, (Perth), WA [Reg. 167]. **CAROLINE** married **JOHN GIBSON MANN (1859-1897)** 1888, Beverley, WA [Reg. 290].

5. MARGARET AMELIA EDWARDS (1868-1958) was born 12 Jun 1868, Beverley, WA [Reg. 10779]. Name recorded as Margrett Emelia. Margaret died 1958, Perth, WA [Reg. 1408]. **MARGARET** married **CHARLES HENRY COUNSEL (1869-1941)** 28 Jun 1892, Beverley, WA [Reg. 205].

6. LILY AYLEN EDWARDS (1870-1875) was born 11 May 1870, Ann Brook, WA [Reg. 12316]. Recorded as Lilly Aylan. Lily Aylen Edwards died aged almost five years**,** 8 May 1875, father, Alfred James Edwards, name recorded as Lily Ailan, WA [Reg. 8446]. Typhoid. See the section on Andrew Thomas Edwards for more details.

7. AGNES 'AGATHA' MATILDA EDWARDS (1872-1954) was born 6 May 1872, Beverley, WA [Reg No. 13795]. Agnes died 2 Jul 1954, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 239]. **AGNES** married **ALFRED BUTLAND (1876-1958)** 1901, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 725].

EIGHTH CHILD OF WILLIAM EDWARDS (1792-1865) AND ELEANOR AYLING (1798-1871):

8. EDWARDS, CHARLES FREDERICK (1836-1911) was born 31 Jul 1836, Guildford, WA. Charles died 11 Sep 1911, Plantagenet, Albany, WA [Reg. 33]. **CHARLES** married **m.2 MARY ANN HUNT (nee SEABROOK) (1840-1913)** a widow, on 20 Mar 1884, Canning, WA [Reg. 5659]. **MARY** was born 1840,

Swan River Colony, WA. Parents: **JOHN SEABROOK (1812-1891)** and **MARIA MARY MARGURETA JONES (1813-1845)**. Mary died 1913, Perth, WA [Reg. 311].

m.1 MARY ANN SEABROOK (1840-1913) married **CHARLES COOKE HUNT (1833-1868)** 27 Dec 1864, Brookton House, Brookton, registered in 1865, Beverley, WA [Reg. 2237]. **CHARLES** (via Roberts Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 1833, Brighton, Sussex, England. Baptised 14 Aug 1833. Parents: **JOHN JAMES HUNT (1804-)** and **MARY ANN COOKE (1810-1888)** who were married 1827, Bosham, Sussex, England. Charles died 1 Mar 1868, WA [Reg. 3835].

Charles and Mary's two children were

1. EMILY MARY HUNT (1865-1903) married **WILLIAM ARTHUR WILKINSON (1862-1912)** 1888, Beverley, WA [Reg. 130].

2. WALTER HENRY HUNT (1867-1896) Born 1867, Geraldton, WA [Reg.10200]. Died 1896, Geraldton, WA [Reg. 14], aged 28 years. Registered in Beverley. Buried St Paul's Anglican Churchyard, Beverley.

Charles Frederick Edwards farmed with his father William and brother Thomas on the properties 'Speldhurst' and 'Mt Pleasant'. His share, in turn on his death, he left to his nephew Louis Charles Frederick Edwards (1836-). Charles married Widow: **MARY ANN HUNT (NEE SEABROOK) (1884-1914)**, with two children. Charles and Mary Edwards had no children of their own. He employed two Ticket of Leave men between 1873-1877. They retired to Albany.

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9. EDWARDS, THOMAS (1838-1903) was born 14 Sep 1838, Guildford, WA. Thomas died 7 Feb 1903, Beverley, WA [Reg. 13]. **THOMAS** married **'ANNE' ELIZABETH BLECHYNDEN (1842-1927)**, 5 Mar 1862 at the 'Mount Pleasant' Homestead, Edwards Crossing, Beverley, WA. More details following.

CONTINUING - ANNE ELIZABETH BLECHYNDEN (1842-1927) AND THOMAS EDWARDS (1838-1903)

Anne Elizabeth Blechynden was married on 5 Mar 1862 to Thomas Edwards at the 'Mount Pleasant' Homestead, Edwards Crossing, Beverley, WA [Reg. 1753], registered in York as Anne Elizabeth Blechynden Note: (St Paul's Church, Edwards Crossing was consecrated in Nov 1862.)

Thomas Edward's father, William Edwards arrived at the Swan River Colony, 14 May 1830 per *Rockingham* with his wife Eleanor and children, Eliza, William, Caroline, and Mary. In 1830 he was recorded as being a farm servant to Thomas Peel at Murray River in 1830. In 1831, William was recorded as being a tenant on Stirling's farm at Guildford where his wife Eleanor had a store. Another four children: Matilda born 1831, Alfred James 1834, Charles Frederick 1836 and Thomas were all born in Guildford, WA, Thomas being the last child born to them, 14 Sep 1938.

William owned Lot 49 in Guildford, was a policeman there for some time, then in 1841, leased land south of York, '*Sandgate'* and farmed there until 1845, when he bought 3,540 acres of land at Beverley.

Thomas Edwards' older siblings were married in Guildford, WA. Eliza was married 14 Feb 1838, to Jonathon James Jones, Caroline married George Michael Horley 27 Oct 1842, and William was married 20 Apr 1843 to Jane Hewitt and moved to 'Sandgate' in 1946.

***BEVERLEY, Our journey though time*, pg. 14.**

. . . Meanwhile William Edwards was leasing Speldhurst. Edwards who was a decorated ex-soldier from the Napoleonic wars, was one of the immigrants brought out in 1830 by Thomas Peel, whose

colonisation venture in the future Peel region was such an abject failure. Edwards, worked for a while on Stirling's Woodbridge grant at Guildford, where his wife also opened a shop. By mid-1940's however he was leasing 3540 acres of location I. He would later purchase Speldhurst *from Jones.* Location I: Seaton Ross and Speldhurst.)

***BEVERLEY, Our journey though time*, pg. 77.**

. . . In fact, the first tiny service centre in the district was established at Edwards Crossing on Brooklebay, *at the junction of a number of roads. William Edwards constructed a mud-bat store there, and subsequently Joseph Wainwright commenced business as a wheelwright. By 1864 a smithy was also operating at the site, and in the same year a convict team consolidated this little township by building the Avon bridge, later named Seaton Ross Bridge.*

By 1845 their father, William Edwards had 3540 acres at Beverley: 'Speldhurst', and 'Seaton Ross'.

During this time, the Edwards family came to know their neighbours, Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden and family who lived nearby on the property 'Babbyalla'.

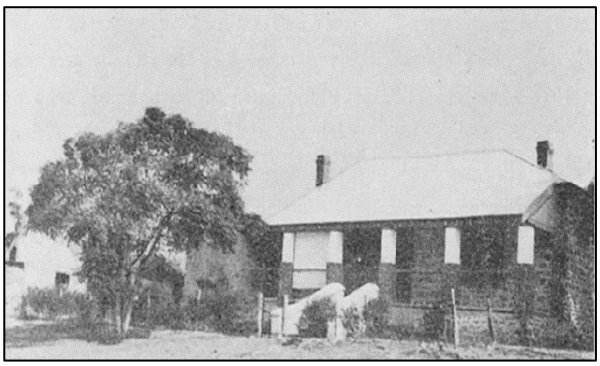
Comparing the approximate ages of the Edwards children who had accompanied their parents to Beverley and the ages of the Blechynden children in 1845:

Edwards Family: Mary Ann 19 years, Matilda 14 years, Charles Frederick 9 years and Thomas 7 years. Alfred James aged 11 years, stayed on with his brother William who with the move took over 'Sandgate'.

Blechynden Family: John 12 years, Sarah Harrison 4 years, Anne Elizabeth 3 years, Henry George 1 year and baby Jesse.

Matilda Edwards was married in 1849 to Thomas Davies at Wexcombe, Mary Ann Edwards was married in 1849 to James Draper 24 Jun 1850, York.

In the 1859 Census for the Beverley district, it was recorded that William and Eleanor Edwards, farmer and grazier, and their sons Charles and Thomas were home, as well as William's grandchildren. Frederick and Ellen Horley (Hawley). Thomas was now aged 21 years of age. It appears Alfred James and Charles Frederick as they became of age, moved to the city. Alfred was married 1857 to Mary Mervyn Conway, Fremantle and later Charles married Mary Ann Hunt (nee Seabrook) at Canning in 1884. Thomas Edwards began to court Anne Blechynden, and three years later, 5 Mar 1862, they were married at the 'Mount Pleasant' Homestead at Edwards Crossing.



Mount Pleasant Residence,
1946 Beverley Book, pg.88

Speldhurst Residence,
1946 Beverley Book, pg.42

Thomas was 24 and Anne was almost 20, her birthday being 16 Mar. Thomas continued to farm 'Speldhurst' with his father William Edwards.

Thomas Edwards and Anne Elizabeth Edwards (nee Blechynden)

Thomas and Anne's first child, Samuel Harrison Edwards, was born 24 Feb 1863 at 'Speldhurst', Beverley, WA [Reg. 6927]. Their second child, Ross Frederick Edwards, followed on 15 Apr 1865 [Reg. 8673].

It was a sad time for the family when Thomas Edwards' father, William Edwards, died on 28 Oct 1865 at Beverley. One can imagine it was a large funeral as family and friends gathered at the St Paul's Church, Edwards Crossing Cemetery, Beverley to mourn his passing.

Thomas Edwards was recorded as being a farmer at Beverley at 'Speldhurst', property originally owned by his father, William Edwards. He employed seven Ticket of Leave men on ocassion between 1866- 1875, including a tutor. He was an active church worker, C/E.

Thomas and Anne's third child, Louis Ayling Edwards, was born 18 May 1867 [Reg. 9935A]. He was followed by Arthur William Edwards who was born 17 Dec 1868 [Reg No. 11226A]. Their fifth child, Florence Elizabeth was born in 1870 [Reg. 12773]. All of the births were registered in Beverley, WA. One can imagine Anne was kept very busy with her five children.

Sadness visited the family again when Thomas Edwards' mother, Eleanor Edwards, died 24 Dec 1871, aged 73 years. She also was farewelled at St Paul's Church and buried at the Edwards Crossing Cemetery.

Their sixth child, Andrew Thomas Edwards, was born 5 Nov 1872, Beverley [Reg. 14284] and their seventh child, Walter Ernest, was born in Jul 1875. Thomas and Anne must have been devastated when Andrew Thomas Edwards died at the age of three years on 15 Dec 1875, Beverley [Reg. 8317]. Their eighth child, Peter Ebner Ralph Edwards, was born 24 Apri 1883, Beverley [Reg. 24046].

Post Office Directory:
https://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/explore-discover/wa-heritage/post-office-directories
1895, 1900, 1903, 1904, 1906,Thos Edwards, Mount Pleasant Farm, Beverley.

AS OUTINED ABOVE: ANNE ELIZABETH BLECHYNDEN (1842-1927) AND THOMAS EDWARDS (1838-1903) HAD EIGHT CHILDREN. More details on each in their individual sections which follow.

1. SAMUEL HARRISON EDWARDS (1863-1940),
2. ROSS FREDERICK EDWARDS (1865-1920),
3. LOUIS AYLING EDWARDS (1867-1944),
4. ARTHUR WILLIAM EDWARDS (1868-1932),
5. FLORENCE ELIZABETH EDWARDS (1870-1922),
6. ANDREW THOMAS EDWARDS (1872-1875),
7. WALTER ERNEST EDWARDS (1875-1958), and
8. PETER EBNER 'ABNE' RALPH EDWARDS (1883-1962).

Thomas Edwards and Anne Edwards (nee Blechynden) and family.
Taken about 1876 before Peter Ebner was born.
Surmising: Back: *Ross Frederick, Anne Edwards nursing Walter Ernest, Thomas Edwards*
Front: Louis Ayling, Arthur William, Samuel Harrison, Florence Edwards

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In the following article written in 1886, quite a few pioneering names are mentioned including that of Thomas Edwards and his property Seaton Ross. It shows how the district of Beverley was progressing.

Eastern Districts Chronicle **(York, WA: 1877 - 1927), Sat 4 Dec 1886, pg 2**
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***Northam Advertiser* (WA: 1895 - 1955), Wed 18 Feb 1903, pg.3**
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MR. THOMAS EDWARDS.

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EDWARDS *On December 8 1927, at Beverley, Anne Elizabeth, loving mother of Peter, fond grandma of Ralph, Stephen, Keith, Cyril and Walton, aged 85 years and 10 months. At rest after much suffering.*

Beverley Times **(WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 9 Dec 1927, pg 3**
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OBITUARY

ANNE ELIZABETH EDWARDS

Another of our very old residents passed away in the Beverley Hospital early on Thursday morning last in the person of Mrs Anne Elizabeth (better known as Granny) Edwards. Mrs. Edwards' father, the late Harrison Blechynden came to W. A. from Kent, England, in the year 1830, and she was born at St. Aubyns, Beverley on March 19, 1843, and so was in her 86th year. She was married to the late Thomas Edwards of "Mt Pleasant" in March 1852, (her younger brother Henry George died last month at the age of 84). The funeral takes place this morning. After a service in St Mary's, the cortege will proceed to the old St Paul's Churchyard (which is really part of the old Mt. Pleasant property) at Edwards Crossing.

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Headstone of Thomas Edwards (1838-1903), and his wife Anne Elizabeth Edwards (nee Blechynden) 1842-1927), also their daughter, Florence Edwards (1870-1922)*, old St Paul's Church yard, Edwards Crossing, Beverley.* Note: Anne's name is recorded as Ann.

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BELOVED HUSBAND OF
ANNE ELIZABETH EDWARDS
DIED FEB. 7TH 1903
AGED 64 YEARS.

LET BUT MY FAINTING HEART BE BLESSED,
WITH THY SWEET SPIRIT FOR IT'S GUEST.
MY GOD TO THEE I HAVE THE REST:
THY WILL BE DONE.
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Note: Discrepancies are noticeable between dates and name on the headstone, WA registration records and newspaper articles of Anne Elizabeth Edwards (nee Blechynden) and Florence Edwards:

HEADSTONE: ANNE EDWARDS (NEE BLECHYNDEN):

Anne Elizabeth Edwards (nee Blechynden) died 1927, Beverley Hospital, WA [Reg. 70], registered under Anne E. The Headstone reads **ANN** ELIZABETH EDWARDS DIED **8TH DEC** 1927, AGED 83 YEARS. Note: Her name on the headstone is recorded as: *Beloved husband of **Anne*** and below as *also **Ann Elizabeth***.
*The Death notice for Anne Elizabeth Edwards records that she died in the Beverley Hospital on **1 Dec** and the funeral took place on 3 Dec 1927.

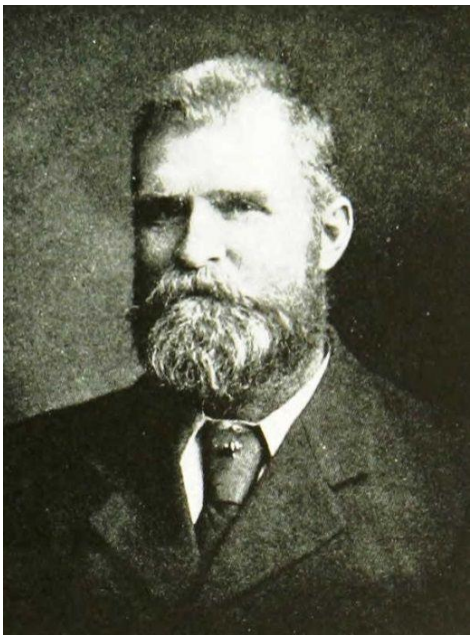
HEADSTONE: FLORENCE EDWARDS
Florence Edwards died **1922**, in Beverley, WA [Reg. 14].
Headstone reads FLORENCE EDWARDS DIED **19TH FEB 1920**, AGED 52 YEARS.
The West Aust 28 Feb 1922 P.1, says Florence Elizabeth Edwards died **23 Feb 1922 in her 52nd year.

INDIVIDUAL DETAILS ON THE CHILDREN OF ANNE ELIZABETH BLECHYNDEN (1842-1927) AND THOMAS EDWARDS (1838-1903) FOLLOW:

FIRST CHILD OF ANNE BLECHYNDEN & THOMAS EDWARDS

1. EDWARDS, SAMUEL HARRISON (1863-1940)

Samuel Harrison Edwards was born 24 Feb 1863, 'Speldhurst', Beverley, WA [Reg. 6927]. He did not marry. Samuel died 8 Sep 1940, Beverley, WA [Reg. 36].



Samuel Harrison Edwards

He was buried St Paul's Churchyard, Edwards Crossing, WA. together with his brother Walter Ernest Edwards. His life has been well summarised in his Obituary, following further on:

Via Anna Jennings:

"There are some wonderful letters from Sam to his Mum and Dad when he was at 'Ullawarra' and 'Glenflorrie' stations. 'Ullawarra Station', often referred to as 'Ullawarra', is a pastoral lease that has operated as a sheep station but now operates as a cattle station. It is located about 150 kilometres (93 ml) west of Paraburdoo and 210 kilometres (130 ml) south east of Onslow in the Pilbara region of Western Australia.

Electoral Roll:
1903 Samuel Harrison Edwards 'Ullawarra Station', sheep farmer., Onslow
1906 Samuel Harrison Edwards, farmer, Beverley.
1909 1910 Samuel Harrison Edwards, Pingelly, farmer
1913, 1917, 1918, 1921 Samuel Harrison Edwards, Talga, East Pingelly, farmer.
1831, 1836, 1837, Samuel Harrison Edwards, Lomos, storekeeper.
(Note: 2021, there is no longer a store or town at Lomos which is located between Pingelly and Corrigin)

Samuel Harrison Edwards.
Written on back of photo,
Samuel H Edwards,18 years of age.
Courtesy of Jill Feutrill

This rare photo showing Charlotte Blechynden (nee Robus with two of her grandchildren.
Back: *George Harrison Blechynden,* Front:
Samuel Edwards, sitting, grandmother,
Charlotte Blechynden (nee Robus) sitting.
Courtesy Mary Coulthard

Samuel Harrison Edwards died 8 Sep 1940, in Beverley, [Reg. 36], Reg Year 1940. Burial: 10 Sep 19 Place: St Paul's Churchyard, Edwards Crossing. WA.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 13 Sep 1940, pg 3**
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A Link with the Early Days

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The service at Church and graveside was conducted by the Rev. J. L. Brown and the funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr Fairhead. Wreaths and floral tributes were received from the following:

Lou and Annie; Peter and Mary; Walter, Jean and Steve; Ralph, Keith Cyril (Perth); Elsie, Lila, Sue; Caroline, Frank and Alice; Ruby, Ernest, Geoffrey and Wendy; Jim, Clara Mann and family; Mrs Brown and Dean and Kath; Mr and Mrs D H Forbes and family; Mr and Mrs J H Price and family (Lomos); Mr and Mrs J Magennis; Mr and Mrs F Barrett Lennard; Mr and Mrs G Henson; Mrs Brody, Jess and Dulcie; Mr and Mrs Simkin; Mr and Mrs E Ford and family and Miss S Edwards.

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Samuel Harrison Edwards is buried with his younger brother Walter Ernest Edwards at Edwards Crossing Cemetery, Beverley.

Headstone at Edwards Crossing,

In Memory of
SAMUEL HARRISON EDWARDS
24.2.1863- 8.9.1940
AND WALTER ERNEST EDWARDS
31.7.1875 – 12.7.1938
SONS OF THOMAS AND ANNE

SECOND CHILD OF ANNE BLECHYNDEN & THOMAS EDWARDS

2. EDWARDS, ROSS FREDERICK (1865-1920) & LANGDEN, ADA (1870-1938)

Ross Frederick Edwards was born 15 Apr 1865, in Beverley, WA [Reg. 8673]. Ross died 3 Feb 1920, Moora Hospital, Moora, WA [Reg. 7].

Annie Edwards and two boys (as written on back), possibly the two eldest, Samuel and Ross. Courtesy Cheryl Hay-Hendry

ROSS FREDERICK EDWARDS (1865-1920) married **ADA LANGDEN (1870-1938)** , 7 May 1890, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 115]. Registered under Ross Fredrick Edwards.

Wedding Notice per, *THE INQUIRER AND COMMERCIAL NEWS*, FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 16, 1890, P. 5

MARRIAGE

EDWARDS-LANGDEN- *At St John's Church Fremantle, on the 7th May, 1890, by the Ven. Archdeacon Watkins, ROSS FREDERICK, second son of Thomas Edwards, Mt. Pleasant, Beverley, to ADA, fourth daughter of Thomas Langden of Ballarat, Victoria.*

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EDWARDS — LANGDEN.— At St John's church, Fremantle, on the 7th May, by the Ven. Archdeacon Watkins, Ross Frederick, second son of Thomas Edwards, Mt. Pleasant, Beverley, to Ada, fourth daughter of Thomas Langden, of Ballarat, Victoria.

Ada Langden was born 1870, Ballarat East, VIC [Reg. 21143]. Parents: **JOHN THOMAS LANGDEN (1832-1919)** and **FRANCES SARAH FLANERY (1842-1930)** who were married 17 Oct 1859, Melbourne, VIC [Reg. 4426]. Ada was about 12 years of age when she came by the ship *Macedon* from SA to WA in 1882 with her parents and two sisters. Ada Langden died 12 Jan 1938, Subiaco, WA [Reg. 93].

The following seven pages contain details of Ada Langdon's parents, John Thomas Langden (1832-1919) and Frances Sarah Flanery (1842-1930) and family and their emigration to WA.

JOHN 'THOMAS' LANGDEN (1832-1919) Ada's father

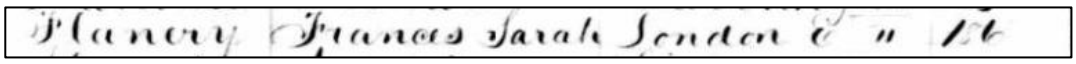
John Thomas Langden was born in 1832, England. He arrived in WA on 20 Feb 1882 on the *Macedon* from SA. Resided in 1903, Beaconsfield, Fremantle, WA. John died 23 Aug 1919, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 288].

Electoral Roll:
1910, 1917, Thomas Langden, 27 Attfield St, Fremantle, contractor, Frances Langden, married.

FRANCES SARAH FLANERY (1842-1930) Ada's mother
Via Ward / Webb Family Tree, Ancestry.
Frances Sarah Flanery was born 1842, Bishopsgate, London, England.

England and Wales, Civil Registration Birth Index, 1837-1915

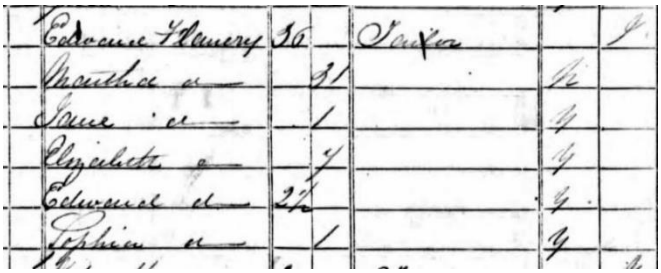
for Frances Sarah Flanery, 1842, Q3-Jul-Aug-Sep


Flanery Frances Sarah London 6 11 16

Her parents: **EDWARD FLANERY (1805-1860)** and **MARTHA ELIZABETH BARNES (1811-)** were married 6 Jul 1831, St Bride Church, Fleet St, London, England.
Frances Sarah Langdon (nee Flannery) died 1930, Perth, WA [Reg. 518].

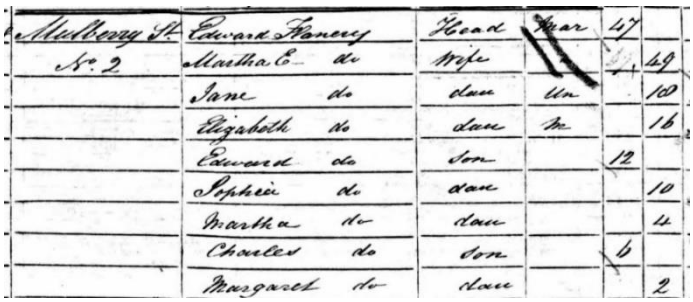
1941 Census Stepney: Edward and Martha Flannery and children
(Frances Sarah was not yet born.)

Edward Flanery 36, Martha Flanery 31, Jane Flanery /, Elizabeth Flanery 7, Edward Flanery 2, Sophia Flanery /


Edwd Flanery	36		Tailor		
Martha do		31			
Jane do		/			
Elizabeth do		7			
Edward do	2				
Sophia do		/			

1951 Census Stepney: Edward and Martha Flannery and children
(Frances Sarah not recorded here.)

Edward Flanery, Stepney.
Edward Flanery 47, Martha Flanery 49, Jane Flanery 18, Elizabeth Flanery 16, Edward Flanery 12, Sophia Flanery 10, Martha Flanery 4, Charles Flanery 6, Margaret Flanery 2


Mulberry St	Edward Flanery		Head	Mar	47	
No. 2	Martha E.	do	Wife			49
	Jane	do	daur	Un		18
	Elizabeth	do	daur	Un		16
	Edward	do	son		12	
	Sophia	do	daur			10
	Martha	do	daur			4
	Charles	do	son		6	
	Margaret	do	daur			2

CHILDREN OF EDWARD FLANERY (1805-1860) AND MARTHA ELIZABETH BARNES (1811-):
All of these children born in London, England.

1. JANE FLANERY (1833-1915) married **GEORGE WILLIAM CHALK (1829-1910)** 27 Feb 1854, Melbourne, VIC [Reg. 795].

2. ELIZABETH FLANERY (1835-) married **FREDERICK BERNARD WARD (1831-1877)** 31 Dec 1855, Melbourne, VIC [Reg. 3012].

3. EDWARD FLANERY (1838-1912) married **CATHERINE MCGRATH (1838-1889)** 1860, VIC [Reg.4311].

4. SOPHIA FLANERY (1840-) Sophia Flannery died 1852, Stepney, London, England.

5. FRANCES SARAH FLANERY (1842-1830) married **JOHN THOMAS LANGDEN (1832-1919)** 17 Oct 1859, Melbourne, VIC [Reg. 4426].

6. CHARLES FLANERY (1844-) was born 1844, Bishop Gates City, London. [Vol 2 pg. 212]. Recorded on 1871 Census aged 6 years. Can't find mention of him in Australia.

7. MARTHA FLANERY (1846-1908) married GABRIEL **MCKAY (1832-1914)** 1 Sep 1879, Fitzroy, VIC [Reg.3265].

8. MARGARET FLANERY (1848-1908) married **RICHARD CHAUNDY (1847-1890)** 1868. Vic [Reg. 3490].

9. ELLEN MARILDA FLANERY (1852-1853) Died 1853, **VIC [Reg. 1579],** aged 1 year. Parents, Edwards and Martha Barnes.

Emigration: Ida Langdon's maternal grandparents, John and Martha Flannery were accompanied with their children: Jane, Elizabeth, **Frances**, Charles. Martha, Margaret, Ellen.

Edward Flanery, Ship *John Melhuish* – unassisted immigrant, from London, via Melbourne to Port Jackson, NSW, 2 Feb 1853

This image cropped from the passenger list of *John Melhuish*. Someone has crossed off the names. Most just readable.

CHILDREN OF JOHN THOMAS LANGDEN (1832-1919) AND FRANCES SARAH FLANERY (1842-1930):
In the marriage newspaper article, Ada was recorded as being the fourth daughter of Thomas Langden of Ballarat.

1. ELIZABETH LANGDEN (1862-)

Elizabeth Langden was born 1862, Brunswick, VIC [Reg. 1001].

2. THOMAS LANGDEN (1863-1863) Died aged 1 month.

Thomas Langden was born, 1863, VIC [Reg. 448].
Thomas Langden died 1863, VIC [Reg. 391], aged 1 month.

3. THOMAS LANGDEN (1866-1867) Died aged 2 months.

Thomas Langden was born 1866, Dinham Lead, VIC [Reg. 21005].
Thomas Langden died 1867, VIC, aged 2 months, [Reg. 527].

4. ADA LANGDEN (1870-1938)

Ada Langden was born 1870, Ballarat East, VIC [Reg. 21143.]
ADA LANGDEN (1870-1938) married **ROSS FREDERICK EDWARDS (1865-1920)** 7 May 1890, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 115]. Registered under Ross Fredrick Edwards.
Ada Langden died 12 Jan 1938, Subiaco, WA [Reg. 93].
More details on her in this chapter.

5. ANGELINE LANGDEN (1872-1952)

Angeline Langden was born 1872, VIC [Reg No. 13809].
Angeline Langden died 1952, Perth, WA [Reg. 2601].
Angeline remained single.

Electoral Rolls:
1919 Angelina Langden, 1158, Hay St, newsagent
1936 Angelina Langden, 49 Vincent St, home duties.
1949 Angelina Langden, 3 Learoyd St, home duties.

6. FRANCES CHARLOTTE LANGDEN (1874-1963)

Frances Langden was born 1874, Ballarat East, VIC [Reg. 6866].
Frances Ibberson (nee Langden) died 1963, Newtown, NSW [Reg. 35247].

FRANCES CHARLOTTE LANGDEN (1874-1963) married **HARRY IBBERSON (1881-1955)** 1918, Perth, WA [Reg. 340].

Harry Ibberson died 1955, Balmain, NSW [Reg. 17341].

Electoral Rolls:
1919 Frances Langden, 1164, Hay St, shopkeeper.
1916, 1917, Harry Ibberson, 930 Hay St, chauffeur.
1922, Frances Langden, married 27 Attfield St, Fremantle.
1930 Harry Ibberson, Dargo Flats, Allen's Parade, Waverley, NSW, Frances Charlotte Ibberson, home duties.
1936 Harry Ibberson, 46 Denning St, Watson, no occupation, Frances Charlotte Ibberson, home duties.
1943 Harry Ibberson,430 Moore Park Rd, Paddington, NSW, Frances Charlotte Ibberson, home duties.
1954 Harry Ibberson, 23 Cook Rd, no occupation, Frances Charlotte Ibberson, home duties.
1963 Frances Charlotte Ibberson, Home duties, 238 Campbell Parade, Bondi Beach, NSW.

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7. ALICE LANGDEN (1877-)

Alice Langden was born 1877, Heywood, VIC [Reg. 3120].

ALICE LANGDEN (1877-) married **m.2 OCTAVIOUS PERCY JAMES (1870-1939)** 1903, Guildford, WA [Reg. 1905].

OCTAVIOUS PERCY JAMES (1870-1939)
Via Smith/Goodwin/Mortimer Family Tree, Ancestry.

Percy Octavious James was born 4 Jan 1870, Bombay, India. Parents: **GEORGE EDWARD JAMES (1830-1887)** and **m.2 EMILY SMITH (1842-1921)** who were married 16 Feb 1863, Muttra, NW India.
Percy Octavious James died 13 Apr 1939, Perth, WA [Reg. 666].

GEORGE EDWARD JAMES (1830-1887) Percy Octavious James' father.
Some family Trees, Ancestry have him as just Edward James.
George Edward James was born 2 Feb 1830, Deptford, Kent, England. Baptised 2 May 1830, Parents MATTHEW JAMES and ELEANOR, St Alphage, Greenwich, Kent, England
George Edward James died 5 Jan 1887, Perth, WA. Buried East Perth Cemetery.

EMILY SMITH (1842-1921) Percy Octavious James' mother.

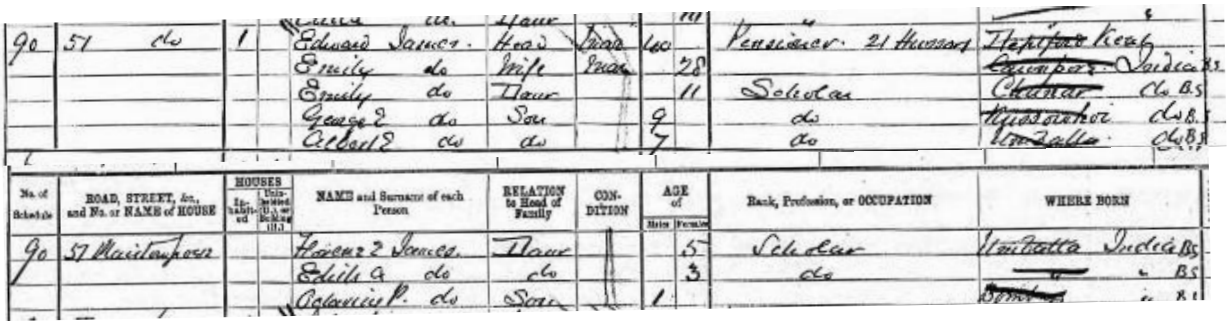
Emily Smith was born 1 Nov 1842, Kanpur, West Bengal, India.
Emily James, Dowling (nee Smith) died 3 Apr 1921, North Perth, WA [Reg. 450].

Emily was married twice:

EMILY SMITH (1842-1921) married **THOMAS BENJAMIN DOWLING (1821-1862)** 19 Apr 1858, Dum, Dum, Bengal, India, FHL No. 498996.

EMILY SMITH (1842-1921) AND THOMAS BENJAMIN DOWLING (1821-1862) HAD TWO CHILDREN.
Both children were born in India.1. **EMILY DOWLING (1859)** and **2. George DOWLING (1862-)**

Thomas Benjamin Dowling died 18 Sep 1862, Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh, India
Census 1871, Essex, West Ham



No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES Inhabited	HOUSES Uninhabited	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CONDITION	AGE of Males	AGE of Females	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN
90	57 do	1		Edward James	Head	Married	40		Pensioner 21 Hussars	Hospital Kasauli India
				Emily do	Wife	Married		28		Campore India
				Emily do	Daur			11	Scholar	Chunar do B.S
				George do	Son		9		do	Mussoorie do B.S
				Albert do	do		7		do	Umballa do B.S

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90	57 Maitlanpore			Florence James	Daur			5	Scholar	Umballa India B.S
				Edith A do	do			3	do	" " B.S
				Octavius P. do	Son		1			Bombay " B.S

1971: 'Edward' James and his wife Emily, with their children, Emily, George (via her first marriage), Albert, Florence, Edith and Octavious.

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m.2 EMILY SMITH (1842-1921) married GEORGE **'EDWARD' JAMES (1830-1887)** 16 Feb 1863, Muttra, NW India.

CHILDREN OF EMILY SMITH (1842-1921) AND GEORGE 'EDWARD' JAMES (1830-1887).

1. ALBERT EDWARD JAMES (1864-1923) Born in India, died 1923, Boulder, WA [Reg. 18].

2. FLORENCE ELLEN JAMES (1865-1915) Born in India, married **JACOB VAN BUSKIRK BINGAY (1866-1950)**, 1886, Perth, WA [Reg. 6370].

3. EDITH AMELIA JAMES (1867-1930) Born in India, married **WILLIAM MARSHALL** 1892, Perth, WA [Reg. 407].

4. OCTAVIOUS PERCY JAMES (1870-1939) Born in India, **m1**. **MARGARET MCMANUS (1872-1900)** 1896, Perth WA [Reg. 632]. **m2. ALICE LANGDEN (1877-)** married 1903, Guildford, WA [Reg. 1905].

5. BLANCHE GERTRUDE JAMES (1873-1927) Born in England, died 1927, Perth, WA [Reg. 258].
6. MAUDE MAGDALENE JAMES (1876-1921) Born in Perth, WA [Reg. 17339], married **SIDNEY WILLIAMS PASH (1869-1964)** 1894, Guildford, WA [Reg. 217].

7. GRACE ETHEL JAMES (1880-1927) Born in Perth, WA [Reg. 20616], married **WALTER [Reg. WILLIAM HAYNES (1879-1872)** 1901, Perth WA [Reg. 1522].

8. SYLVIA VERONICA JAMES (1884-1892) Born in Perth, WA [Reg. 25526], recorded under Silva. Died 28 Apr 1892, WA [Reg. 265].

Continuing with Octavious Percy James (1870-1939).

m.1 OCTAVIOUS PERCY JAMES (1870-1939) married **MARGARET MCMANUS (1872-1900)** 1896, Perth WA [Reg. 632].

MARGARET MCMANUS (1872-1900)

Margaret McManus was born 16 Jun 1872 Irvinestown, Fermanagh, Northern Ireland. Parents: **JOHN MCMANUS (1825-1899)** and **ANN GALLAGHER (1840-1900)**.
Margaret James (nee McManus) died 1900, WA [Reg. 1685].

CHILDREN OF OCTAVIOUS PERCY JAMES (1870-1939) AND MARGARET MCMANUS (1872-1900):

1. VIVIAN HAROLD JAMES (1897-1984) married **IDA MARY DUNSFORD (1887-1965)** 1921, Perth, WA [Reg. 1154].

2. PERCY CLEVELAND JACOB JAMES (1899-1910) Died 1910, Subiaco, WA [Reg. 132].

Electoral Rolls:
1910 Percy Octavious James, "Octavia", Rawson St, Subiaco, printer Alice, married
1916 Percy Octavious James, 161 Rokeby Rd, printer Alice, married

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CONTINUING THE STORY OF ROSS FREDERICK EDWARDS (1865-1920) AND ADA LANGDEN (1870-1938):

Ross and Ada had six children. More details on each following in their own sections.

1. THOMAS EDWARDS (1891-1970),
2. FLORENCE ELIZABETH EDWARDS (1893-1983),
3. ADA EDWARDS (1895-1895),
4. REGINALD LANGDON EDWARDS (1896-1982),
5. LESLIE ROSS EDWARDS (1899-1922), and
6. STELLA ANNIE EDWARDS (1903-1953).

Electoral Rolls:
1903, 1906 Ross Frederick Edwards, Short St, Albany, grocer, Ada Edwards, home duties.
1910 Ross Frederick Edwards, Brunswick Rd, Albany, grocer, Ada Edwards, home duties.

Post Office records:
1899 Ross F. Edwards, Attfield St, Fremantle,
1906, 1910, 1912 Ross Frederick Edwards grocer, Albany
1918 Ross Edwards, Albany

***Albany Advertiser*, 28 Jun 1913, Advertisements:**

VACANCIES for three Permanent Boarders, piano., bathroom. Mrs. Ross Edwards, Brunswick-road, Albany.

PIANOS, and Organs tuned and repaired, moderate price consistent with good workmanship. Apply G. M Shute c/o Mrs. Ross Edwards, Brunswick-road, Albany. 926h

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Ross Frederick Edwards died 3 Feb 1920, Moora Hospital, Moora, WA [Reg. 7].

***Western Mail* (Perth, WA: 1885-1954), Thu 12 Feb 1920, Pg 26, Family Notices**

EDWARDS—On February 3 at Moora Hospital of hemorrhage, Ross Frederick, late of Albany, father of Mrs. W. J. Sands, Coolgardie, and Stella Edwards of Albany; aged 57.

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Note: There is a discrepancy via Find a grave: Robert Frederick Edwards should be Ross Frederick Edwards.

INDIVIDUAL SECTIONS FOLLOWING ON THE CHILDREN OF ROSS FREDERICK EDWARDS (1865-1920) AND ADA LANGDEN (1870-1938):

1st CHILD OF ROSS FREDERICK EDWARDS & ADA LANGDEN

1. EDWARDS, THOMAS (1891-1970) was born in 1891, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 39]. Baptised 15 Feb 1891, Fremantle, WA. He died 10 Aug 1970, Perth, WA [Reg. 2907]. **THOMAS** married **NELLIE DRYNAN (1893-1977)** 18 Sep 1916, Claremont, WA [Reg. 83]. **NELLIE** was born 1893, Bendigo, VIC [Reg. 19477], parents: **GEORGE NELSON DRYNAN (1870-1925)** and **EMILY HALL (1870-1965)** who were married 1891, VIC [Reg. 4957]. Nellie Edwards (nee Drynan) died 1 Feb 1977, East Vic Park, WA. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery.

GEORGE NELSON DRYNAN (1870-1925) Nellie Drynan's father.

George Nelson Drynan was born 1870, Ballarat, VIC [Reg. 25115]. Parents: **GEORGE DRYNAN (1843-1871)** and **MARY ANN WOODWARD (1848-1921)** who were married 1867, VIC [Reg. 1410]. They had two children: **1. ANN MELIORA DRYNAN (1868-1870) 2. GEORGE NELSON DRYNAN (1870-1925)**.

EMILY HALL (1870-1965) Nellie Drynan's mother.

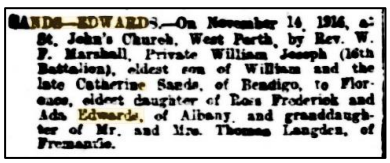
Emily Hall was born 1870 Ballarat East, VIC [Reg. 4324]. Parents: m1. **JAMES HALL (1843-1920)** and **MARY JANE MEWBURN (1848-1889)** who were married 1867, Ballarat, VIC [Reg. 3351]. They had five children:
1. THOMAS WILLIAM HALL (1868-) 2. EMILY HALL (1870-1965) 3. NELLY HALL (1872-1875) 4. CHARLES MEWBURN (1874-1875) 5. CHARLES JAMES HALL (1877-1964).
m2. JAMES HALL (1843-1820) married **ELIZA CLYDESDALE (1849-1923)** 1892, VIC [Reg. 3832].

Electoral Roll:
1925 Thomas Edwards, 62 Jupiter St, 62 Jupiter St, Carlisle, hairdresser.
1931 Thomas Edwards, Corner Gerard and lakeview St, Victoria Park, Hair dresser, Nellie, home duties.
1958, 1968 Thomas Edwards, 226 Shepperton Rd, East Victoria Park, hairdresser, Nellie, home duties.

2nd CHILD OF ROSS FREDERICK EDWARDS & ADA LANGDEN

2. EDWARDS, FLORENCE ELIZABETH (1893-1983) was born in 1893, Fremantle, WA [Reg No. 698]. She died 14 Nov 1983, QLD [Reg. 8469]. **FLORENCE** married **WILLIAM JOSEPH SANDS (1887-1931)** 14 Nov 1916, West Perth, WA [Reg.818].

SANDS-EDWARDS-On Nov 14, 1916, at St. John's Church, West Perth, by Rev. W. F. Marshall, Private William Joseph (14th Battalion), eldest son of William and the late Catherine Sands of Bendigo, to Florence, eldest daughter of Ross Frederick and Ada Edwards of Albany and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Langden of Fremantle.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WILLIAM JOSEPH SANDS (1886-1931)

William Joseph Sands was born 6 Sep 1886, VIC [Reg. 22404]. Parents: **WILLIAM SANDS (1864-1917)** and **CATHERINE LOWE (1864-1911)** who were married 1885, VIC [Reg. 4326].
William Joseph Sands died 27 Jun 1931, Perth, WA [Reg. 958].

WILLIAM SANDS (1864-1917) William Joseph Sands' father

William Sands was born 7 Jun 1864, Bendigo, VIC [Reg. 17881]. Parents: **CHARLES SANDS (1835-1879)** and **ANN LOWNDES (1839-1884)** who were married 7 Sep 1855, Bendigo, VIC [Reg. 2207].

CHILDREN OF William Joseph Sands grandparents, CHARLES SANDS (1835-1879) and ANN LOWNDES (1839-1884):

1. UNNAMED SANDS (1856-1856) 2. JANE SANDS (1857-1872) 3. JOHN SANDS (1860-1915) 4. MARY ANN SANDS (1862-1933) 5. WILLIAM SANDS (1864-1933), 6. SARAH ANN SANDS (1866-1929) 7. CHARLES SANDS (1868-1869) 8. ELIZA SANDS (1870-1912) 9. ELLEN SANDS (1873-1875) 10. CHARLES SANDS (1879-1918).

CATHERINE LOWE (1864-1911) William Joseph Sands' mother.

Catherine Lowe was born 1864, Sandhurst, Sandridge, VIC [Reg. 24516].
Catherine Sands (nee Lowe) died 1911, Emu Creek, Bendigo, VIC [Reg. 733]. Parents: **JOSEPH LOWE (1823-1898)** and **m2. EMMA AMELIA WELSH (NEE SATCHELL) (1824-1899]** who were married 12 Apr 1869, Melbourne, VIC [Reg. 1357]. Registered as Emma Welsh. Emma had been married before.

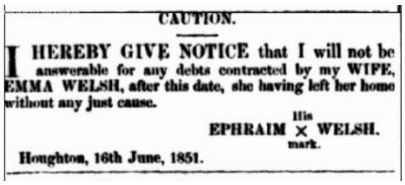
JOSEPH LOWE (1823-1898) and **m2. EMMA AMELIA WELSH (NEE SATCHELL) (1824-1899] HAD SEVEN CHILDREN:** The first two George and Joseph were born in SA; the rest of the children in VIC.

1. GEORGE SATCHELL LOWE (1852-1856) 2. JOSEPH HENRY LOWE (1854-1920) 3. SUSAN LOWE (1857-1934) 4. GEORGE LOWE (1859-1932) 5. CHARLES WILLIAM LOWE (1862-1920) 6. CATHERINE LOWE (1864-1911) 7. JANE LOWE (1867-1872).

m1. EMMA AMELIA SATCHELL married **EPHRAIM WELSH (1808-1860) Convict 1849**, Adelaide, SA [Pg. 168 Vol 3]. They had five children, born in SA.

1. MARY JANE WELSH (1842-1878) 2. JAMES JOHN WELSH (1844-1895 3. ELIZABETH AMELIA WELSH (1849-1924) 4. CLARA WELSH (1850-1851) 5. EMMA SATCHELL WELSH (1849-1824) 5. CLARA WELSH (1850-1851).

It appears Emma separated from her first husband Ephraim Welsh in 1852 and partnered and had children with Joseph Lowe prior to their marriage.


CAUTION.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I will not be answerable for any debts contracted by my WIFE, EMMA WELSH, after this date, she having left her home without any just cause.

His
EPHRAIM × WELSH.
mark.

Houghton, 16th June, 1851.

CHILDREN OF William Joseph Sands' parents, WILLIAM SANDS (1864-1917) AND CATHERINE LOWE (1864-1911): These children were all born Emu Creek, Bendigo, VIC.

1. EMMA AMELIA SANDS (1888-1975) married **ROBERT JAMES LEWIS (1887-1977)** 1922, VIC [Reg. 72].

2. ADA JANE SANDS (1890-1970) married **JOSEPH SAMUEL CARTER (1882-1928)** 22 Sep 1919, St Mary's Church, Busselton, WA. By special licence (late 32 Battalion).

3. ALBERT VICTOR SANDS (1892-1928) married **DOROTHY ETHEL MAY BLAKE (1903-1952) 'Dolly'**, 1921, Northam, WA [Reg. 4].

4. ARTHUR ERNEST SANDS (1894-1956) married **MARGARET ALLAN IRELAND (1903-1996) 'Peggy'** 1929, Perth, WA [Reg. 442].

5. WILLIAM JOSEPH SANDS (1896-1918) married **FLORENCE ELIZABETH EDWARDS (1893-1983)** 1916, Perth, WA [Reg. 818].

6. EILEEN MAY SANDS (1901-1953) Died 1953, Fitzroy, VIC.

7. EILEEN MAY SANDS (1901-1953) married **LEONARD PERCY JONES (1904-1952)** 1923, VIC [Reg. 5960].

8. FREDERICK LEONARD SANDS (1903-1903) Died 17 Jun 1903, Bendigo, VIC [Reg. 4690].

9. DOREEN ALEXANDRA SANDS (1905-1905) Died 1905, VIC [Reg. 14418].

SANDS William Joseph: Service Number - 732: Place of Birth - Bendigo VIC: Place of Enlistment - Helena Vale (Helena Valley) WA: Next of Kin - (Wife) SANDS Florence. Served overseas: Gallipoli, Alexandria, 20 May 1915. Wounded. 17 Mar 16 invalided to Australia.

William Joseph Sands

Electoral Roll:
1925 William Joseph Sands, 8 Adelaide, St, East Perth, horse driver, Florence, home duties.
1936, 1943 Florence Sands, 32 Strickland St, South Perth, home duties.

3rd CHILD OF ROSS FREDERICK EDWARDS & ADA LANGDEN

3. EDWARDS, ADA (1895-1895) was born in 1895, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 610]. She died 1895, 3 days old, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 742].

4th CHILD OF ROSS FREDERICK EDWARDS & ADA LANGDEN

4. EDWARDS, REGINALD LANGDON (1896-1982) was born in 1896, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 602]. He died 8 Aug 1982, Nedlands, WA. **m.1 REGINALD LANGDON** married **DOROTHY BARBARA HOWARTH (1901-1984)** 11 Apr 1925, Perth, WA [Reg. 433]. **DOROTHY** was born 1901, Kalgoorlie, WA [Reg. 843], father, **m1. 'HARRY' HOWARTH (~1880-1912)**, mother, **LOUISA SCHIPP (1881-1964)** who were married Kalgoorlie, 1900, WA [Reg. 2008]. Registered as Harry Howarth and Louisa Schipp. **Divorce** 8 Sep 1925, Perth, WA. Via Gilchrest / Cameron Family Tree. Dorothy Barbara Howarth died 24 May 1984, Geraldton, WA.

The following three pages contain details of Dorothy Barbara Howarth's parents 'HARRY' HOWARTH (~1880-1912) and LOUISA SCHIPP (1881-1964) and showing her grandparents emigration to Australia. Via Shipp/ Meth/ Hogan Family Tree, Ancestry. Note. Some family trees in Ancestry incorrectly have Louisa Schipp (1881-1964) married to Walter Arthur Harex Howarth (1882-1958) in NSW.

HARRY HOWARTH (~1880-1912), Dorothy's father, was born about 1880, Manchester, Lancashire, England. Harry Howarth and Louisa are recorded in 53 Brookman St, Kalgoorlie, carrier, in the 1910 Electoral Roll. Harry Howarth died 1912, Kalgoorlie, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 1800002], age 32 years. His parents are registered as **FRANCIS HOWARTH** and **MARGARET GOER**.

Via Shipp/ Meth/ Hogan Family Tree Ancestry. *Arrival in the Australian colonies, 1885. According to his death certificate, Harry Howarth had spent 10 years in Victoria and 17 years in WA. His obituary says he arrived in Victoria when he was* 18 and *had been in WA 13 years.*

LOUISA SCHIPP (1881-1964), Dorothy's mother, was born Menindee, NSW [Re. 2807]. Parents: **CHRISTIAN SCHIPP (1838-1897)** and **BARBARA MCNAIR (1850-1915)** who were married 17 Apr 1876, Menindee, NSW [Reg. 3271]. Louisa Nunan, (Howarth, nee Schipp) died 1964, Shenton Park, Perth, WA [Reg. 103007], aged 83 years. Registered as Nunan and Schipp.

CHRISTIAN SCHIPP (1838-1897), Louisa's father and Dorothy Barbara Howarth's grandfather, was born 3 Jun 1838, Stadt Dresden, Saschen, Germany. His parents were Casparus Casper Schipp (1799-1869) and Ludovica Lucia Kempenich (1799-1876). Emigration: Departure 1 May 1855, Hamburg, Germany via *Wilhelmsburg* with his parents Caspar and Lucia Schipp. Arrival, 19 Sep 1855, Sydney, NSW. Moved to Kalgoorlie before 1897. Louisa's father Christian Schipp died 17 Nov 1897, Kalgoorlie, WA [Reg. 634].

BARBARA MCNAIR (1850-1915), Louisa's mother and Dorothy Barbara Howarth's grandmother. The tragic story of her mother and sister dying at sea and following their arrival Barbara and her brother being admitted to the Destitute asylum.

*Louisa's mother Barbara McNair was born about 1849, Dalry, Ayrshire, Scotland. Parents**: ROBERT MCNAIR (1821-)** and* **MARY PATTERSON (1828-1854)** *who were married 18 Jul, 1946, Kilwinning, Ayr, Scotland. Residence, 1851, Dalry, Ayrshire, Scotland. One year old Barbara, her parents Robert (30 years) and Mary (23 years) and her sister Merrian (4 years) were living in Main Street, Dalry, Ayrshire. (Source: 1851 Census Scotland). Emigration: Barbara was aged 5 when she and her parents - Robert and Mary (nee Paterson) and brother James arrived in Adelaide on the James Fernie on 17 November 1854. Death of mother Mary Paterson /Patterson (1828–1854) 1854, At sea, 18545. Death of sister Marion (Marrion) McNair (1846–1854) 1854 At sea, 18556. (Probably of cholera) on the 'James Fernie' which was on route to Adelaide. Newspaper report: 'South Australian Register', 18 November 1854.* Residence: 20 Mar 1855, Adelaide, *Barbara McNair (5 years) and her brother James (3 years) were admitted to the Destitute Asylum. Deserted at Gillies Plains.*

Barbara Schipp (nee McNair) died 1915, Fremantle WA [Reg. 2700111], aged 62 years. Interesting that her father was recorded as James McNair.

HARRY HOWARTH (~1880-1912) AND LOUISA SCHIPP (1881-1964) HAD FIVE CHILDREN:
These children were all born in Kalgoorlie, East Coolgardie. Parents recorded as Harry Howarth and Louisa Schipp. Several ways of spelling Shipp, Schipp, Ship.

1. DOROTHY BARBARA HOWARTH (1901-1984) married **REGINALD LANGDEN EDWARDS (1896-1982)** 1925 WA [Reg.1004]. **m2. DOROTHY BARBARA SCHIPP (1901-1984)** married **LESLIE DIMITRI CLAUDIUS (1895-1974)** 1932, Kalgoorlie, WA [Reg. 1800099], registered East Coolgardie,

2. ROBERT LIONEL HOWARTH (1903-1969) married **ETHEL MOORE (1907-)**, 1926, Perth, WA [Reg. 1229].

3. CHARLES ALBERT HOWARTH (1905-1974) married **DOROTHY BLANCHE KEMP (1898-1986)** 1934, Perth, WA [Reg. 140].

4. FRANCIS HARRY HOWARTH (1907- 1957) married **LUCY KATHLEEN COTTRILL (1913-1981)** 1935, Narrogin, WA [Reg. 6700004], registered in Williams.

5. RICHARD CYRIL HOWARTH (1908-1989) married **GRACE ELIZABETH CVIANOVICH (1913-2006)** 1937, Kalgoorlie, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 1800146].

Electoral Roll:
1903, 1906 Harry Howarth, Campbell St, Sommerville, Kalgoorlie, carrier, Louisa, home duties.
1910 Harry Howarth, 52 Brookman Street, Kalgoorlie, carrier, Louisa, home duties.

Following her husband's Harry Howarth's death Louisa Howarth (nee Schipp) married again.

m2. LOUISA HOWARTH (1881-1964) married **CORNELIUS DONALD NUNUN (~1889-1956)** 1919, Perth, WA [Reg. 1009].

CORNELIUS DONALD NUNAN (~1889-1956)

Cornelius Donald Nunan was born about 1889, Newmarket, Cork, Ireland.
Cornelius Donald Nunan died 1956, Nedlands, Perth, WA [Reg. 101801].

LOUISA HOWARTH (1881-1964) and **CORNELIUS DONALD NUNUN (~1889-1956) had three children:**

1. JAMES WILLIAM NUNAN (1918-2010) was born 1918, Morgans, Mount Margaret, WA [Reg. 3422],
2. NORAH CONSTANCE NUNAN (1919-2010) was born Osborne Park, Perth, WA Reg. 2645].
3. LOUISA MARGARET NUNAN (1922-1945) 'Margaret' was born Perth, WA [Reg. 1583].

Electoral Roll:
1925 Cornelius Donald Nunun, 414 Main Street, Osbourne Park, miner, Louisa, home duties.
1937 Cornelius Donald Nunun, Lake Jandabup, East Wanneroo, Louisa, home duties.

As mentioned at the beginning of this section:

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Electoral Roll:
No record of Reginald Edwards and Dorothy Barbara found at the same address. Reginald remarried in 1935.
1917 Reginald Langdon Edwards, 181 Newcastle St, Clerk.
1925 Dorothy Barbara Howarth, 8 Adelaide Street, Perth, waitress.
1925 Dorothy Barbara Edwards, 29 Adelaide terrace, East Perth, home duties.
1972 Dorothy Barbara Edwards, Lot 420 Paterson St, Wongan Hills, home duties.

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m.2 REGINALD LANGDON EDWARDS (1896-1982) married **GWENETH MAUDE LISSON (1910-1968)** in 1935, Perth, WA [Reg. 1011]. **Divorced** after five years of separation, 5 Dec 1951, Perth, WA. Via Gilchrest/ Cameron Family Tree, **GWENETH** was born 1910, Burswood, NSW [Reg. 13198]. Parents: R**EGINALD LACY LISSON (1881-1962)** and **MABEL MAUD O'HARA (1883-)** who were married 1907, Parramatta, Sydney, NSW [Reg. 5422. Gweneth died 20 Sep 1968, Sydney, NSW [Reg. 5961].

Electoral Roll
1936, 1943 Reginald Langdon Edwards, 48 Doonan Rd, Claremont, traveller, Gweneth Maud, home duties.
1949, 1958 Reginald Langdon Edwards, 48 Doonan Rd, Claremont, traveller.
1877, 1980 Reginald Langdon Edwards, 138 Broadway, Nedlands, traveller.

Service Records: EDWARDS, Reginald Langdon [aka Langden] - Service Number – 785, H29169 VOLUME 1 WC29169 PART 2 Service records: not accessed.

5th CHILD OF ROSS FREDERICK EDWARDS & ADA LANGDEN

5. EDWARDS, LESLIE ROSS (1899-1922) was born in 1899, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 1974]. He died 20 Sep 1922, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 228].

The following two articles show that unfortunately Leslie was the driver in a tragic accident when a child was hit by his car and, as a result, died. It was resolved that the accident could not have been prevented.

***Albany Advertiser* (WA: 1897 - 1954), Sat 9 Apr 1921, pg 2**
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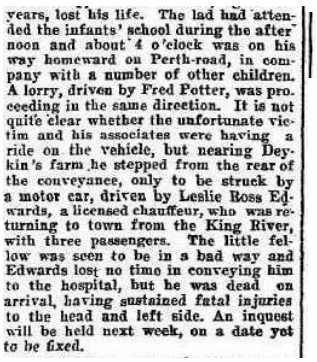
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Street Fatality. -A regrettable fatality occurred at Albany on the afternoon of Thursday, whereby a bright little chap, Prince Rowsell, aged six years, lost his life. The lad had attended the infants' school during the afternoon and about 4 o'clock was on his way homeward on Perth-road, in company with a number of other children. A lorry, driven by Fred Potter, was proceeding in the same direction. It is not quite clear whether the unfortunate victim and his associates were having a ride on the vehicle, but nearing Deykin's farm he stepped from the rear of the conveyance, only to be struck by a motor car, driven by Leslie Ross Edwards, a licensed chauffeur, who was returning to town from the King River, with three passengers. The little fellow was seen to be in a bad way and Edwards lost no time in conveying him to the hospital, but he was dead on arrival, having sustained fatal injuries to the head and left side. An inquest will be held next week, on a date yet to be fixed.

***Albany Despatch* (WA: 1919 - 1927), Mon 11 Apr 1921, pg 2**
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Leslie Ross Edwards died 20 Sep 1922, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 228]

***Daily News* (Perth, WA: 1882 - 1955), Tue 3 Oct 1922, pg 5**
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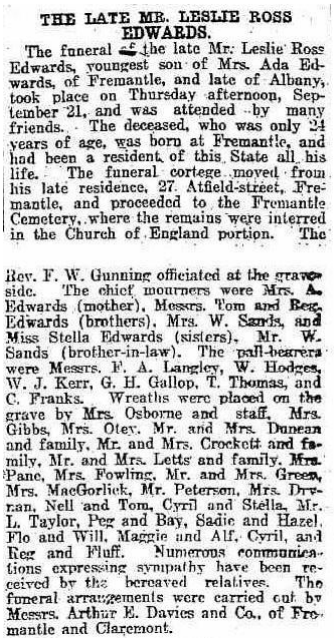
THE LATE MR. LESLIE ROSS EDWARDS.

The funeral the late Mr. Leslie Ross Edwards, youngest son of Mrs. Ada Edwards, of Fremantle, and late of Albany, took place on Thursday afternoon, September 21, and was attended by many friends. The deceased, who was only 24 years of age, was born at Fremantle, and had been a resident of this State all his life. The funeral cortege moved from his late residence, 27 Atfield Street, Fremantle, and proceeded to the Fremantle Cemetery, where the remains were interred in the Church of England portion. The Rev. F. W. Gunning officiated at the grave-side. The chief, mourners were Mrs. A Edwards (mother), Messrs. Tom and Reg. Edwards (brothers), Mrs. W. Sands, and Miss Stella Edwards (sisters), Mr. W. Sands (brother-in-law). The pall-bearers were Messrs. F. A. Langley, W. Hodges, W. J. Kerr, G. H. Gallop, T. Thomas, and C. Franks. Wreaths were placed on the grave by Mrs. Osborne and staff, Mrs. Gibbs, Mrs. Oley. Mr. and Mrs, Dunean and family, Mr. and Mrs. Crockett and family, Mr. and Mrs. Letts' and family. Mrs. Pane, Mrs. Fowling, Mr. and Mrs. Green, Mrs. MacGorlick, Mr. Peterson, Mrs. Dunean, Nell and Tom, Cyril and Stella, Mr. L. Taylor, Peg and Bay, Sadie and Hazel, Flo and Will, Maggie and Alf, Cyril, and Reg and Fluff. Numerous communications expressing sympathy have been received by the bereaved relatives. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Arthur E. Davies and Co., of Fremantle and Claremont.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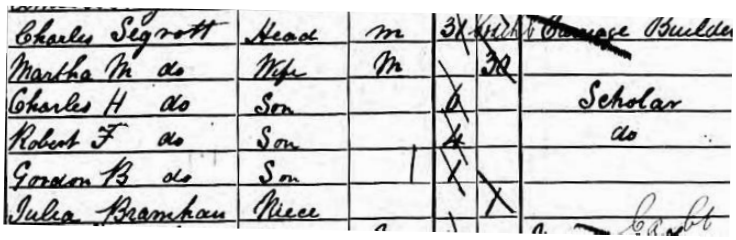
6. EDWARDS, STELLA ANNE (1903-1953) was born 1903, Albany, WA [Reg. 5601]. Registered as Stella Annie. She died 5 Feb 1953, Mosman Park, WA [Reg. 363]. **STELLA** married **GORDON BERTRAM SEGROTT (1889-1952)**, 1925, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 20]. **GORDON BERTRAM** was born 1889, Doncaster, Yorkshire West Riding, England. Parents: **Charles Segrott (1859-1911)** and **MARTHA ANNE STEAD (1860-1945)** who were married 27 Apr 1884, St George, Doncaster, York, England. Gordon Bertram Segrott died 29 Oct 1952, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 346].

CHILDREN OF CHARLES SEGROTT (1859-1911) AND MARTHA ANNE STEAD (1860-1945)

1. CHARLES H SEGROTT (1885-1960),
2. ROBERT FRANCIS SEGROTT (1886-1960), and
3. GORDON BERTRAM SEGROTT (1889-1952).

1891 England Census:
Charles and Martha Segrott with their children: Charles, Robert and Gordon and niece Julia.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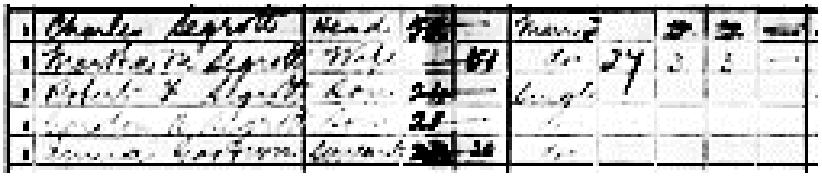
Martha M do	Wife	M		30	
Charles H do	Son		6		Scholar
Robert F do	Son		4		do
Gordon B do	Son		1		
Julia Bramham	Niece				

1911 England Census:
Railway carriage builder.
Charles and Martha with sons Robert and Gordon plus Emma Goodwin a servant, house maid.



Emigration: Gordon B Segrott, British, Arrival Fremantle via *Otranto*, 9 Jul 1912.

WW1: 17 Jul 16 Joined 16th Battalion. From 14th. Aust Div. Base Dpt. Malta and France

SEGROTT Gordon Bertram: Service Number - 1522: Place of Birth - Doncaster England: Place of Enlistment - Blackboy Hill WA: Next of Kin - (Mother) SEGROTT Mrs

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Electoral Roll:
Gordon Bertram and Annie Segrott, various spellings of Ann, Annie
1922 Gordon Bertram Segrott, Quarantine Station Albany, civil servant.
1925 Gordon Bertram Segrott, 23 Victoria St, East Fremantle, quarantine officer.
1925, 1916, 1925 Gordon Bertram Segrott, 116 East Street, East Fremantle, Quarantine officer, Stella Annie, married.
1943 Stella Ann Segrott, 34 Erne St, Cottesloe, home duties

THIRD CHILD OF ANNE BLECHYNDEN & THOMAS EDWARD

3. EDWARDS, LOUIS AYLING (1867-1944) & ROBINSON, ANNIE 'ANN' ELIZABETH (~1866-1963)

Louis Edwards was born 18 May 1867, 'Speldhurst', Beverley, WA [Reg. 9935A], father, Thomas, Mother Anne E. He married **ANNIE ELIZABETH ROBINSON (1867-1963)** 1896. St Paul's Church, Beverley, WA [Reg. 4]. Recorded as Annie. Louis inherited a half share in 'Speldhurst' when his Uncles Charles died. He died 26 Jan 1944, Rockingham, WA [Reg No. 6].

***The West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954) Wed 20 May 1896, Pg 4:**
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MARRIAGE NOTICE. EDWARDS—ROBINSON. *—At St. Paul's Church, Beverley, April 29th, by the Rev. Canon Groser, A. D. Louis, third son of Mr. Thomas Edwards, of Mount Pleasant, Beverley, to Annie Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr. Thomas Robinson, of Melbourne, Victoria.*

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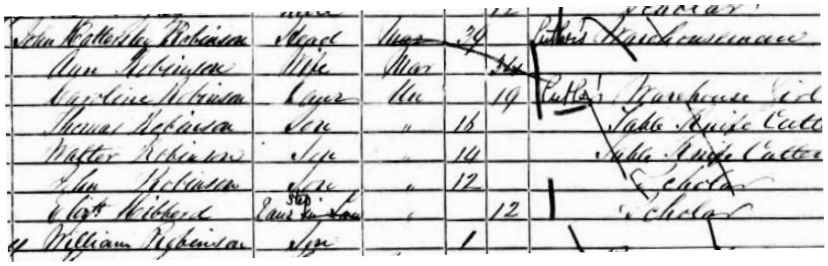
Ann Robinson was born about 1866, Sheffield, Yorkshire, England. Parents: **THOMAS ROBINSON (1845-1920)** and **ELIZABETH BRAYSHAW (1846-1934)** who were married 1865, Ecclesall Bierlow, Yorkshire, West Riding, England. Annie died 10 Oct 1963, Subiaco, WA [Reg. 103017], aged 96 years. Parents registered as Thomas Robinson and Elizabeth Brayshaw.

The following four pages have details of Annie Elizabeth Robinson's parents, Thomas Robinson (1845-1920) and Elizabeth Brayshaw (1848-1934) and her grandparents showing how they emigrated from England to WA.

THOMAS ROBINSON (1845-1920), Annie Elizabeth Robinson's father, was born about 1845, Sheffield, Yorkshire, England. Parents: **JOHN HATTERSLEY ROBINSON (1822-1895)** and **ELIZABETH WHITTAKER (1822-)** who were married 1841, Sheffield, Yorkshire, West Riding, England. **Thomas died 4 Aug 1920**, Perth, WA [Reg. 102].

1861 Census, Yorkshire, Sheffield, England

John Hattersley and Ann Robinson.
Children: Ann, Caroline, ***Thomas****, Walter and William.*

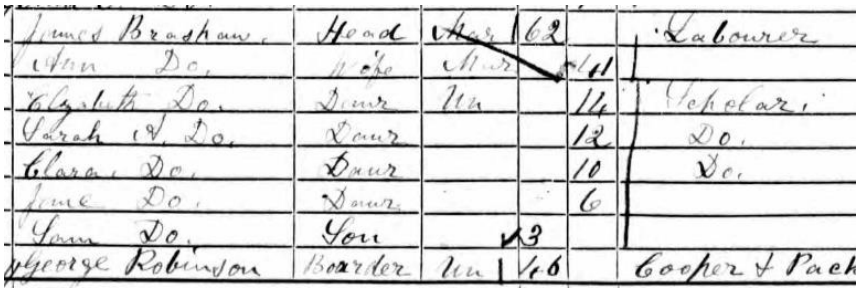


ELIZABETH BRAYSHAW (1846-1934) Annie Elizabeth Robinson's mother

Elizabeth Brayshaw was born 20 Dec 1846, York, Yorkshire, England. Parents: **JAMES BRAYSHAW (1799-1867)** and **ANN WRAGG (1820-1889)**. Elizabeth Robinson (nee Brayshaw) died 30 Nov 1934, Mt Lawley, Perth, WA [Reg. 102043]. Parents recorded as unknown Bradshaw and Ann Wragg.

1861 Census Yorkshire, England, Ecclesall Bierlow: James Bradshaw and Ann Wragg:

James and Ann Brayshaw with their children: Elizabeth, Sarah A, Clara, Jane and Sam. Interesting that George Robinson is a boarder.



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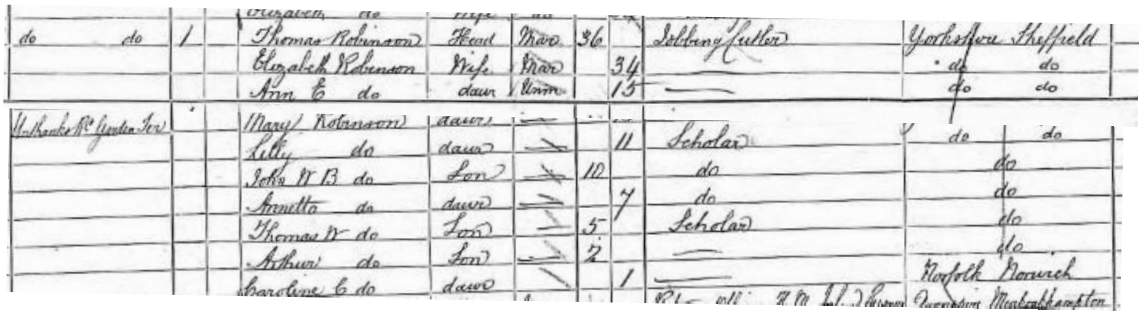
Census England 1881



Thomas and Elizabeth Robinson and their children: Ann E, Mary, Lilly, John HB, Annetta, Thomas, Arthur, and Caroline. Jane was born in 1882. Thomas and Elizabeth Robinson and all of these children emigrated to WA in 1886-1887.

EMIGRATION:

West Australian **(Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Sat 18 Dec 1886, pg 5**
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LIST OF IMMIGRANTS PER 'HAMPSHIRE'.
West Australian Government Passengers, 18 Dec 1886.

Lilly Robinson and Ann E. Robinson. Ann would have been 20 years and Lilly 16 years of age. The two young women appear to have come out on their own, followed six months later by the rest of the family.

LIST OF IMMIGRANTS PER 'YEOMAN'.
Arrival Fremantle, WA, date 23 Jun 1887, via 'Yeoman':
Elizabeth and Thomas Robinson – turner, and their children: Thomas, Arthur, Caroline, Jane, Anetta and John.

CHILDREN OF THOMAS ROBINSON (1845-1920) AND ELIZABETH BRAYSHAW (1848-1934):
Via Opie Family Tree, Ancestry.

1. ANNIE ELIZABETH ROBINSON (1866-1963) married **LOUIS AYLING EDWARDS (1867-1944)** 1896. St Paul's Church, Beverley, WA [Reg. 4]. More details on this couple in this chapter.

2. MARY ANN ROBINSON (1868-1896) Died 1896, Beverley, WA [Reg. 21], aged 28 years, daughter of Thomas Robinson and Elizabeth Brayshaw.

3. LILLY MARTHA ROBINSON (1870-1960) married **ALFRED JOSEPH BROWN (1867-1913)** 1891, VIC [Reg. 4084]. They had two children: **1. ERNEST ALFRED BROWN (1892-1987) 2. CHARLES BROWN (1894-1965)**. Lily Brown (nee Robinson) died 1960, Mount Albert, VIC [Reg. 6343], aged 90 years, daughter of Thomas Robinson and Elizabeth Brayshaw.

Electoral Roll:
1910 Alfred Joseph Brown, Martha St, Guilford, fitter, Lilly Martha, married.

4. JOHN WILLIAM BRAYSHAW ROBINSON (1871-) married **m2. ALICE MARY SHEARS (1867-1952)** 1900, Kalgoorlie, WA [Reg. 307].

***Sun* (Kalgoorlie, WA: 1898 - 1929), Sun 8 Apr 1900, pg 1**
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APPROACHING WEDDINGS - A Matrimonial Boom.

John William Brayshaw Robinson, engineering machinist Kalgoorlie, and Alice Mary Shears, Kalgoorlie.

***Kalgoorlie Miner* (WA: 1895 - 1954), Sat 12 May 1906, pg 5**
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Engine-Drivers' Examinations.
SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES. PERTH, May 11. . .
John William Brayshaw Robinson

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m1. ALICE MARY PALLOT married **GEORGE WILLIAM ROUNELL LIDSTONE SHEARS (1862-1895)**, 1891, VIC [Reg. 4101]. Alice Mary and George Shears had one Child.
1. GEORGE HAROLD FRANCIS WILLIAM ROUNELL SHEARS (1892-1893).

Following her husband George's death Alice married John William B. Robinson – see above.

JOHN WILLIAM BRAYSHAW ROBINSON AND ALICE MARY ROBINSON HAD TWO CHILDREN.

1. JOHN KEITH ROBINSON (1901-1987)
2. DONALD HATTERSLEY ROBINSON (1903-1952).

Electoral Roll:
1910 John William Brayshaw Robinson, James St, West Guildford, fitter and turner, Alice Mary, married.
1943 John William Brayshaw Robinson, 23 Coronation St, North Perth, engineer, Alice Mary, home duties.
1954 John William Brayshaw Robinson, 139 Grand Parade, Rockdale, WA, engineer.

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5. ANNETTA ROBINSON (1874-1956) married **WILLIAM JOHN BIRT (1874-1946)** 1906, Guilford, WA [Reg. 6100012]. Annetta died 1956, Mount Lawley, WA [Reg. 102208], aged 83 years.

Electoral Roll:
1909 William John Birt, 20 Parry St, Perth, coach builder, Annetta, domestic duties.

6. THOMAS WHITTAKER ROBINSON (1876-1942) married **ELEANOR GERTRUDE SEWELL (1881-1964)** 1905, Kellerberrin, WA [Reg. 1094].

***West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Mon 27 Feb 1905, pg 1**
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ROBINSON—SEWELL. — *On February 8, at Kellerberrin Hall, by the Rev. C. A. Jenkins,* ***Thomas Whittaker****, third surviving son of* ***Thomas Robinson, late of Melbourne, Victoria****, formerly of Sheffield, England, to* ***Eleanor Gertrude (Nellie)****, youngest daughter of the late* ***Frederick Sewell****, Esq., of Mount Caroline.*

Thomas Whittaker Robinson died 1842, Subiaco, Perth, WA [Reg. 101807], aged 67 years, **son of Thomas Robinson and Elizabeth Brayshaw.**

Electoral Roll:
1919 Thomas Whittaker Robinson, Rutland Av. Victoria Park, East, farmer, Eleanor Gertrude, wife.

7. ARTHUR ROBINSON (1879-1964) Died 1964, Victoria Park, Perth WA [Reg. 1028], aged 86 years, son of Thomas Robinson and Elizabeth Brayshaw.

ARTHUR ROBINSON (1879-1964) married **ROSINA CAROLINE LAWRENCE (1872-1951)** 1906, Guildford, Swan, WA [Reg. 6100045].

8. CAROLINE CLARA ROBINSON (1880-1968) married **SAMUEL FORD BAILEY (1874-1959)** 1903, Beverley, WA Reg. 16].
Caroline Clara Bailey (nee Robinson) died 1968, Narrogin, WA [Reg. 6700059], aged 88 years, daughter of Thomas Robinson and Elizabeth Brayshaw.

Electoral Roll:
1910 Samuel Ford Bailey, Meddeberrin, Pingelly, farmer, Caroline Clara, married.

9. JANE AMELIA ROBINSON (1883-1968) married **ARTHUR EDWARD SEWELL (1873-1955)** 1903, Pingelly, WA [Reg. 7].

***West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Wed 10 Jun 1903, pg 1**
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MARRIAGE. SEWELL — ROBINSON. — *On Tue afternoon, May 19, at the residence of Thos. W. Robinson, Pingelly, by the Rev. E. L. Coulter.* ***Arthur Edward****, only son of* ***John Edward Sewell****, of*

*Beamara, Pingelly, to **Jane Amelia (Jennie)**, youngest daughter of **Thomas and Elizabeth Robinson (late of Melbourne, Victoria)**.*

Jane Amelia Sewell (nee Robinson) died 1968, North Perth, WA [Reg. 103062], aged 85 years, daughter of Thomas Robinson and Elizabeth Brayshaw.

Electoral Roll:
1910 Arthur Edward Sewell, Beamara, Pingelly, farm assistant, Jane Amelia, domestic duties.

Thomas Robinson died 4 Aug 1920, Perth, WA [Reg.101039]. Parents recorded as John Hattisley and Elizabeth Whittaker.

Elizabeth Robinson (nee Brayshaw) died 1934, Mt Lawley, Perth, WA [Reg. 102043]. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery, WA.

***Daily News* (Perth, WA: 1882 - 1955), Wed 11 Aug 1920, pg 1**
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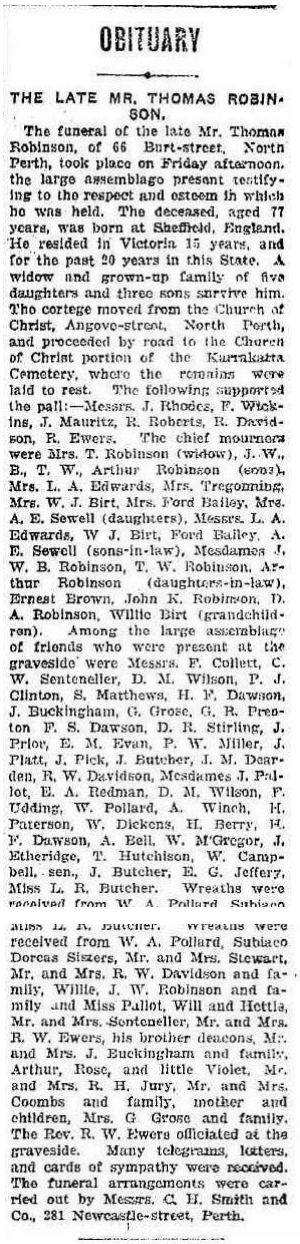
OBITUARY

THE LATE MR. THOMAS ROBINSON.

The funeral of the late Mr. Thomas Robinson, of 66 Burt-street, North Perth, took place on Friday afternoon. the large assemblage present testifying to the respect and esteem in which he was held. The deceased, aged 77 years, was born at Sheffield, England. He resided in Victoria 15 years, and for the past 20 years in this State. A widow and grown-up family of five daughters and three sons survive him. The cortege moved from the Church of Christ, Angove-street, North Perth, and proceeded by road to the Church of Christ portion of the Karrakatta Cemetery, where the remains were laid to rest. The following supported the pall: —Messrs. J. Rhodes, F. Wickins, J. Mauritz, R. Roberts, R. Davidson, R. Ewers. The chief mourners were Mrs. T. Robinson (widow), J. W., B., T, W., Arthur Robinson (sons)., Mrs. L. A. Edwards, Mrs. Tregonning, Mrs. W. J. Birt, Mrs. Ford Bailey, Mrs. A. E. Sewell (daughters), Messrs. L. A. Edwards, W J. Birt, Ford Bailey, A. E. Sewell (sons-in-law), Mesdames J, W, B. Robinson, T. W. Robinson, Arthur Robinson (daughters-in-law), Ernest Brown, John K, Robinson, D. A. Robinson, Willie Birt (grandchildren). Among the large assemblage of friends who were present at the graveside were Messrs. F. Collett, C. W. Senteneller, D. M. Wilson, P. J. Clinton, B. Matthews, H. F. Dawson, J. Buckingham, G. Grose. G. R. Pres-ton F. S. Dawson, D. R. Stirling, J. Prior, E. M. Evan, P. W. Miller, J. Platt, J. Pick, J. Butcher, J. M. Dear den, R. W. Davidson, Mesdames J. Pal lot, E. A. Redman, D. M. Wilson, F. Udding, W. Pollard, A. Winch, H. Paterson, W. Dickens, H. Berry, H. F. Dawson, A. Bell, W. McGregor, J. Etheridge, T. Hutchison, W. Campbell, sen., J. Butcher, E. G. Jeffery, Miss L. R, Butcher. Wreaths were received from W. A. Pollard, Subiaco Dorcas Sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Davidson and family, Willie, J. W. Robinson and family and Miss Pallot, Will and Hettie, Mr. and Mrs. Senteneller, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Ewers, his brother deacons, Mr. and Mrs. J. Buckingham and family, Arthur, Rose, and little Violet, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Jury, Mr. and Mrs. Coombs and family, mother and children, Mrs. G Grose and family. The Rev. R. W. Ewers officiated at the graveside. Many telegrams, letters, and cards of sympathy were received. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. C. H. Smith and Co., 281 Newcastle- street, Perth.



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***Daily News* (Perth, WA: 1882 - 1955), Sat 1 Dec 1934, pg 17**
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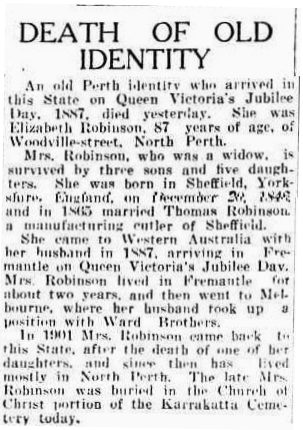
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LOUIS and **ANNIE** had two children as follows. More details on these children in their own individual sections.

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2. ERNEST WALTER EDWARDS (1899-1984)

Electoral Roll:
Indicates the extended family registered at 'Speldhurst' plus other properties Ernest and Ruby resided at in the district.
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1925, Ernest Walter Edwards, 'Speldhurst', Beverley, farmer.
1925 Ruby Merle Brown, 'The Park', Beverley. Home duties. (See further down, Ruby Brown married Ernest Walter Edwards)
1925 Dean Murdock Brown, 'The Park', Beverley, farmer
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1972 Ernest Walter Edwards, Hunt Rd, Beverley. Ruby Merle Edwards, Hunt Rd, Beverley.

Louis Ayling Edwards (1867-1944) died 26 Jan 1944, Rockingham, WA [Reg. 6], aged 75 Years. Buried at the Beverley, Anglican Cemetery, WA.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977) Fri 28 Jan 1944, Pg 2:**

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OBITUARY. A Link With the Early Days.

PASSING OF MR L. A. EDWARDS.

Death severed a link with the earliest days of our district and State this week when it claimed Mr Louis Ayling Edwards, formerly of Speldhurst and latterly of Forrest Street, Beverley. Deceased who was 76 years of age, was born in the district, and except for very short periods has lived the whole of his life within its boundaries. He succeeded to land which his father owned before him and which even earlier his grandparents had controlled. The latter landed from the ill-fated "Rockingham" in 1829 (ed 1830) and made their first acquaintance with the district when they came here to manage the estate of the late A H Stone, which then comprised the properties now known as Seaton Ross, Mt Pleasant and Speldhurst. It was the latter property which afterwards came under the control of the late Mr Edwards and here the greater part of his life was spent, his interest in the property only ceasing when after a period of management by his son, Ernest, it passed out of the control of the Edwards family a few years ago. From then on, he lived in retirement at a home he purchased in Beverley. His demise occurred at the Beverley Hospital on Tuesday night and came as a release from much suffering. No district family has a longer association with Beverley than that of the Edwards'. In all-spheres of activity successive generations have played their part, and as a remit of his lifetime association Mr Edwards was ever a fund of interesting information concerning the early days. He took a keen interest in all matters appertaining to the district's advancement and in his younger period was actively associated with many bodies. We propose to deal more fully with the family's association with the district in next issue and in the meantime, tribute is paid to the deceased as a good friend whom it was a pleasure to converse with. He was one of Nature's gentlemen, tolerant, just and with a kind word for all, who set an example of Christian living to all with whom be came in contact.

Deceased is survived by a widow, one son (Ernest) and two brothers Peter (Beverley) and Walter (Lomos). To these the sympathy of a district wide circle of friends is extended. One son, Bert, was killed in action in the first World War.

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***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 11 Feb 1944, pg 5**
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The late Mr L A Edwards (Louis Ayling Edwards)
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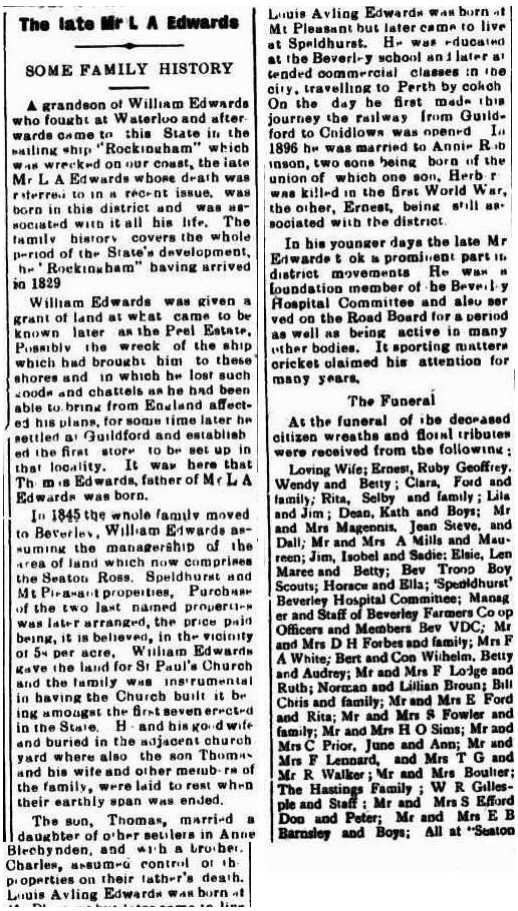
In 1845 the whole family moved to Beverley, William Edwards assuming the managership of the area of land which now comprises the Seaton Ross. Speldhurst and Mt Pleasant properties. Purchase of the two last named properties was later arranged, the price paid being, it is believed, in the vicinity of 5s per acre. William Edwards gave the land for St Paul's Church and the family was instrumental in having the Church built, it being amongst the first seven erected in the State. He and his good wife and buried in the adjacent church yard where also the son Thomas and his wife and other members of the family, were laid to rest when their earthly span was ended.



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In 1845 the whole family moved to Beverley, William Edwards assuming the managership of the area of land which now comprises the Seaton Ross. Speldhurst and Mt Pleasant properties. Purchase of the two last named properties was later arranged, the price paid being, it is believed, in the vicinity of 5s per acre. William Edwards gave the land for St Paul's Church and the family was instrumental in having the Church built it being amongst the first seven erected in the State. He and his good wife and buried in the adjacent church yard where also the son Thomas and his wife and other members of the family, were laid to rest when their earthly span was ended.

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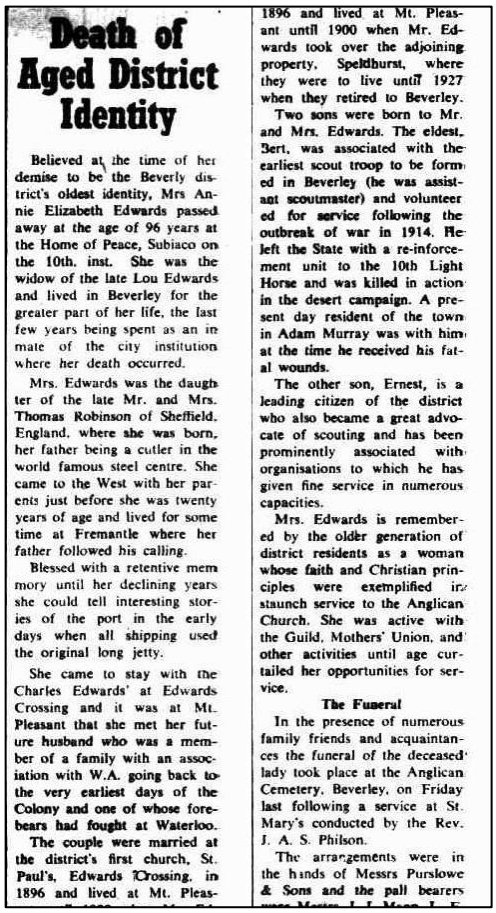

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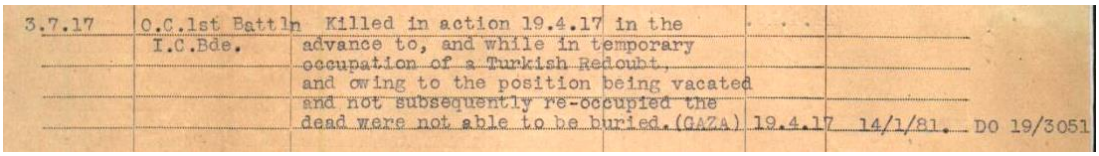
1. EDWARDS, HERBERT 'BERT' THOMAS NOEL (1897-1917) was born 19 Feb 1897, Beverley WA [Reg. 9].

WW1: B2455 EDWARDS H T N Edwards Herbert Thomas Noel: SERN 2815: POB Beverley WA: POE Perth WA: NOK F Edwards Louis Ayling.

Herbert Thomas Noel Edwards signed his enlistment papers at Beverley on the 4 April 1916. He listed his occupation as farmer. On 9 Aug 1916 he reported for duty at Moscar and in September was detached to the Camel Corps at Abbasia. Tragically on 19 April 2017 he was Killed in Action at Gaza. His papers can be accessed in the Australian Service Records.

HERBERT THOMAS NOEL EDWARDS: KILLED IN ACTION 19 Apr 1917, GAZA



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Herbert is listed in the Jerusalem Memorial Cemetery, Israel. Panel 10. As per his war record above, there is no grave for Herbert as the dead were not able to be buried. His full record is able to be viewed on-line in the Nation Archives by quoting his Service number 2816. He enlisted in the 10th Light Horse then detached to the Camel Corps on 9 Sep 1916.

This would have been a very hard situation for his family. He was only 20 years of age.

2nd CHILD OF LOUIS AYLING EDWARDS AND ANNIE ELIZABETH ROBINSON

2. EDWARDS, ERNEST WALTER (1899-1984) was born 6 Jul 1899, 'Speldhurst', Beverley, WA [Reg. 23]. He married RUBY MERLE BROWN (1902-1992), 31 Aug 1927, Beverley WA [Reg No 34]. Ernest ran the garage in Beverley. He died 28 Oct 1984, Rockingham, WA. **RUBY** (via Edwards family Tree, Ancestry) was born 19 Jan 1902, Mooroopna, VIC [Reg. 4748]. Father, **WILLIAM BROWN (1873-1938)**, mother, **KATE LUCY MURDOCH (1870-1943)** who were married 10 Apr 1901, Graytown, VIC. Ruby died 15 Jun 1992, Osborne Park, WA.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 9 Sep 1927, pg 1**
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Parents **WILLIAM HAMILTON BROWN (1839-191)** and **ANNA FOAN (1852-1932)** who were married 21 Mar 1872, Heathcote, CIC [Reg. 778].
William Brown died 11 Feb 1938, Perth, WA [Reg. 1862]. Buried Beverley Cemetery, WA.

KATE LUCY MURDOCH (1870-1943) Ruby's mother

Kate Lucy Murdoch was born 3 Mar 1870, Spring Creek, Nagambie, VIC [Reg. 11925]. Parents: **JAMES MURDOCH** and **SARAH ANN PAINTER (1843-1917)** who were married 1867, VIC [Reg. 2403].
Kate Lucy Brown (nee Murdoch) died 19 Jan 1943, Beverley, WA [Reg. 5]. Buried, Beverley cemetery, WA.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM BROWN (1873-1939) AND KATE LUCY MURDOCH (1870-1943):

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2. DEAN MURDOCH BROWN (1904-1980) was born 21 Jan 1904, Subiaco, (Perth), WA [Reg. 4539]. Dean Murdoch Brown died 4 Jul 1980, Subiaco, WA. **DEAN** married **KATHLEEN MAY FILMER (1908-2007)**, 3 Oct 1934, Blackwood, SA [Pg. 3091, Vol. 351]. Kathleen May Brown died 25 Oct 2007, Cottesloe, WA.

3. WILLIAM WALLACE BROWN (1905-1906) was born 1905, Collie, WA [Reg. 7259]. William died as a baby 1906, Wellington, WA [Reg. 7].

Electoral Roll:
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1958 Ernest Walter Edwards, Hunt Rd, Beverley, farmer, Ruby Merle, home duties.
1977, 1980 Ernest Walter Edwards, 42 Hunt Rd, Beverley, farmer, Ruby Merle, home duties.

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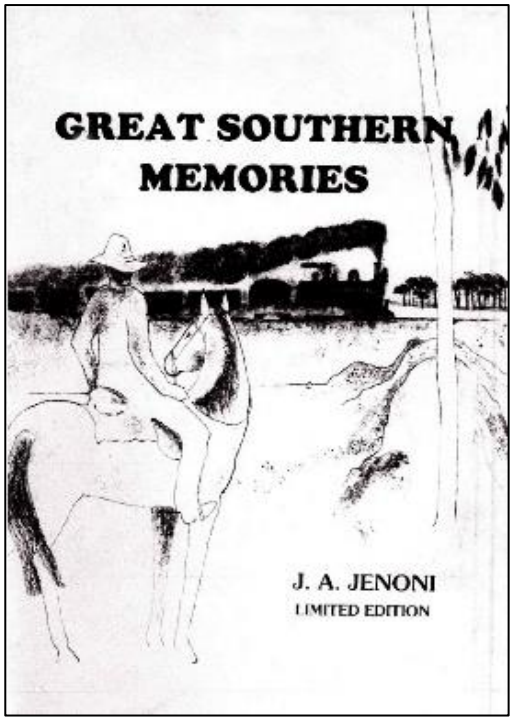
Courtesy Lindsay Adams: via grandparents Frank and Ella, Christmas gift, 1983.



A compilation of very, short family histories from the Great Southern (which, in the case of this book, extends to Beverley), included are the pieces on the **Blechyndens Roesland - Redhill** and of **Ernest Walter Edwards of Beverley**.

ERNEST WALTER EDWARDS OF BEVERLEY

Ernest Walter Edwards of Beverley says that the first of his family to come to Western Australia was great grandfather William Edwards a veteran who served under Wellington during the Peninsular Wars and at Waterloo.

Ernest had many mementos of 'Waterloo' William as he affectionately calls his ancestor. Campaign medals list the various battles including one in Spain which took place at Barossa, probably a quiet little wine producing area before the day it was over-run by the two opposing armies.

Our own Barossa Valley is undoubtedly named after this Spanish Barossa.

William's special 1815 Waterloo medal and the bayonet he carried in the battle are among Ernest's souvenirs from the life of his great grandfather.

Waterloo William, born in 1792 in Kent had a farm in the south of England after his war service had ended.

He had married Eleanor Ayling and they had four children before deciding to come to Western Australia to take part in a great land settlement scheme organised by Thomas Peel.

William, his wife and four children arrived in the year 1830 aboard the sailing ship 'Rockingham' after a long, slow, six month voyage. The ship under command of Captain Haliburton, and with 172 persons aboard including 75 children, entered Cockburn Sound but before disembarking a storm arose casting the ship ashore. Despite the conditions the crew and adult passengers managed to struggle through the surf to safety carrying with them the smaller children. Out of the 172 fortunately none were lost.

This happened on the 14th of May 1830 near where a wheat loading terminal now stands. The town of Rockingham gets its name from the event. A plaque set in ballast stones has been erected to mark the spot. Later the wreck of a steamer nearby (the 'S S Kwinana') is remembered as a place name in the area near Rockingham.

Neither William nor the other prospective settlers could see any

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future in the rough sandy country they were expected to farm so he took a job on a farm at Guildford. Later he leased a farm in the area from Governor Stirling until he managed to buy a one hundred acre property of his own. William paid 200 bushels of wheat for his new farm and nearby bought a house on 3½ acres for 9 goats (value $40).

In 1842 William leased land at York where the present 'Sandgate' property at Gilgering is situated. He opened a store at York which was carried on by three generations of the family. Presently it is the site of the York Co-op.

In the mid 1850's Waterloo William purchased for 800 pounds ($1600) 3,549 acres in the Beverley district and part of this land is still owned by his descendants under the name Mt Pleasant.

Four more children were born to William and Eleanor Edwards in Australia making eight in all.

William, born in 1792, died in 1865 while his widow Eleanor, born 1798 survived till 1871.

Thomas Edwards, the youngest son, carried on farming at Mt Pleasant while another brother had a property called 'Speldhurst' in Beverley.

Louis Ayling Edwards, the son of Thomas, married Annie Elizabeth Robinson, an English girl and they had two sons. The elder, Herbert, served in the middle east during World War One as part of the 'Camel Corps' and was killed at the second battle of Gaza.

The younger boy, Ernest Walter, was working in a bank but left this to join his father on the 'Speldhurst' farm.

There are still remains of pioneering buildings on 'Speldhurst' Ernest says. As he is well past the 80 year mark himself he can recall a great deal about pioneering in the district. Settlers used the natural building materials available. Mud walls, mallett bark rafters, and thatch from blackboy rushes for the roof. The floors of stamped down mud glazed with a mixture made from dissolving wattle and jam tree gum, were very durable.

Farmers drove horse teams which pulled ploughs and old time strippers before the great day when H V McKay developed his harvester which stripped, thrashed and winnowed the grain ready for bagging. Before that time, one turned the handle all day of a winnowing machine to finally clean the wheat or oats.

Horses and wagons would then cart the wheat to flour mills until 1910 when the local mill burned down on Christmas Day of that year. Ernest mentions here that John Mann's grandfather was a Beverley miller in the early days.

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York had flour mills where local wheat was processed into various grain products so Beverley ceased as a milling town.

Ernest Walter Edwards married Ruby Brown, born in Victoria, whose family came to Beverley to farm.

Ernest and Ruby have one son, Geofrey Ernest, who is farming 'The Park', the old Brown property. Geofrey's son Ian is also on the farm.

Ernest says 'The Park' was named by a previous occupier Robert Bowyer Smith, a man who claims a place in agricultural history. This man invented the stump plough and further developed it during his time in Beverley. 'Stumpjump' Smith as he was known, obviated all the back breaking grubbing of tree stumps which had to take place before the old set ploughs could be used. Grain growing increased rapidly when using this invention and production climbed to unheard of figures.

Ernest and Ruby also have a daughter Wendy who is married to Neil Williamson from a Beverley farming family. Neil is stock manager for Elder Smith and Company in Perth.

Ruby's brother Dean Brown became well-known for his pearl culture activities at Cygnet Bay. Nowadays two of his sons are running the venture.

Ernest Edwards has been involved in football, cricket, rifle shooting, and lawn bowls. He has been awarded a certificate for long service on the Hospital Board. He has been a Justice of the Peace for 42 years and is a life member of the Agricultural Society. He says, "I seem to have been in everything except local Government."

He believes that Beverley is a place to find good people, good land, and good sheep. It is also not a bad place for local people to retire.

FOURTH CHILD OF ANNE BLECHYNDEN & THOMAS EDWARDS

4. EDWARDS, ARTHUR WILLIAM (1868-1932) & SMITH, MONA (1880-1929)

ARTHUR WILLIAM EDWARDS (1868-1932) was born 17 Dec 1868, Beverley, WA [Reg. 11226A]. He married **MONA SMITH (1880-1929)**, 26 Aug 1903, in Beverley, WA [Reg. 15]. Mona was born 7 Oct 1880, Beverley, WA [Reg. 21480]. Her parents **LEWIS HERBERT SMITH (1857-1940)** and **MARY WILSON BLOOMFIELD (1862-1931)** were married in Beverley in 1878, WA [Reg. 4556], registered under Bloomfield. Mona Edwards (nee Smith) died 28 Sep 1929, Beverley, WA [Reg. 70].

LEWIS HERBERT SMITH (1853-1940), via Power Family Tree, Ancestry, was born 4 Jul 1853, (via Find a Grave, can't find birth in WA records). baptised 22 Apr 1859, Beverley, WA. His parents **CHARLES SMITH (1803-1886)** and **AMELIA ANN CHAPMAN (1814-1881)** were married 23 Apr 1831, Swan River Colony, WA [FH Film Mo. 284850]. Lewis died 20 Apr 1940, Beverley, WA [Reg. 20]. Buried Beverley Anglican Cemetery. **MARY WILSON BLOOMFIELD (1862-1931)** was born 1862, York, WA [Reg. 6411], registered under Broomfield. Parents **JOSEPH WILLIAM BLOOMFIELD (1818-1887)** and **MARGARET QUINLAN (1833-1909)** who were married 1856, York, WA [Reg. 942]. Registered under Broomfield. Mary Wilson Smith (nee Bloomfield) died 1931, Beverley, WA [Reg. 21]. **LEWIS** and **MARY** had nine children. All births recorded the mother as Mary Bloomfield.

1. **MONA SMITH (1880-1929)** was born 1880, Beverley, WA [Reg. 21480]. **MONA** married **ARTHUR WILLIAM EDWARDS (1868-1932)** as detailed above.

2. SEPTIMUS SMITH (1882-1954) was born 1882, Beverley, WA. Septimus died 27 Sep 1954, Beverley, WA [Reg. 35]. Parents: Lewis H Smith and Mary.

3. SOPHIE SMITH (1884-1953) was born 1884, Beverley, WA [Reg. 25039]. SOPHIE married ALFRED THOMAS WALKER (1884-1955) 1909, Beverley, WA [Reg. 7]. Sophie Walker (nee Smith) died 29 Dec 1953, Nedlands, (Perth), WA [Reg. 3041].

4. KENNETH SMITH (1885-1954) was born 1885, Beverley, WA [Reg. 26960]. Kenneth died 8 May 1954, Beverley, WA [Reg. 19], aged 68 years.

5. EVA SMITH (1888-1963) was born 1888, Beverley, WA [Reg. 243]. Father's name recorded as Louis. EVA married HARRY PERCY WALKER (1889-1965) 10 Sep 1919, Beverley, WA [Reg. 24]. She died 22 Sep 1963, Quairading, WA [Reg. 22].

6. ANNIE SMITH (1889-1942) was born 2 Nov 1889, Beverley, WA [Reg No. 1461]. ANNIE married ONSLOW ERNEST HENRY FLEAY (1886-1950) 15 Jul 1914, Beverley, WA [Reg.22]. Annie died 8 Dec 1942, Beverley, WA [Reg No. 54], drowned.

7. LILIAN 'TUP' SMITH (1897-1992) was born 2 Jan 1897, Beverley, WA [Reg. 6]. Father recorded as Louis. LILIAN married HENRY WILLIAM WATMAN (1895-1974) 6 May 1926, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400018]. Lilian died 1992, Pingelly, WA.

8. MENA SMITH (1899-1960) was born 16 Dec 1899, Beverley, WA [Reg. 10]. Mena Smith died 21 May 1960, Beverley, WA [Reg. 10]. Registered in York.

9. LAURA SMITH (1902-1948) was born 14 Sep 1902, Beverley, WA [Reg. 47]. LAURA married ROBERT 'GEORGE' DIXON (1899-1965). Laura died 7 Aug 1948, Inglewood, WA [Reg. 1784].

ARTHUR and **MONA** had two daughters as follows. More details can be found in their Individual sections.

1. **ELSIE CLARINDA USEBIA EDWARDS (1905-2007)**, and
2. **LILA BEVERLEY EDWARDS (1909-2009)**.

Electoral Roll:
1909, 1925, 1931 Arthur William Edwards, Mt. Pleasant, farmer, Mona, married.

Mona Edwards (nee Smith) died 28 Sep 1929, Beverley, WA. Buried, Beverley, WA, Anglican Cemetery. **Arthur William Edwards died 2 Apr 1932**, Beverley, WA [Reg. 18]. Buried, Beverley, WA, Anglican Cemetery.

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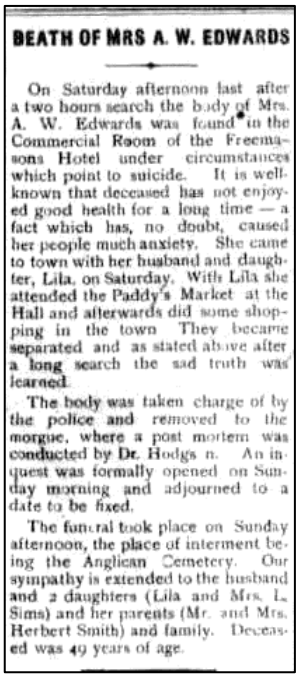
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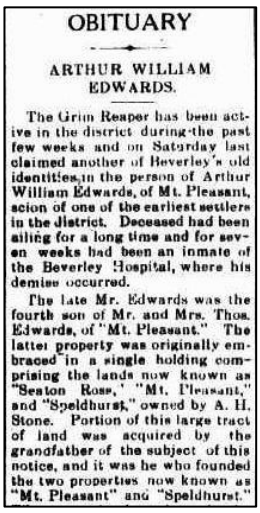
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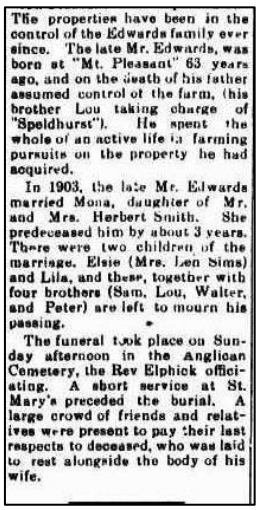
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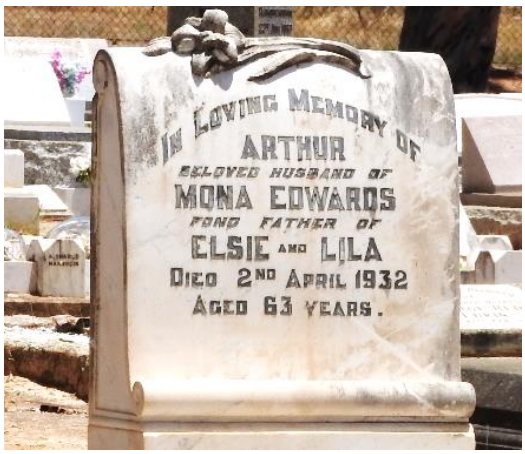

Headstones of Arthur William Edwards and Mona Edwards (nee Smith), Beverley, Anglican Cemetery, WA.

1st CHILD OF ARTHUR WILLIAM EDWARDS & MONA SMITH

1. EDWARDS, ELSIE CLARINDA USEBIA (1905-2007) was born 2 Apr 1905, Beverley, WA [Reg. 16]. **ELSIE** married **LEONARD FRANCIS SIMS (1903-1963)**, 1929, Beverley, WA [Reg. 35]. Elsie died 15 Sep 2007, Beverley, WA, aged 102 years. Buried, Beverley Anglican Cemetery. **LEONARD** was born 3 Dec 1903, 'Greenhills', York, WA [Reg. 7276], father, **m.2 HENRY OLIVER SIMS (1876-1946)**, mother, **AMELIA WHITE (1882-1953)** who were married 1901, York, WA [Reg. 7276]. When Leonard was about eighteen years of age, he and his parents, in 1921, acquired and farmed an area of the 'St Aubyns' estate which was close to the Blechynden family at 'Babbyalla'. Leonard Francis Sims died 27 Nov 1963, Perth, WA [Reg. 3544], aged 60 years. Buried, Beverley Anglican Cemetery.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977) Fri 26 Jul 1929, Pg 1:**
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Wedding Bells

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The next pages have details of Leonard Francis Sims' parents Henry and Amelia and his maternal and paternal grandparents, telling the story of how they moved interstate to WA.

HENRY OLIVER SIMS (1876-1946), Leonard Francis Sims' father, was born 25 Feb 1876, Mount Torres, Talunga, SA [Pg. 50 Vol 163]. His parents were **HENRY ALFRED SIMS (1840-1916)** and **THERESA 'MARY ANN' JOSEPHS (1852-1942)** who were married 15 Apr 1871, Presbyterian Manse, Mount Pleasant, SA [Pg. 133 Vol 87]. Registered as Mary Ann Josephs.

m1. HENRY OLIVER SIMS (1876-1946) married **FRANCESCA 'FANNY' SULLIVAN (1870-1897)** 1896, Kalgoorlie, WA [Reg. 136]. Recorded as Francesca Sullivan. **FRANCESCA** was born 1870, Atherly, Clare, SA [Pg 215 Vol 86]. Recorded as Francis, parents Nicholas Sullivan and Bridget Walsh. **NICHOLAS SULLIVAN (1831-1903)** and **BRIDGET WALSH (1833-1905)** were married 27 Nov 1858, Hill River, Clare, SA [pg. 143 Vol 36]. Francesca Sims (nee Sullivan) died 1897, Perth, WA [Reg. 1633]. Recorded as Francesca. **HENRY** and **FRANCESCA** had one child.

1. HENRY SIMS (1897-1897) was born 25 Jan 1897, Perth, WA [Reg. 2174]. He 27 Jan 1897 aged two days, [Reg. 1635].

Following the death of his wife Francesca, Henry Oliver Sims married again. **m.2 HENRY OLIVER SIMS (1876-1946)** married **AMELIA WHITE (1882-1953)** 1901, York, WA [Reg. 7276]. They had seven children. (See details below). Henry died 2 Nov 1946, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400031], aged 70 years.

Leonard's grandparents, **HENRY ALFRED SIMS (1840-1916)** and **THERESA 'MARY ANN' JOSEPHS (1852-1942)** had 14 children. They were all born in WA except for the last three children: Edith, Cecil, and Sylvia who were born in Broken Hill, NSW. By 1903 the Electoral Roll shows they had moved to Kanowna, Kalgoorlie, WA. The family history of each of these children can be found in Family Trees in Ancestry. All too much to add here.

1. ALFRED WALTER SIMS (1871-1930)
2. FRANCES TORRENS SIMS (1872-1940)
3. ARTHUR GILBERT SIMS (1874-1951)
4. **HENRY OLIVER SIMS (1876-1946)**
5. PERCY RUSSELL SIMS (1878-1958)
6. EMILY MAUD MARY SIMS (1879-1898)
7. SYDNEY ROBERT SIMS (1881-1961)
8. FREDERICK WILLIAM SIMS (1884-1958)
9. EVA OLIVE MAITLAND SIMS (1886-1944)
10. NELLIE MYRTLE CONSTANCE SIMS (1888-1888)
11. CLAUDE VICTOR GEORGE SIMS (1889-1978)
12. EDITH ELLEN GLADYS SIMS (1891-1979)
13. CECIL LENNARD FRANCIS SIMS (1893-1973)
14. SYLVIA 'QUEENIE' PANSY THERESA ROSE SIMS (1895-1988).

Leonard's paternal grandfather Henry Alfred Sims died 2 Jun 1916, Yornaning, (Williams), WA [Reg. 6700027].

THERESA 'MARY ANN' JOSEPHS (1852-1942), Leonard Francis Sims' paternal grandmother, was born 11 Apr 1852, Kenton Valley, SA. Parents: **JOSEPH JOSEPHS (1808-1858)** and **SARAH ELIXABETH HAZEL (1834-1864)** who were married 4 Feb 1851, Talunga, SA, at the Hazel residence. **JOSEPH** and **SARAH** had four children.

1. THERESA MARY ANN JOSEPHS (1852-1944),
2. FRANCISKO JAMES JOSEPHS (1854-1944),
3. MARIA ELIZABETH JOSEPH (1856-1921), and
4. EMILY JANE JOSEPHS (1858-1927).

'Mary Ann' Sims (nee Josephs) died 29 Aug 1942, Avondale, **Auckland, New Zealand**, aged 91 years. Buried Wakumete Cemetery, New Zealand. It is interesting that four of the children: Eva, Claude, Cecil and Sylvia eventually moved to New Zealand. Eva (m2.), Cecil and Sylvia were married there.

Electoral Roll:
Leonard Francis Sims' paternal grandparents had moved to WA by 1903.
1903, 1906 Henry Alfred Sims, North Lead, Kalgoorlie, mill owner, Mary Ann, home duties.
1910 Henry Alfred Sims, Narrogin, farmer, Theresa Mary Ann, Yornanning, home duties. Yornanning, farmer.
1916 Henry Alfred Sims, Popanyinning, farmer, Theresa Mary Ann, Pansydale farm, Yornanning, farmer.

AMELIA WHITE (1882-1953), Leonard Francis Sims' mother, was born 22 May 1882, York, WA [Reg. 23094]. Parents **WILLIAM WHITE (1853-1888)** and **FANNY BOYLE (1853-1933)** who were married 1876, York, WA [Reg. 4170]. **WILLIAM** and **FANNY** had four children:

1. MARYANNE ELIZABETH WHITE (1878-1944),
2. WILLIAM GEORGE WHITE (1880-1894),
3. **AMELIA WHITE (1882-1953)**, and
4. FANNY MARY WHITE (1884-1972).

Amelia Sims (nee White) died 9 Feb 1953, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400019].

HENRY OLIVER SIMS (1876-1946) and **AMELIA WHITE (1882-1953)** had seven children as follows:

1. OLIVER OSWALD SIMS (1902-1998) 'Oss) married ADA LOUISA CULL (1903-1977) 7 Apr 1928, Plantagenet, Albany, WA [Reg. 5400014].

2. LEONARD FRANCIS SIMS (1903-1963) married **ELSIE CLARINDA USEBIA EDWARDS (1905-2007)** 1929, Beverley, WA [Reg. 35].

3. OLIVE MAY SIMS (1905-1921) Died 26 Aug 1921, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400037], aged 15 years.

4. IRENE BLANCHE SIMS (1907-) married DAVID CHRISTIE OLIVER (1908-1991) 31 Jan 1934, St Mary's Church, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400004].

5. LESLIE RUSSELL SIMS (1909-1973) married ANNIE MILLICENT ALFREDA MARSHALL (1910-) 23 Nov 1935, Perth, WA [Reg. 1806].

6. NITA PEARL SIMS (1911-1997) married SYDNEY GEORGE FERGUSON (1908-1971) 9 Oct 1933, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400044].

7. CLAUDE SIMS (1914-1914) was born 1914, York, WA [Reg. 14]. Claude died as a baby WA [Reg. 7100004].

Electoral Roll:
Leonard Francis Sims' parents
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1910 Henry Oliver Sims, Tootomony, York, Amelia, Avon Terrace, York, laundress.
1925 Henry Oliver Sims, St Aubyns Beverley, farmer, Amelia, home duties.

The following Obituary is an excellent summary of Leonard's parents and how his father Henry Oliver Sims moved from SA to settle in WA. First at Kanowna, then moving south to the Greenhills district. In 1921, he acquired and farmed an area of the 'St Aubyns' estate which was close to the Blechynden family at 'Babbyalla'.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 15 Nov 1946, pg 3**
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OBITUARY

MR HENRY OLIVER SIMS

A well-respected citizen of the Beverley district in the person of Mr Henry Oliver Sims passed suddenly away at the residence of his daughter, Mrs G Ferguson, on Saturday evening, November 2. Born in South Australia in 1876 he was one of the many "Easterners" whose attention was focussed on the West following the gold discoveries of the early nineties and leaving his job as an employee at a blacksmithing business he came to W.A. and proceeding to Southern Cross walk ed from there to Kanowna where as a prospector he had a fair measure of success and later operated a gold treatment plant in conjunction with his father and brothers who had also been attracted to the West.

After years of residence on the fields the late Mr Sims came South to take up farming pursuits in the Greenhills district. There he met and married Miss Amelia White, the daughter of a pioneer of that district who had come from England in a sailing boat soon after the foundation of the Colony. It was in this district that his family of three sons and three daughters were born.

In 1921 Mr Sims disposed of his Greenhills interests and with his family came to Beverley where in conjunction with his sons he acquired and farmed an area of the St. Aibyns estate then owned by Messrs Fisher and Tanner. He took an active interest in district affairs and for several years was associated with the Road Board as a member for North-East Ward. Other interests included bowls, whilst he was a good supporter of Football and Fire Brigade activities as a result of his sons' membership of these latter organisations. He was also a member of the Hospital Board for a lengthy term. Last year he retired from active participation in farming affairs and with Mrs Sims took up residence in the town. Blessed with good health throughout the greater part of his life it was only during the last few months that illness has caused family concern, the onset of a heart ailment having recently necessitated a sojourn in hospital. His death came very suddenly just after the evening meal on the 2nd inst as he was conversing with his eldest son, Mr O O Sims.

The funeral took place at the Anglican Cemetery, Beverley after a service at St. Mary's on Monday, November 4th. The Rev Churchill assisted by Mr E B Barnsley, officiated and Miss De Lisle presided at the organ for the preliminary portion of the service. The chief mourners were his wife, sons, Messrs Ossie, Len and Les Sims, daughters, Mrs D Oliver and Mrs G Ferguson, sons-in-law and three brothers. The pall-bearers were Messrs H Edwards, A. Veitch, W Cooper, O Fleay, H Blechynden, and E Ford Arrangements were carried out by Mr E T Fairhead.

Indicative of the regard in which the late citizen was held was the exceptionally large attendance at Church and grave side. Wreaths and floral tributes were received from the following:

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OBITUARY

MR HENRY OLIVER SIMS

A well-respected citizen of the Beverley district in the person of Mr Henry Oliver Sims passed suddenly away at the residence of his daughter, Mrs G Ferguson, on Saturday evening, November 2. Born in South Australia in 1876 he was one of the many "Easterners" whose attention was focused on the West following the gold discoveries of the early nineties and leaving his job as an employee at a blacksmithing business he came to W.A. and proceeding to Southern Cross walk ed from there to Kanowna where as a prospector he had a fair measure of success and later operated a gold treatment plant in conjunction with his father and brothers who had also been attracted to the West. After years of residence on the fields the late Mr Sims came South to take up farming pursuits in the Greenhills district. There he met and married Miss Amelia White, the daughter of a pioneer of that district who had come from England in a sailing boat soon after the foundation of the Colony. It was in this district that his family of three sons and three daughters were born.

In 1921 Mr Sims disposed of his Greenhills interests and with his family came to Beverley where in conjunction with his sons he acquired and farmed an area of the St, Aubyns estate then owned by Messrs Fisher and Tanner. *He took an active interest in district affairs and for several years was associated with the Road Board as a member for North-East Ward. Other interests included bowls, whilst he was a good supporter of Football and Fire Brigade activities as a result of his sons' membership of these latter organisations. He was also a member of the Hospital Board for a lengthy term. Last year he retired from active participation in farming affairs and with Mrs Sims took up residence in the town. Blessed with good health throughout the greater part of his life it was only during the last few months that illness has caused family concern, the onset of a heart ailment having recently necessitated a sojourn in hospital. His death came very suddenly just after the evening meal on the 2nd inst as he was conversing with his eldest son, Mr H O Sims.*

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Electoral Roll:

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2nd CHILD OF ARTHUR WILLIAM EDWARDS & MONA SMITH

2. EDWARDS, LILA BEVERLEY (1909-2009) was born 26 Feb 1909, Beverley, WA [Reg. 46]. Lila died 5 Oct 2009, buried Wagin Cemetery, WA, aged 100 years.

LILA married **WILLIAM JAMES SUTHERLAND (1912-1994)** 1943, WA [Reg. 208]. Via A Jill Houghton Family Tree, Ancestry, **WILLIAM** was born 1912, Young, NSW [Reg. 12247], parents **GEORGE JAMES SUTHERLAND (1861-1936)** and **AGNES MARY EVANS (1869-1934)** who were married 1893, Marrickville, NSW [Reg. 4712]. His parents both died in Beverley, WA. William died 20 Nov 1994, buried Wagin Cemetery, aged 82 years.

The following pages contain details of William James Sutherland's parents George James Sutherland (1861-1936) and Agnes Mary Evans (1869-1934) and family:

GEORGE JAMES SUTHERLAND (1861-1936), William James Sutherland's father, was born 1861, Binalong, NSW [Reg. not recorded). He was the eldest of eleven children all born in NSW. Parents: **WILLIAM MCINTOSH SUTHERLAND (1828-1881)** and **ALICE CHEW (1843-1926)** who were married 1861, Yass, NSW [Reg. 3165]. William and Alice and ten of their children all remained in NSW except for George James Sutherland who moved to WA. George James Sutherland died 11 Sep 1936, Beverley, WA [Reg. 32], aged 75 years. See further on for his detailed obituary, also in Charles Edwin Blechynden branch.

AGNES MARY EVANS (1869-1934), William James Sutherland's mother, was born 30 Jun 1869, Sydney, NSW [Reg. 1749]. She was the eldest of seven children all who were born in NSW. Her parents were **JAMES EVANS (1846-1922)** and **SARAH HAWKINS (1840-1918)**, married 15 Jun 1868, Sydney, NSW [Reg. 501]. James and Sarah Evans and six of their children remained in NSW. Agnes Mary Sullivan moved to WA. **AGNES MARY EVANS (1869-1934**) married **GEORGE JAMES SUTHERLAND (1861-1936)** and had five children. Agnes died 5 Jul 1934, Beverley, WA [Reg. 22], aged 65 years. See further on for her detailed obituary, also in Charles Edwin Blechynden branch.

All of the eleven children of **AGNES** and **GEORGE** were born in NSW, the last one William James Sutherland being born in 1912.

1. ELSIE D SUTHERLAND (1894-1898) was born 1894, Marrickville, Sydney, NSW [Reg. 20312]. Elsie died 1898, aged 4 years, Young, NSW [Reg. 12174].

2. LEO J SUTHERLAND (1895-1895) was born 1895, Young, NSW [Reg. 18676]. Leo died as a baby 1895, NSW [Reg. 7006].

3. SYDNEY RONALD SUTHERLAND (1897-1979) was born 1897, Young, NSW [Reg. 37240]. Sydney Ronald Sutherland died 20 Aug 1979, Geraldton, WA. Buried Perenjori Cemetery.

Electoral Roll:
1921 Sydney Ronald Sutherland, Bally Bally, Mt Kokeby, farmer.
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1949, 1968, 1977 Sydney Ronald Sutherland, Perenjori, farmer.

Headstone Sydney Ronald Sutherland, Perenjori Cemetery

4. ERIC GEORGE SUTHERLAND (1899-1918) was born 1899, Bendick, Murrell, NSW [Reg. 36416]. Eric served in WW1, Service Number – 8035, Place of Enlistment - Perth WA. He was Killed in Action, 23 Aug 1918, France.

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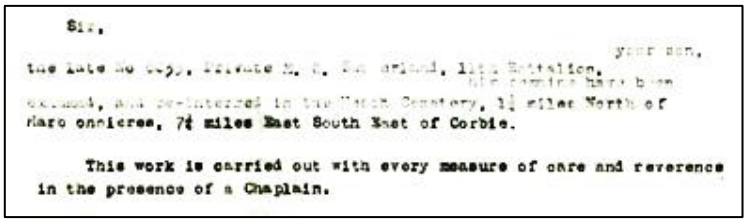
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5. LOUIS ARTHUR SUTHERLAND (1901-1977) was born 1901, Young, NSW [Reg. 28442]. Louise Arthur Sutherland died 1977, Perth, WA. **LOUIS** married **JESSIE DELLA MCLEAN (1908-1980)**, 1930, Beverley, WA [Reg. 29]. **JESSIE** was born 27 Jan 1908, Beverley, WA [Reg. 23]. Parents: **JOHN MCLEAN (1877-1960)** and **LYDIA DELLA WANSBROUGH (1881-1966)** who were married 1903, County Peak, WA [Reg. 8]. Jessie Della Sutherland died 1980, Pithara, Moora, WA [Reg. 4200019].

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 4 Jul 1930, pg 2**
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Wedding Bells

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The day was a perfect one, and the long string of cars wending their way along the undulating road in the sunshine was an enjoyable and impressive sight. The "best man" was unfortunate enough to pick up a 3 inch nail in his tyre when within a mile of the hall. Some thought possibly this was an error of judgment—more appropriate had the bridal car picked up a "lucky" horseshoe! But that would have been unkind. The good old petrol tin is easier disposed of and there were three or four of them attached to their car as they left the hall later in the evening. These made din enough, but not sufficient to drown the good wishes showered on them by those of the guests who were gathered around them as they drove off. The honeymoon is being spent in the city.

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JOHN MCLEAN (1877-1960), Jessie Mclean's father, was born 1 Jul 1877, Sheep Hills, VIC [Reg. 23781]. Parents **DONALD MCLEAN (1831-1914)** and **HELEN COCHRANE WALKER (1836-1920)** who were married 25 Mar 1862, Padthaway, SA [pg. 37 Vol 50]. Donald's father recorded as Kenneth McLean, Helen's father Robert Walker. John Mclean died 10 Apr 1960, Beverley, WA [Reg. 7100009].

Jessie Mclean's paternal grandparents were **DONALD MCLEAN (1831-1914)** and **HELEN COCHRANE WALKER (1836-1920)** who had 12 children as follows**:**

1. KENNETH MCLEAN (1863-1942),
2. ISABELLA MCLEAN (1864-1944),
3. HELEN MCLEAN (1865-1951),
4. ROBERT WALKER MCLEAN (1867-1948),
5. DONALD MACLEAN (1868-1911),
6. THOMAS MCLEAN (1870-1938),
7. BARBARA MACLEAN (1872-1948),
8. GEORGE WALKER MCLEAN (1873-1957),
9. ANNABELL MCLEAN (1875-1967),
10. **JOHN MCLEAN (1877-1960)**,
11. GRACE JOHANNA MCLEAN (1879-1958), and
12. HECTOR ALEXANDER MCLEAN (1884-1901).

The Obituary of Jessie Mclean's grandfather tells of how her grandfather Donald Mclean emigrated from Scotland to VIC, eventually settling in the district of Beverley.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Sat 21 Feb 1914, pg 5**
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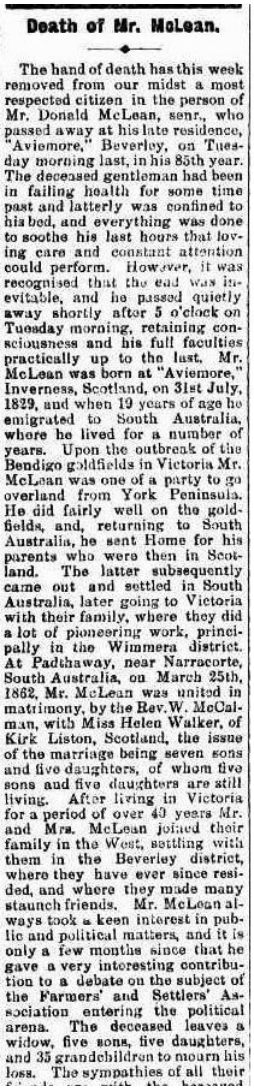

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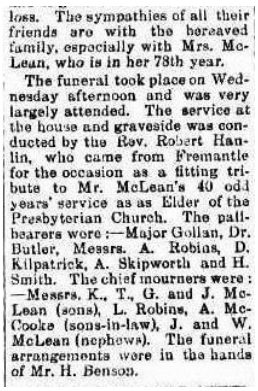
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1. THOMAS WANSBROUGH (1872-1942),
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3. **LYDIA WANSBROUGH (1881-1966)**.

Note that some family trees in Ancestry have Percival Wansbrough born 1876, York WA [Reg. 17587], as one of their children. Percival's parents in WA records show his parents were William Wansbrough and Hannah Davey.

The story of Jessie Wansbrough's grandmother is told in this obituary of Mary Wansbrough (nee Davey):

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 24 Jan 1947, pg 1**
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Before she came to this district the deceased had taken up nursing and as a midwife she became known throughout these areas. They were the days when maternal facilities were almost non existent and almost without exception babies were born at their parents' homes, a visiting nurse taking charge of the home for a period. In the practice of her profession she thus assisted in the advent of some hundreds of babies into this world, and many of them are now units of the adult population of these parts. Her services in this regard were much valued and her ability so widely recognised that it was once said that a doctor was not needed when she was about.

Some forty years ago "Granny" suffered a severe illness and her life was despaired of by her physician who gave her but a few days to live. Professional opinion was confounded and in a little while she was again following an active and useful routine. Up till two years ago it was her practice to visit Albany in the summer months, and through her ability to get about and meet people she became almost as well known at the port as was the case here. Many expressions of regret at her passing have been received from people of her acquaintance in that area. She was almost if not quite the oldest resident of this district.

It was not surprising that there was an exceptionally large gathering at the funeral held on Saturday. All sections of the population were well represented, both at the Methodist Church and at the graveside, where the last tributes of respect were paid. The Rev Meyers, of York, officiated, and the service was an impressive one, the officiating clergyman speaking feelingly of her life of service to the Church and community. A wonderful array of wreaths and floral tributes were in evidence. For the singing at the first portion of the ceremony Mrs E. E. Burgess presided at the organ, and the arrangements were carried-out by Mr E. T. Fairhead.

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Jessie Wansbrough's parents, **JOHN MCLEAN** and **LYDIA WANSBROUGH** had eight children as follows:

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2. ALAN ROBERT MCLEAN (1905-1967) married RUBY ALICE SARAH SUTHERLAND (1906-1989) 21 Mar 1933, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400013].
3. JESSIE DELLA MCLEAN (1908-1980) married LOUIS ARTHUR SUTHERLAND (1901-1977) 1930, Beverley, WA [Reg. 29].

4. ISOBEL 'GRACE' MCLEAN (1910-1989) married STANLEY FLAY CHESTER (1941-) 1938, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400048].
5. JOHN DONALD MCLEAN 'Jack' married FLORENCE EMILY REYNOLDS (1917-2017) 'Floss' 1944, Beverley, WA [Reg. 6].
6. FREDERICK SYDNEY MCLEAN (1914-2005) married IVY SOPHIA CHESTER (1917-2009) 7 Aug 1940, Perth, WA [Reg. 1799].
7. HELEN FOREST MCLEAN 'Nell' married JOSEPH HENRY STONE (1912-1994) 1943, Beverley, WA [Reg. 23].
8. COLIN GEORGE MCLEAN (1921-2009) married JEAN ANNE CAMERON (1926-2009) 14 Feb 1948, Perth, WA [Reg. 372]

Electoral Roll:

1910 John Mclean, East Beverley, farm assistant, Lydia, married.

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The following Obituary of Jessie's father John McLean tells of how he and his brother came to in 1896 from VIC and settled in the district of Beverley.

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County Peak Pioneer Passes

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Electoral Roll:

1922 Louis Arthur Sutherland, "Rosehill", Mt Kokeby, farmer.

1937, 1943, 1954 Louis Arthur Sutherland, Pithara, farmer, Jessie Della, Wenballa, Pithara, home duties.
1972 Louis Arthur Sutherland, 109 South Terrace, Como, farmer, Jessie Della, home duties.

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6. JOHN STANLEY SUTHERLAND (1903-) was born 1903, Young, NSW [Reg. 8822]. He married **ELLA MURIEL BLECHYNDEN (1909-1993)** 26 Jul 1933, Beverley, WA [Reg. 31].

Tennis at 'Roesland':
Ruby Sutherland, Muriel Blechynden, Dovey Robins, Aunt Alice Blechynden on the tennis court at "Roesland" Old "Roesland" Homestead in background, 1926.

Note: Ella 'Muriel' Blechynden married John 'Stan' Sutherland. Ruby was one of Stan's sisters. Dora 'Dovey' Robins, daughter of Frank Harrison and Alice Blechynden.
Aunt Alice Blechynden (nee Robins) married Frank Harrison Blechynden, 1909.

ELLA 'MURIEL' BLECHYNDEN (1909-1993) was born 20 Sep 1909, Beverley, WA [Reg. 129]. Her parents, **HORACE BLECHYNDEN (1882-1960)** and **AMY 'ELLA'CRAIG (1879-1969),** were married 27 Jun 1906, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 117]. Ella Muriel Sutherland died (nee Blechynden) died 1993, mother of John, Geoff, Margaret, Ross, Byron. Buried, Katanning Cemetery. See Charles Edwin BLECHYNDEN and Caroline BLECHYNDEN nee Davies section for more details of Ella Muriel Blechynden's family and her marriage to John Stanley Sutherland.

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7. LESLIE ROBERT SUTHERLAND (1904-1986) was born 1904, Young, NSW [Reg. 38824].
Leslie Robert Sutherland died 29 Jun 1986, Perth, WA. **LESLIE** married **NELLIE MAY FERGUSON (1907-1970)** 22 Jun 1936, Beverley, WA [Reg. 33]. **NELLIE** was born 30 Jun 1907, Guigui, VIC [Reg. 20066]. Parents (recorded as GEO ERNT FERGUSON AND NEVE.) **GEORGE ERNEST FERGUSON (1879-1937)** and **SARAH EVERSON MARGARET NEVE (1884-1956)** who were married 18 Mar 1903, Talbot, VIC [Reg. 1148]. Nellie died 1870, Perth, WA [Reg. 102371]. Parents registered as George Ferguson and Sarah Nieve.

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GEORGE ERNEST FERGUSON (1879-1937), Nellie May Ferguson's father, was born 22 Mar 1879, Amhurst, VIC [Reg. 6526]. George Ernest Ferguson died 12 Jan 1937, Beverley, WA [Reg. 1]. His parents were **WILLIAM FERGUSON (1854-1927)** and **CAROLINE SARAH SHACKLES (1857-1947)** who married in 1974, VIC [Reg. 4599]. All their ten children were born in VIC. Many family trees have Caroline married to William Versey Wilson Ferguson. In their marriage and the births of his children, he is always referred to as just William Ferguson. It appears they are the same person? William and Caroline had ten children as follows:

1. WILLIAM EDWARD FERGUSON (1876-1952)
2. ALEXANDER FERGUSON (1878-1878)
3. **GEORGE ERNEST FERGUSON (1879-1937)**
4. ELLEN ETHEL MAY FERGUSON (1881-1969)
5. JOHN MARSHALL (1884-1955)
6. EDWARD DANIEL FERGUSON (1887-1956)
7. ARTHUR PERCIVAL FERGUSON (1890-1918)
8. WILLIAMINA IDA FERGUSON (1893-1985)
9. PETER FOREMAN FERGUSON (1896-1961)
10. ALEXANDER JAMES THOMAS FERGUSON (1898-1977).

The history of all these children is recorded in Family Trees in Ancestry. All too complex to add here.

George Ernest Ferguson and his brothers Alexander Thomas Ferguson (1898-1977) and Peter Foreman Ferguson 1896-1961) moved to WA. There is mention in George Ernest Ferguson's obituary, (following), that his parents had preceded him prior to his move to WA. The Electoral Roll (also following) shows them in WA in 1925. In 1927 they are recorded as being back in Maryborough, VIC, where they both died.

William Versey Wilson Ferguson died 1927, Maryborough, VIC [Reg. 15116], father recorded as Edward Daniel Ferguson. Caroline Sarah Ferguson (nee Shackles) died 1947, Maryborough, VIC [Reg. 17077], parents recorded as Edward Shackles and Jarret.

These are the two brothers who moved to WA with George:

9. PETER FOREMAN FERGUSON (1896-1961) married IVY MAY MCGRATH (1896-1973) 8 Jun 1921, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400030]. He died 1961, Hollywood, Perth, WA [Reg. 101912].

10. ALEXANDER FERGUSON (1898-1977) married DAPHNE MYRTLE MITCHELL (1907-1972) 1924, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400038]. He died 1977, Perth, WA [Reg. 102633], aged 78 years.

Electoral Roll:
(Family of William and Caroline Sarah Ferguson, grandparents of Nellie May Ferguson).

1905 William Vassie (sic) Ferguson, Russell St, Maryborough, miner, Caroline Sarah, home duties, Ellen, home duties, George Ernest, miner, Sarah Everson Margaret, home duties. All living in Russell Street.
1912 William Ferguson, Napier St, Maryborough, miner, Caroline Sarah, nurse, William Edward Ferguson, miner, John Marshall Ferguson, High St, Maryborough, labourer, Frances May, home duties.

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1925 William Vessie Wilson Ferguson, Edward St, Beverley, labourer, Caroline Sarah, home duties. Alexander Thomas Ferguson, Clerk. George Ernest Ferguson, motor driver, William Edward Ferguson, labourer.

1927 William Vessie Wilson Ferguson, Junction High St, Maryborough, Vic., Caroline Sarah, home duties. Alexander Thomas Ferguson, High St, near Taggarts, Maryborough, labourer, Agnes, home duties, Edward Daniel Ferguson, Albert Pde, Maryborough, John Marshal Ferguson, High St Maryborough, labourer, Francis May, home duties.

1931 Caroline Sarah Ferguson, Edward St, Beverley, home duties, son - William Edward Ferguson, Edward St, Beverley, labourer.

1934 Caroline Sarah Ferguson, 26 Cambridge St, Maryborough, Vic, home duties, son - William Edward Ferguson, labourer.

1943 Caroline Sarah Ferguson, 38 Goldsmith St, Maryborough, Vic, home duties. Son - William Edward Ferguson, labourer.

SARAH EVERSON MARGARET NEVE (1884-1956), Nellie May Ferguson's mother, was born 14 Mar 1884, Talbot, VIC [Reg.13220]. Her parents were **WILLIAM NEVE (1851-1929)** and **MARGARET BOUIE SMITH (1813-1906)** married 1877, VIC [Reg. 1597]. William and Margaret had ten children. All born and died in VIC except Sarah Everson Margaret Neve who married in VIC then moved with her husband and family to WA. Sarah died 1956, Perth, WA [Reg. 102074].

CHILDREN OF GEORGE ERNEST FERGUSON (1879-1937) AND SARAH EVERSON MARGARET NEVE (1884-1956): The children were all born in VIC and moved as a family to WA in about 1925.

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Electoral Roll:
1925 Fred Grimbly, 9 Wallace St, Brunswick, Vic, home duties, Sarah Ethel May, home duties.
1928 Fred Grimbly, 55 Sydney Rd, Bourke, Vic, garage keeper, Sarah Ethel May, home duties.
1931 Sarah Ethel May Grimbly, Edward St, Beverley, home duties.
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1925, 1931, 1936 George Ernest Ferguson, Edward St, Beverley, motor driver, 'Margaret' Sarah Everson, wife, Sydney George, truck driver, Ronald Keith, truck driver, Beverley, Nita Pearl, Dawson Street, Beverley, home duties.
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1954 Leslie Robert Sutherland, 440 Great Eastern Highway, Redcliffe, farmer, Nellie May, home duties.
1968 Nellie May, 16 Ridge St, South Perth, home duties.
1977 Leslie Robert Sutherland, Perenjori, farmer.

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8. RUBY ALICE SARAH SUTHERLAND (1906-1989) was born 1906, Young, NSW [Reg. 30803]. Ruby Alice McLean (nee Sutherland) died 11 Dec 1989, Perth, WA. **RUBY** married **ALLAN ROBERT MCLEAN (1905-1967)**, 1933, Beverley, WA [Reg. 13].

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Wedding Bells.

McLEAN—SUTHERLAND

[Contributed]

On March 21st St. Mary's Church, Beverley was beautifully decorated in pink and white, and with Easter lillies and Michelmas daisies for the occasion of the celebration of the marriage of two popular young people of the district. The Rev L. Marina of Beaconsfield, was the officiating clergyman, and the contracting parties were Ruby, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs. G. J. Sutherland, of "Rose Hill," Mt Kokeby, and Allan, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. McLean, of "Uralla," County Peak.

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The bridesmaids were Miss Jess Sutherland, the bride's sister and Miss Grace McLean, sister of the bridegroom. They were-gowned alike in model frocks of shrimp pink georgette and lace, with little coatees of georgette, and wore hats and shoes to tone. Sheaths of shaded roses and gladioli completed their charming toilette.

The bridegroom was ably assisted by his brother, Jack, as best man, and the bride's brother, Leslie, as groomsman.

After the ceremony a reception was held in the Bally Bally Hall, where many relatives and friends were received by the parents of the bride and bridegroom. Mrs. Sutherland was becomingly frocked in black morocain relieved with white. She wore a smart black hat, and carried a bouquet of roses. Mrs. McLean

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ALLAN ROBERT MCLEAN (1905-1967), brother of Jessie Della McLean, was born 31 Dec 1905, Beverley, WA [Reg. 15]. Registered in 1906. Parents: **JOHN MCLEAN (1877-1960)** and **LYDIA DELLA WANSBROUGH (1881-1966)** who were married 1903, County Peak, WA [Reg. 8].

The history of Allan Robert McLean's parents John Mclean (1877-1960) and Lydia Della Wansbrough (1881-1966) and grandparents, can be found in the chapter on his sister Jessie Della Mclean (1908-1980) who married Louis Arthur Sutherland (1901-1977) 1930, Beverley, WA [Reg. 29].

As explained there, **JOHN MCLEAN** and **LYDIA WANSBROUGH** had eight children:

1. MARY GLADYS MCLEAN (1904-1989) 'Mollie' married WILLIAM GEORGE CLAYTON HASTINGS (1898-1953) 1928, Beverley, WA [Reg.400048].
2. ALAN ROBERT MCLEAN (1905-1967) married RUBY ALICE SARAH SUTHERLAND (1906-1989) 21 Mar 1933, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400013].
3. JESSIE DELLA MCLEAN (1908-1980) married LOUIS ARTHUR SUTHERLAND (1901-1977) 1930, Beverley, WA [Reg. 29].
4. ISOBEL 'GRACE' MCLEAN (1910-1989) married STANLEY FLAY CHESTER (1941-) 1938, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400048].
5. JOHN DONALD MCLEAN 'Jack' married FLORENCE EMILY REYNOLDS (1917-2017) 'Floss' 1944, Beverley, WA [Reg. 6].
6. FREDERICK SYDNEY MCLEAN (1914-2005) married IVY SOPHIA CHESTER (1917-2009) 7 Aug 1940, Perth, WA [Reg. 1799].
7. HELEN FOREST MCLEAN 'Nell' married JOSEPH HENRY STONE (1912-1994) 1943, Beverley, WA [Reg. 23].
8. COLIN GEORGE MCLEAN (1921-2009) married JEAN ANNE CAMERON (1926-2009) 14 Feb 1948, Perth, WA [Reg. 372].

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1931 Allan Robert Mclean, County Peak, Beverley, farmer.
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9. JOHN SUTHERLAND (1908-1908) was born 1908, Young, NSW [Reg. 20758]. John died as a baby in 1908, NSW [Reg. 7997].

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10. JESSIE WINIFRED EVANS SUTHERLAND (1909-1978) was born 1909, Young, NSW [Reg. 43903]. She married **CLARENCE EDWIN BLACKBURN DRAPER (1903-1974)** 1938, Beverley, WA [Reg. 31]. Jessie Winifred Evans Sutherland died 1978, Swan, WA. **CLARENCE** was born 1903, East Beverley, WA [Reg. 41]. Baptised 17 Nov 1903, Beverley, WA [FHL Film Number 284850]. Parents recorded as **ALFRED WILLIAM DRAPER (1857-1937)** and **HANNAH REBECCA WOODLEY (1868-1943)** who were married 1892, Greenhills, WA [Reg. 151]. Clarence Edwin Blackburn Draper died 1 Sep 1974, Beverley, WA [Reg. 7100071]. Buried Beverley Anglican Cemetery.

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The bride, who was given away by her youngest brother, Mr James Sutherland, wore a beautiful wedding gown of white slipper satin, with a train. The gown was cut in straight, flowing lines and had tight sleeves reaching to the wrists. Handsome silver embroidery and satin-covered buttons at wrists and neck made a smart finish to the dress. She carried a beautiful sheaf of white flowers.

The bride was attended by two bridesmaids—Miss Lilah Edwards, and her niece, little June Sutherland. Miss Edwards' frock was a beautiful shade of violet worn over a pink underdress. A pale pink turban with flyaway veil in the same toning and pink slippers carried out the effective colour scheme. Little June was a very charming figure in a long frock of a pale mauve shade, also with pink toning. A flower wreathed tulle cap and pink shoes completed her dainty attire. Both bridesmaids carried a beautiful bouquet of lemon and cream roses.

The bridegroom was supported by his brother, Mr Norris Draper, as best man.

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Afterwards, a reception was held at the Masonic Hall, where the guests were received by Mr Syd Sutherland and Mrs A. R. McLean, brother and sister of the bride. They were assisted by Mrs Foss Thompson, sister of the bridegroom, acting for her mother, who to everyone's regret was unable to be present, owing to illness. Mrs McLean was smartly attired in a rust coloured frock with chic brown hat and accessories to tone. She carried a bouquet of cream and lemon roses. Mrs Thompson's dress was of a lighter shade of rust with which she wore a dainty black hat with eye veil. A bouquet of lovely violets completed her outfit.

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m.1 ALFRED WILLIAM DRAPER (1857-1937) married **ALICE ELIZA BLAKISTON (1854-1886)**, 27 Aug 1879, Beverley, WA [Reg. 4749]. Alice Eliza Blakiston was born 1854, York, WA [Reg. 2595]. Parents: **GEORGE JOHN BLACKISTON (1819-1890)** and **EMMA DAVIES (1826-1890)** who were married 1847, Towcester, Northamptonshire, England. Alfred and Alice had four children as follows:

1. ALBERT CLARENCE DRAPER (1880-1892), died in 1892, aged 12 years, Beverley, WA [Reg. 403], registered under Clarance.
2. ETHEL BLANCHE DRAPER (1882-1972) married DONNELL EDGAR FOWLER (1882-1958) 1908, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400007].
3. LEWIS AYLING DRAPER (1884-1977) married SOPHIA CHIFNEY (1889-1979) 1914, York, WA [Reg. 700012].
4. ERNEST WILLIAM DRAPER (1886-1952) married AGNES PROSSER (1889-1972) 1912, York, WA [Reg. 7100004]. Registered under Earnest.

Alice Eliza Draper (nee Blakiston) died 13 Jan 1886, Beverley, WA [Reg. 13480]. Following her death, Alfred married again.

m2. ALFRED WILLIAM DRAPER (1857-1937) and **HANNAH REBECCA WOODLEY (1868-1943)** were married 1892, Greenhills, WA [Reg. 151]. Hannah was born 1868, Greenhills, WA [Reg. 11100], registered as Hanah Woodley. Her parents were **WILLIAM WOODLEY (1810-1897)** and **SARAH TAYLOR (1829-1898)** who were married 21 Oct 1849, Oxfordshire, England. William and Sara Woodley appear to have had eight children. The first two were born in England. The rest born in WA. Alfred and Hannah had nine children as below. Hannah died 19 Apr 1943, Beverley, WA [Reg. 100850], aged 74 years.

1. GERTRUDE ALMA DRAPER (1893-1938) married BENJAMIN COOK 1938, Williams, WA [Reg. 11].
2. ALEXANDER TAYLOR DRAPER (1894-1974) married IRIS JANE MCDONNELL (1892-1983) 16 Sep 1919, Beverley, WA [Reg.25].
3. EVA CLARICE DRAPER (1896-1976) married ADAM HOPE MURRAY (1886-1970) 20 Oct 1920, Beverley, WA [Reg. 44].
4. AMY LILLIAN DRAPER (1898-1926) married ALBERT EDWARD PARKER BATEMAN (1894-1967) 1920, East Beverley, WA [Reg. 7]. Amy's birth 1898, registered in 1899, East Beverley, WA [Reg. 4644].
5. MURIEL RUBY DRAPER (1901-1984) married FOSTER CRADDOCK THOMPSON (1897-1981) 22 Jun 1929, Beverley, WA [Reg. 753].
6. CLARENCE EDWIN DRAPER (1903-1974) married JESSIE WINIFRED EVANS SUTHERLAND (1909-1978) 1938, Beverley, WA [Reg. 31].

7. NORRIS JAMES DRAPER (1905-1983)
8. BEATRICE ENID DRAPER (1909-2002) 'Trixie' married CYRIL WILLIAM DAVEY (1910-1945) 1936, Beverley, WA [Reg. 13]. Wrankmore Family Tree, Ancestry: **Cyril William Davey died as a POW, 4 Mar 1945, Borneo. Malaria.**
9. MENA DAPHNE DRAPER (1912-1985) married STANLEY JAMES AITKEN (1907-1962) 1937, Beverley, WA [Reg. 14].

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Alfred William and Hannah Rebecca and family
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When settlement began in the locality he took up a small area in the vicinity of where the East Beverley Hall now stands and proceeded to develop it. Later he married a Miss Blakiston and built his first home on the property. Of the union there was born 2 sons and a daughter.

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The following articles and obituaries give an idea of William Sutherland's parents and family, their life in WA and how they became a prominent family in the Mt Kokeby and Bally Bally districts. Bally Bally is 13 km east of Mt Kokeby, 20 km south east of Beverley. See also Charles Edwin Blechynden branch for extra information regarding the Sutherlands.

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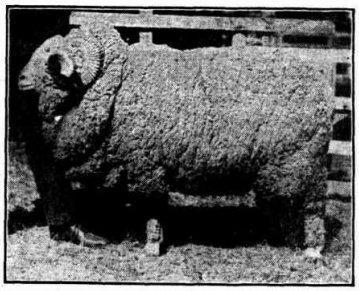

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As suggested earlier, see also Charles Edwin Blechynden and Caroline Mary Blechynden, nee Davies, branch for more details about the Sutherland/Blechynden connections.

This photo shows the Sutherland and Blechynden's, are connected in many ways.

Ella 'Alice' Blechynden's 69th Birthday, held at Sutherland homestead in Katanning, WA
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Front Row: *Norma (daughter of Frank & Ella), Neil (son of Bruce and Edna), Margaret & John Sutherland, Cyril (son of Bruce and Edna), Elizabeth and Beverley (children of Colin & Nancy). Courtesy Lindsay Adams.*

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FIFTH CHILD OF ANNE BLECHYNDEN & THOMAS EDWARDS

5. EDWARDS, FLORENCE ELIZABETH (1870-1922)

Florence Elizabeth Edwards was born in 5 Oct 1870, Beverley, WA [Reg. 12773]. Parents recorded as: Thomas Edwards and Ann Elizabeth Blechynden. Anne and Thomas must have been overjoyed to welcome a daughter into the family. Flossie remained single. She died 15 Feb 1922, in Beverley, WA [Reg. 14].

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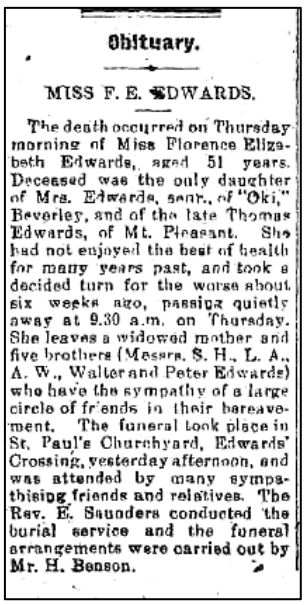
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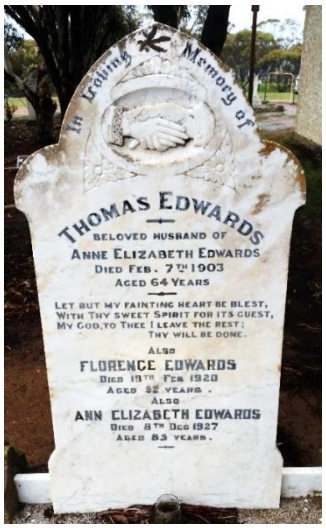
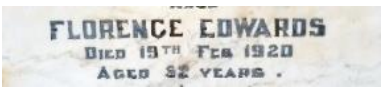


Headstone of Florence Edwards (1870-1922), together with that of her parents, Thomas Edwards (1838-1903), and Elizabeth Edwards (nee Blechynden) 1842-1927), old St Paul's Church yard, Edwards Crossing, Beverley, WA.



Note: discrepancies. WA registered birth records show Florence Elizabeth Edwards died in Beverley, 1922, WA [Reg. 14]. The family headstone shows 19 Feb 1920. This is incorrect.

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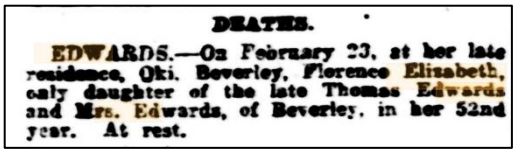
DEATHS.

EDWARDS.—On February 23, at her late residence, Oki, Beverley, Florence Elizabeth, only daughter of the late Thomas Edwards and Mrs. Edwards, of Beverley, in her 52nd year. At rest.

SIXTH CHILD OF ANNE BLECHYNDEN & THOMAS EDWARDS

6. EDWARDS, ANDREW THOMAS (1872-1874)

Andrew Thomas Edwards was born 5 Oct 1872, Beverley, WA [Reg. 14284], father, **THOMAS EDWARDS**, mother **ANN**, recorded as Ann Maria (sic) Blechynden. He died in 1874 [Reg. 8317], registered under Andrew Thomas, (Thomas as the surname), at the age of two years.

With the birth of their sixth child, the family now consisted of five sons and one daughter. Samuel Harrison was aged 9 years, Ross Frederick, 7 years, Louis Ayling 5 years, Arthur William almost three years and Florence Elizabeth (who had also been born on 5 Oct, in 1870), just two years of age. It was a tragic and very sad day with the loss of Andrew at the age of two years.

Via Max Edwards: *When Andrew Thomas (Thomas and Anne's son) died, there was an outbreak of Typhoid. His cousin Lily Aylen (Alfred James and Mary's 6th child) aged five also died from the fever. They are both buried at St Paul's, Edwards Crossing just south of William and Eleanor's grave. The story we were told was that either one or both the children had been visiting their relations who were living and running businesses at Fremantle. After returning to the farm, they became sick with the fever and both died within a few months. 1975 certainly would have been a very sad year for the Edwards family.*

Discrepancy: WA death registration records have Andrew Thomas Blechynden dying in 1874. Burial records and the plaque have him dying 15 Dec 1875.

Plaque: Andrew Thomas Blechynden and his cousin Lilly Aylen Edwards at Edwards Crossing St. Paul's Cemetery

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/46503004/andrew-thomas-edwards

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SEVENTH CHILD OF ANNE BLECHYNDEN & THOMAS EDWARDS

7. EDWARDS, WALTER ERNEST (1875-1958)

Walter Ernest Edwards was born in 31 Jul 1875, Beverley, WA [Reg. 16596]. Recorded as Walter Ernest. He remained single. He was a Post Master and Storekeeper. Walter died on 12 Jul 1958, Beverley, WA [Reg No. 1823]. Recorded as Earnest. Buried, St Paul's, Edwards Crossing, with his brother Samuel Harrison Edwards.

Note: Some records have Walter Ernest Edwards as spouse to Eliza O'Halloran. WA Births records show that a Walter Edwards and Eliza OHalloran had a number of children. Family Trees in Ancestry and My Heritage show Eliza OHalloran as spouse to Walter Lucifer Edwards (1854-1928). The paragraph following shows that some researchers have the two Walter's confused.

> **WALTER LUCIFER EDWARDS (1854-1928) [This person is not our Walter Ernest Edwards],** via Braithwaite Family Tree, Ancestry, was born 9 Aug 1854, Cleveland, Cuyahoga, Ohio, USA. Parents: **WILLIAM BLACKSMITH EDWARDS (1813-1877)** and **SARAH FIELDER (1819-1892)** who were married 5 Aug 1842, Botley, Hampshire, England. There is a photo of William. It seems as if the family travelled. His parents, William and Sarah were both from England. Many of the children were born in England. One was born in France and another in Canada. Others including Walter were born in USA. William and Sarah Edwards both died in New Zealand.
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> Walter Lucifer Edwards (1875-1958) and Eliza O'Halloran (1862-1931) had six children. They were all born in WA. Their parents were recorded as Walter Edwards and Eliza Halloran / O'Halloran. Walter Lucifer

Edwards died 13 May 1928, Perth WA [Reg. 769]. Registered as Walter Edwards. Elizabeth O'Halloran was born in 1862, Shelbourne, Limerick, Ireland. Elizabeth Edwards (nee O'Halloran) died 27 Nov, 1931, 25 Stafford St, Victoria Park, (Perth), WA [Reg. 1750].

Electoral Roll:

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***Eastern Districts Chronicle* (York, WA: 1877 - 1927), Sat 2 Nov 1901, pg 3**
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BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT.

(By Our Travelling Representative.)

The town bearing the above name, as most are aware, is on the Eastern railway, and trains passing to and fro stop there for refreshments. The district is what may be termed a good agricultural one, and as it will be shown, a mixed system of husbandry is carried on by the settlers. The buildings in the town comprise—police court, council-chambers (two nice structures), post office (in charge of Mr. Walter E. Edwards), hospital, police barracks (on a site badly chosen, nearly half a mile from the populated portion of the town, in charge of Constable James Stewart, who acts as clerk of the local court), Mechanics' Institute (secretary, Mr. Walker, who also fills the position of clerk to the Council and Roads Board, and secretary of the Agricultural Society), show ground, State school (in charge of Mr T. G. Slater). A class room, 26 x 22 feet, has recently been added to the latter building, the furniture in which is neat and quite up-to-date. There are 98 pupils enrolled, and an average attendance of 80. The work of the pupils proved that the labors of the teacher had not been in vain. In addition to the buildings noted there is a flour mill (owned by Mr. John Mann), two hotels, three stores, butcher, baker, land office, Mr. G. House (agent), Bank Agency, blacksmith and wheelwright and about 80 residences. Of social institutions, there is a branch of the A.N.A., cricket and football clubs, a race-course, and park and recreation ground. The spiritual wants of the people are supplied by the Anglican, Wesleyan, and Roman Catholic churches. The water supply of the place is a badly managed affair. I was informed that it is costing the Government £38 per week for water, which is brought daily from Spencer's Brook in tanks by railway, and that much better water could be obtained in the town at a less expense. Mr. R. B. Smith is erecting a new building, jarrah and iron, on a stone foundation. In size the building is 60 x 40 x 16 feet. It is intended for a chaff and produce store, and has a storage capacity for 200 tons. A new Bagshaw chaffcutter and bagger combined is in the building, and a new Tangye oil engine was at the goods shed. This is 6-horse power, and will drive, besides the chaffcutter, a band for cutting felloes, and corn crusher. The building will be completed in about a month, when Mr Smith will commence chaffing his own crop of 240 acres, and then cut for the public if required. A medical man is needed in Beverley, the nearest at present being at York:

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Obituary for Mr. Walter Ernest Edwards

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 18 Jul 1958, pg 2**
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The late Mr Edwards was born at Beverley the son of the late Thomas and Anne Edwards and spent his boyhood at the Speldhurst (Edward's Crossing) property which had been taken up originally by his grandfather and with which the Edwards' were associated for a great many years.

As a youth he joined the postal services and rose in the service to become a post master, being stationed at Beverley in 1899. Later he was a postmaster at Leederville, Marble Bar, Fitzroy Crossing and other North West centres.

When the land boom was on he left his employment to take up farming at Bulyee just prior to the building of the Brookton Corrigin railway. Here he stayed for many years, selling out in 1951 to retire to Bassendean. He has been in indifferent health for some time past.

The deceased had never married and his only surviving brother is Mr Peter Edwards, of Beverley but now resident in the city. There are several nephews and a niece.

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Walter Ernest Edwards (1875-1958) died 12 Jul 1958, Beverley, WA. His ashes are buried with his older brother, Samuel Harrison Edwards, at Edwards Crossing cemetery Beverley.

Headstone of Walter Ernest Edwards and Samuel Harrison Edwards, Edwards Crossing cemetery, Beverley.

EIGHT CHILD OF ANNE BLECHYNDEN & THOMAS EDWARDS

8. EDWARDS, PETER 'ABNER' RALPH (1883-1962) & OLIVER, MARY (1876-1947)

Peter Ebner Ralph Edwards was born 24 Apr 1883 in Beverley, WA [Reg. 24046]. Civil Servant Beverley, 'San Remo' Residence. Peter died 10 Jul 1962, WA [Reg. 2004]. He is buried at the Beverley Cemetery, Anglican section.

Via Anna Jennings: "The story goes that when Peter was born Sam, (ed. his 20yo brother), walked in and said that thing won't live! He was born premature and Annie's wedding ring could fit over his hand and on his wrist...she used to feed him by making him lap from a teaspoon. He survived....All of his children (all boys) have the middle name Harrison after Harrison Blechynden.

PETER EBNER RALPH EDWARDS (1883-1962) married **MARY ANN PRISCILLA OLIVER (1876-1947)** 16 Aug 1905, Perth, WA [Reg. 1553]. Mary was born 1876, Murtoa, VIC [Reg. 24087], parents: **JOHN MELBOURNE OLIVER (1845-1916)** and **ANNIE LUCY DAVIDSON (1856-1904)** who were married 1875, VIC [Reg. 4829]. Mary died 21 Feb 1947, Beverley, WA [Reg. 4]. She is buried at the Beverley Cemetery, Anglican section. There are excellent descriptions of the life of both Peter and Mary in their Obituaries following.

JOHN MELBOURNE OLIVER (1845-1916), Mary Ann Priscilla Oliver's father, was born 31 Dec 1845, Baptised 22 Oct 1848, Melbourne, VIC [Reg. 10512]. Parents: **JOHN DUNCALF OLIVER (1811-1891)** and **MARY ANN JAMES (1815-1888)** who were married 28 Jun 1836, Sithney, Cornwall, England. John and Mary had six children as follows:

1. FRANCIS 'FRANK' HENRY OLIVER (1837-1915) born Sithney, Cornwall, England. Died in WA.
2. SARAH PORCHER OLIVER (1838-1901) born on board the *Henry Porcher* off St George's Sound, (King George Sound), one week before ariving at Gawler Reach, Port Adelaide
3. FREDERICK THOMPSON OLIVER (1841-1919) born Hobart, TAS. Died in WA.
4. **JOHN MELBOURNE OLIVER (1845-1916)** born Melbourne, VIC
5. ORLANDO OLIVER (1849-1871) born Melbourne, VIC
6. SUSAN ANNE OLIVER (1851-1938) also born in Melbourne, VIC.

John Oliver died 23 Sep 1916, Olive St, St Albury, Melbourne, VIC [Reg.13248].

ANNIE LUCY DAVIDSON (1856-1904), Mary Ann Priscilla Oliver's mother, was born 5 Jan 1856, Launceston, TAS [Reg. 553]. Parents: **JOHN DAVIDSON (1824-1875)** and **m1. CATHERINE LARNEY (1833-1911)** who were married 4 Mar 1854, Launceston, TAS [Reg. 1091]. John Davidson and Catherine Larney were both born in England, lived in TAS and in about 1864 moved to New Zealand. Following John Davidson's death in 1875, **m.2 CATHERINE DAVIDSON (NEE LARNEY)** was married a second time to **JAMES CROSS (1821-1899)** in 1877, Akaroa, New Zealand.

JOHN DAVIDSON (1824-1875) and CATHERINE LARNEY (1833-1911) had eight children as follows:

1. **ANNIE LUCY DAVIDSON (1857-1934)** born in TAS
2. MARY JOESPHINE DAVIDSON (1857-1934) born in Balmian,
3. JOHN DAVIDSON (1859-1913) born in Launceston, TAS
4. ELIZABETH LORA DAVIDSON (1859-1913) born in Launceston, TAS
5. CATHERINE DAVIDSON (1862-1947) born in Launceston, TAS
6. ALICE DAVIDSON (1864-) born in New Zealand
7. WILLIAM DAVIDSON (1866-1949) born in New Zealand
8. MATTHEW F DAVIDSON (1871-1955) born in New Zealand.

Annie died 20 Mar 1904, Geelong, VIC [Reg.1579]

JOHN MELBOURNE OLIVER (1845-1916) and **ANNIE LUCY DAVIDSON (1856-1904)** had 12 children as below. All were born in VIC.

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2. JOHN DUNCALF OLIVER (1877-1949) was born 1877, Horsham, VIC [Reg. 22897]. John's grandfather's name was also John Duncalf Oliver. He married **EDITH MAUD EVELYN HART (1878-1959)** 1901, VIC [Reg. 5880]. John died 27 Jun 1949, Young, NSW. Buried Young Cemetery, NSW.

3. ARTHUR ROLINDO OLIVER (1879-1880) was born 5 Jun 1879, Geelong, VIC [Reg.16489]. Bap. 9 Mar 1880, Geelong, VIC. Died 1880, VIC [Reg. 3966]. Father recorded as John, mother Annie Davidson.

4. LOFTUS NHILL OLIVER (1880-1917) Service Number - 20140: Place of Birth - Nhill VIC: Place of Enlistment - Blackboy Hill WA: Next of Kin - (Brother) OLIVER JD. Served overseas – Driver 1 Apr 1916. Died of abscess of brain, War Hospital, Croydon, England. Funeral Administration Headquarters, AIF London. Buried: Brookwood Cemetery, Australian Military ground. Grave No. 179097.

5. JOHN OLIVER (1881-) was born 1881, Geelong, VIC [Reg. 23710]. Same name John as child 2. There is a death registered for a John Oliver in 1877, VIC [Reg. 3844], no other details. Very confusing.

6. ARTHUR ORLANDO OLIVER (1882-1967) married **MARGARET LIDDELL (1879-1959)** 22 Dec 1904, Foxton, Manawattu, Wanganui, New Zealand.

7. FRANCIS JAMES OLIVER (1883-1954) married **ELIZABETH MARIA WORRAL (1884-1976)** 1906, VIC [Reg. 653].

8. ALICE MAUD OLIVER (1885-1970) married **WILLIAM DAVID REID (1882-1952)** 1906, VIC [Reg. 2903].

9. EVELINE GERTRUDE OLIVER (1887-1973) married **JOHN ROBERT DALTON DAVIES (1890-1969)** 1938, Young, NSW [Reg. 21963].

10. HENRY STEPHEN OLIVER (1889-1965) married **ELLA BEATRICE WEBER (1890-1977)** 1912, VIC [Reg. 3787].

11. WILLIAM ALFRED OLIVER (1891-1953) m.1. married **EMILY FLORENCE MURPHY (1892-1924)** 1915, VIC [Reg. 5131]. **m.2 WILLIAM ALFRED OLIVER (1891-1953)** married **m.2. ELIZABETH RUBY TYDELL, NEE RAW (1895-1973)** Divorced 1929, remarried 1934, VIC [Reg. 3390].

12. HAROLD GEORGE OLIVER (1894-1968) married **GLADYS ELIZABETH ANN ATHERTON (1894-1961)** 1919, VIC [Reg. 7447].

PETER EBNER RALPH EDWARDS and **MARY ANN PRISCILLA OLIVER** had five children as below. More details can be viewed in their own individual sections.

1. **EDWARDS, RALPH HARRISON (1906-1971)**
2. **EDWARDS, STEPHEN HARRISON (1907-1991)**
3. **EDWARDS, KEITH HARRISON (1908-1958)**
4. **EDWARDS, CYRIL HARRISON (1910-1982)**
5. **EDWARDS, WALTON HARRISON (1914-1992)**

EDWARDS STORE

This is the former Edwards Store in 106 Vincent Street Beverley. It was built in 1886 and has been known by several names including Gillespie's and W.R. Giles P ty Ltd. As mentioned previously, Mary Ann Priscilla Edwards (nee Oliver) moved there from the Eastern States to manage the drapery section in this store sometime prior to 1905 when she married Peter Ebner Ralph Edwards. We do not know which Edwards owned it at the time and why she moved there.

Mr Edwards' first store, Vincent St, Beverley, in 1897

Electoral Rolls:

1906 Peter Ebner Ralph Edwards, Beverley, draftsman. Mary Ann Edwards, Beverley,sales woman.
1925 Peter Ebner Ralph Edwards, Beverley, town clerk. Mary Ann Priscilla Edwards, San Remo, Beverley, married.
1931, 1936, 1943 Peter Ebner Ralph Edwards, "San Remo," York Rd, Beverley, taxi driver. Mary Ann Priscilla Edwards, Beverley, sales woman.
1958 Peter Ebner Ralph Edwards, Sunset, Nedlands.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Sat 19 Sep 1914, pg 8**
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Edwards' Spring Show.

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A stand of robe lengths, suitable for evening wear, looked exceptionally dainty. Delicately embroidered lawns, looking as though they were longing to be manufactured into dainty children's frocks, made a very pretty stand.

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***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 28 Feb 1947, pg 7**
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A good wife and mother and possessing a pleasant personality which resulted in a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, the deceased in her younger days took an interest in social and town affairs and was active in various church organisations. Much sympathy is felt throughout the district for the family in their great bereavement.

The funeral took place at the Anglican Cemetery on Sunday afternoon. In the course of the preliminary service at St Mary's the Rev Churchill spoke of the inspiration to be found in the courage and cheerfulness with which the departed citizen had faced the tribulations of life and he extended to the bereaved the sympathy of all who knew her. There was a large attendance and many wreaths and floral tributes were in evidence. The arrangements were carried out by Mr E T Fairhead.

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Peter Ebner Ralph Edwards died 10 Jul 1962, WA [Reg. 2004]. He is buried at the Beverley Cemetery, Anglican section.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 13 Jul 1962, pg 1**
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Death of Former Prominent Resident

Peter Ebner Ralph Edwards, born in this district 78 years ago, who was to become something of a legendary figure in his own lifetime in his community died in a Perth home on Tuesday last.

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A premature baby Peter was fortunate to survive babyhood. His father was Thomas Edwards who lived at Speldhurst for most of his life and his mother was originally Anne Blechynden, whose parents were the first owners of the Babbyalla property.

Most of Peter's years were spent in Beverley but for several years past he has been domiciled in the Perth home where his demise occurred.

The funeral took place at Beverley yesterday afternoon

Further details of his life appear elsewhere in this issue.

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***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 13 Jul 1962, pg 4**
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ALICE LOUISA GORDON (1910-1983)

Alice Louisa Gordon was born 25 Jul 1910, Beverley,WA [Reg. 130]. Parents: **CHARLES COLLIE GORDON (1865-1923)** and **MARY JANE RIDLEY (1877-1972)** who were married 1893, Mourambine, WA [Reg. 29].
Alice Louisa Gordon died 17 Nov 1983, Marmion, Perth,WA. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery and Crematorium, Nedlands, WA.

CHARLES COLLIE GORDON (1865-1923) AND MARY JANE RIDLEY (1877-1972) HAD EIGHT CHILDREN:

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3. MARGARET JANE GORDON (1898-1984) married **GEORGE EMIL LANGE (1886-1989)** 26 Feb 1916, Beverley, WA [Reg. 4]. Divorce 16 Jul 1931

4. GEORGE RONALD GORDON (1901-1942) married **RECARDA ELIZABETH GARDINER (1904-1962)** 1926, Perth, WA [Reg. 574]. They had two children: **JEAN ETHEL AND LINDSAY GORDON.**

5. ETHEL GORDON (1903-20007) married **FREDERICK STUART ATKINS (1900-1989)** 1928, Beverley, WA [Reg. 6].

6. FRANCES ELIZABETH SARAH GORDON (1908-1999) married **CHARLES HERBERT ALDRIDGE (1904-1983)** 26 May 1929, Pingelly, WA [Reg. 74].

7. ALICE LOUISA GORSON (1910-1983) married **RALPH HARRISON EDWARDS (1906-1971)** 26 Dec 1931, Beverley, WA [Reg. 50].

8. ALEXANDER WILLIAM GORDON (1912-1992) married **LINDA EDITH BROWNLEY (1921-2008) 28 Jun** 1940, Northam, WA [Reg. 93].

EDWARDS RALPH HARRISON: Service Number - 29423: Date of birth - 26 Jun 1906: Place of birth - BEVERLEY WA: Place of enlistment - PERTH WA: Next of Kin - EDWARDS A

Served in the RAAF in WW2 with 10 Stores Depot from 10th Dec 1940 - 3rd Aug 1945.

Electoral Roll:

1931 Alice Louisa Gordon, Taylor St, Pingelly, shop assistant.
1931, Ralph Harrison Edwards, Merredin, shop assistant
1943 Ralph Harrison Edwards, York Rd, Beverley, salesman.
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1963 Ralph Harrison Edwards, 66 Bates St, Merredin, storekeeper, Alice Louisa Edwards home duties.
1968 Ralph Harrison Edwards, 16 Bettles St, Marmion, Alice Louisa Edwards home duties.

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2. EDWARDS, STEPHEN HARRISON (1907-1991) was born 26 Jun 1907, Beverley, WA. [Reg. 103]. **STEPHEN** married **JEAN MAGENNIS (1909-1992)** 1938, North Perth, WA [Reg. 2071]. Stephen died 21 Nov 1991, Beverley, WA. **JEAN** was born 5 Mar 1909, Beverley, WA [Reg. 48]. Parents: **JOSEPH JAMES MAGENNIS (1873-1947)** and **EDITH DALE (1871-1967)** who were married 1896, Granville, NSW [Reg. 3180].

JOSEPH and **EDITH** had four children as follows:

1. DORIS MAGENNIS (1897-1977) married WILLIAM LUKE (1897-1985) 9 Sep 1919, Trinity Church, Perth, WA [Reg. 807].

2. IVY MAGENNIS (1899-1899) was born 1899, Perth, WA [Reg. 3834]. Ivy died 1899, Perth, WA [Reg. 1877].

3. JAMES ROY MAGENNIS (1901-1969) married DORIS JANNA MIDDLETON WHITE (1900-1981) 1923, Perth, WA [Reg. 284].

4. JEAN MAGENNIS (1909-1992) married **STEPHEN HARRISON EDWARDS (1907-1991)** 26 Dec 1939, Perth, WA [Reg. 2071].

EDWARDS STEPHEN HARRISON: Service Number - W73215: Date of birth - 26 Jun 1907: Place of birth - BEVERLEY WA: Place of enlistment – BEVERLEY, WA. Served in WW2, (married 1938), with 9 Northam Battalion VDC from 14 Apr 42 - 6 Nov 44.

Electoral Roll:
1943, 1954, 1977 Stephen Harrison Edwards, Brockman St, Beverley, mercer and clothier, Jean Edwards, home duties.

3rd CHILD OF PETER EBNER RALPH EDWARDS & MARY ANN PRISCILLA OLIVER

3. EDWARDS, KEITH HARRISON (1908-1958)
was born 14 Dec 1908, Beverley, WA [Reg year 1909], [Reg. 17]. **KEITH** married **IDA HAZEL FERGUSON (1917-1975)** 15 Jun 1938, Beverley, WA. He died 25 Oct 1958, Manning, WA [Reg. 2935].

IDA HAZEL FERGUSON (1917-1975) was born 8 Jan 1917, Talbot, VIC [Reg. 7783]. Parents: **GEORGE ERNEST FERGUSON (1879-1937)** and **SARAH EVERSON MARGARET NEVE (1884-1956)** who were married 18 Mar 1903, Talbot, VIC [Reg. 1148]. **GEORGE** and **SARAH** had seven children as follows:

1. SARAH ETHEL MAY FERGUSON (1904-1992) married FREDERICK GRIMBLY (1896-1970), 1925, VIC [Reg. 3770]. Divorce. m.2 SARAH ETHEL MAY GRIMBLY NEE FERGUSON (1904-1992) married ALLAN ROBERT HOPETUN MCGRATH (1901-1970) 1939, Beverley, WA [Reg. 34].

2. GLADYS WILMA FERGUSON (1906-1991) married ERIC ARTHUR RICH (1904-1993) 1930, Beverley, WA [Reg. 32].

3. NELLIE MAY FERGUSON (1907-1970) married LESLIE ROBERT SUTHERLAND (1938-2006) 1936, Beverley, WA [Reg. 33].

4. SYDNEY GEORGE FERGUSON (1909-1971) married NITA PEARL SIMS (1911-1997) 1933, Beverley, WA [Reg. 44].

5. RONALD KEITH FERGUSON (1911-1988) married IRENE ELIZABETH FISHER (1921-2001) 1941, Beverley, WA [Reg. 41].

6. JOYCE FERGUSON (1914-2005) married DAVID ROBERT FRASER KILPATRICK (1912-1984) 1938, Beverley, WA [Reg. 11].

7. IDA HAZEL FEGUSON (1917-1975) married **KEITH HARRISON EDWARDS (1908-1958)** 1938, Beverley, WA [Reg. 23].

8. ROBERT BRUCE FERGUSON (1928-2019) married PATRICIA F DWYER (1919-) 1942, Perth, WA [Reg.492].

EDWARDS, KEITH HARRISON: Service Number - 45207: Date of birth - 14 Dec 1908: Place of birth - BEVERLEY WA: Place of enlistment - PERTH WA: Next of Kin - EDWARDS IDA. Served in the RAAF in WW2 with 7 Communications Unit from 14 Jul 1941 - 22 Nov 1945.

Electoral Roll:

1931 Keith Harrison Edwards, York Rd, Beverley, farmer
1936 Keith Harrison Edwards, 20 Princep St, Forrest, Bunbury, agent
1954 Keith Harrison Edwards, lot 527 Downey Drive, Manning Park, Rawleigh Dealer, Ida Hazel Edwards, Home duties.
1958 Keith Harrison Edwards, 55 Downey Drive, Manning, dealer, Ida Hazel Edwards, Home duties.

4th CHILD OF PETER EBNER RALPH EDWARDS & MARY ANN PRISCILLA OLIVER

4. EDWARDS, CYRIL HARRISON (1910-1982) was born 23 MAR 1910, Beverley, WA [Reg. 42]. **CYRIL** married 1933, **IRENE 'RENE' HULMSTON (1912-2000)**, Perth, WA [Reg. 46]. He died 2 May 1982, Como, WA. Cyril and Irene had two children, Ron and Trevor.

IRENE was born 29 Aug 1912, Birkenhead, Cheshire, England. England and Wales, Civil Registration Birth Index, 1837-1915 [Vol 8a pg. 809]. Parents: **JAMES EDWARD HULMSTON (1876-1938)** and **EMMA ANN CARPENTER (1879-1969)**.

Census 1911, England: James Hulmston Head, aged 33, married; Emma Hulmston, Wife, 31, married; Doris Hulmston, daughter, 8; Charlotte Hulmston, Daughter, 4; John Hulmston, Son, 1 year

Passenger List: *SS Barrabool* Date of departure: London 17 Jul 1924 to Australia. James Edward Hulmston, Mrs Emma Ann, Charlotte Alice, aged 17, Clerk; Irene, 11; and Violet, 7. Also Christopher Diable, 23; and wife, Mrs. Lilian Doris Diable, 21.

JAMES EDWARD HULMSTON and **EMMA ANN CARPENTER** had five children as follows:

1. LILIAN DORIS HULMSTON (1902-1981) married CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH DIABLE 1923, birkenhed, Cheshire, England.

2. CHARLOTTE ALICE HULMSTON (1906-2004) married THOMAS COCHRANE MUNRO (1902-1968) 1934, Perth, WA [Reg. 839].

3. JOHN CHARLES HULMSTON (1909-1911) was born 1909, Birkenhead, Cheshire, England. He died as a toddler in 1911, Birkenhead, Cheshire, England.

4. IRENE HULMSTON (1912-2000) married **CYRIL HARRISON EDWARDS (1910-1982)** 1933, Perth, WA [Reg. 46].

5. VIOLET HULMSTON (1916-2018) married FRANZ BERGMAYER (1892-1958) 1939, Perth, WA [Reg. 1044]. Family Trees have Violet married to HARRY WRIGLEY (1916-2006) 1941, Perth, WA [Reg. 1014]. Can't find marriage. HARRY WRIDLEY married MARY A COATES 1939, Perth, WA [Reg. 1014]. It is interesting that the war Records below show Harry Wrigley's wife as 'Violet'. WRIGLEY HARRY: Service Number - 16997: Date of birth - 28 May 1916: Place of birth - PERTH WA: Place of enlistment - PERTH WA: Next of Kin - WRIGLEY VIOLET

Electoral Roll:
1937 Violet Hulmston, Victoria Park, Fremantle, home duties.
1943 Harry Wrigley, 309 Suburban Rd, fitter, Violet Wrigley, home duites.

Electoral Roll:
1931 Cyril Harrison Edwards, York Rd, Beverley, civil servant,
1954 Cyril Harrison Edwards, 73 Douglass Avenue, South Perth, salesman, Irene Edwards, Home duties.
1977 Cyril Harrison Edwards, 63 Clydesdale St, Como, emp offcr, Irene Edwards, Home duties.

5th CHILD OF PETER EBNER RALPH EDWARDS & MARY ANN PRISCILLA OLIVER

5. EDWARDS, WALTON HARRISON 'WALTER/WALTOR' (1914-1992) was born 20 Jan 1914, Beverley, WA [Reg. 9]. Recorded as Walton. He died 10 Mar 1992, Dalkeith, aged 92 years. Cremation, Karrakatta Cemetery, KCOO106438, recorded as Walton Harrison Edwards. Memorial, at Beverley, Anglican Cemetery, WA. Some family trees have him as serving in the US as Walton E Edwards Sr, married born 1914, Alabama. Education Grammar School Walton, Florida. This is not him.

In Ann Elizabeth Edward's Obituary his name is recorded as Walter.

Note via Cathy Auld: *My understanding is that Wally's mum (Mary Ann Oliver) contracted German measles when she was pregnant with him. I think he lived his life wheelchair bound and possibly nonverbal. He moved to the Sunset Home with his father when his mum passed away (maybe)?*

My Pop, Steve Edwards was his older brother. I remember visiting Wally when I was a child. Given his severe disabilities he still outlived his four brothers.

Of note, Rubella is usually a mild illness, with a fever, rash and swollen lymph glands. However, if contracted by pregnant women during the first 10 weeks of pregnancy, the disease can cause life-long problems for babies. Widespread vaccination against rubella for school girls and non-immune women was introduced in Australia in 1971. The Australian National Immunisation Program (NIP) first included measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine in 1989. See *https://www.health.gov.au/diseases/rubella-german-measles#about-rubella*

The memorial headstones for Mary and Peter Edwards and two of their children: Cyril Harrison Edwards with his wife Irene and their youngest child Walton Harrison Edwards. Via 'Find a Grave' web site.

NOTE: For some of the great grandchildren of Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden, descended through Elizabeth Anne (nee Blechynden) and Thomas Edwards, additional research and work needs to be done to provide a more complete story of their lives. It is hoped someone will take this task on and compile more details for any future edition of this project.

4. HENRY GEORGE BLECHYNDEN (1843-1927) & MARY ANN REILLY (1850-1923)

Henry George was Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden's fourth child. He was born on 6 Oct 1843 at 'Babbyalla', East Beverley.

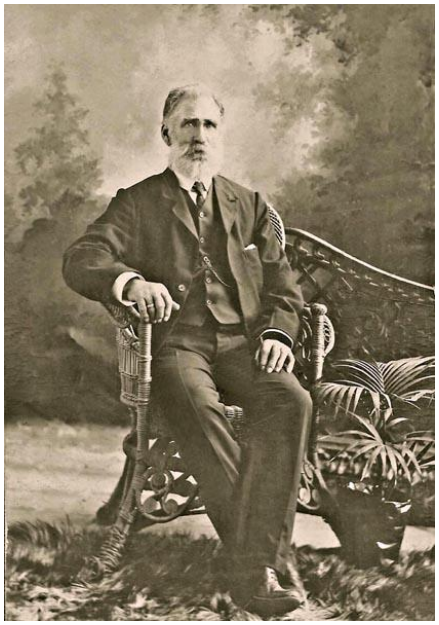
On 27 May 1874, Henry George married Mary Ann Reilly[4] at the Catholic Church in York.

They farmed 'Erindale' at Mt. Kokeby together and had four children.

Mary Ann passed away at the age of 73 on 26 Dec 1923 and Henry George at the age of 84 on 6 Nov 1927 both at Beverley. They are buried at the Beverley Catholic Cemetery.

[4] This is the best photograph we have of Mary Ann.

BLECHYNDEN, HENRY GEORGE (1843-1927)



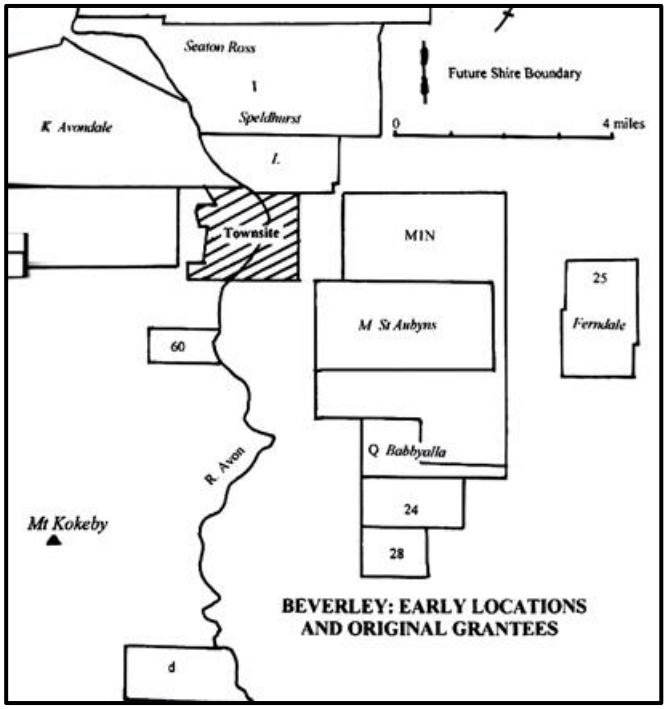
Henry George Blechynden
(via Carrol Family Tree)

Henry George Blechynden was born 6 Oct 1843, recorded as Babbalalla, 'Babbyalla', Beverley, WA [Reg. 278]. Henry was the fourth child to be born to Harrison Blechynden and Charlotte Robus.

Henry George's brother John and sister Sarah were born in Perth, prior to his parents moving to lease the property named 'Babbyalla' in the newly established district of Beverley. His sister Elizabeth was registered as being born on 'St Aubyns', 19 Mar 1842.

BEVERLEY Our Journey through time: A history of the Shire of Beverley by Glen McLaren and William Cooper: pg. 24.

By July 1837, it was estimated that 23 white settlers had lost their lives. . . While Stirling could not countenance a vigilante force in a British Colony, he did strengthen the military force in the Avon Valley. More troops were stationed at York, a permanent post was established on the banks of the Dale River in the far south-eastern corner of Avondale and a detachment of the 21st fusiliers were also stationed on and off at Addington. Subsequently barracks were established at John Mann's property at the Dale, aptly named the Barracks, and at Turkey Cock Creek on 'St Aubyns'. Patrols were mounted from these barracks and at times the military also provided armed escorts across the Darling Range.



When Henry George was born 6 Oct 1843, his birth was recorded as being at 'Babbyalla'. His brother John was aged 10 years, Sarah almost 2 ½ years and Elizabeth just 17 months of age. By the time Henry George was 10 years of age in 1853, six more brothers were added to the family: Jesse William 1845-1846, Walter Edward 1846, Charles Edwin 1848, Thomas Harrison 1849, Jesse William 1851, Joseph 1853. Sadly, Jesse William born in 1845 died in 1846, at the age of 20 months). The family now consisted of seven boys and two girls.

Book: Beverley our Journey Through Time
Beverley: Early locations and original grantees, map showing "St Aubyns', 'Babbyalla' and Mt Kokeby

The two older girls had their time cut out helping their mother with so many energetic and boisterous boys around the home. Thankfully, they had a large yard around the house and many animals and chores to keep them occupied. There was very little infrastructure in the surrounding district at this stage and as a consequence no schools. Their mother taught them to basically read and write. The children were taught to ride and care for horses from an early age. As they grew old enough the boys began to help their father and older

brother John on the farm. This was great experience as all of them were to pioneer and work their own farms in the future.

By 1852, a small service area consisting of a mud bat store and a wheelwright was being established at Edwards Crossing which was about 13 kilometres away. One can imagine the family would have travelled by horse and cart to the store for goods and the wheelwright for services. Annual shows were recorded as taking place at York which was 28.5 kms - 17.7 miles away. One can also visualise the family going in their wagon, participating, competing and socialising in the many venues provided at the show.

In 1854, his brother John Blechynden, at the age of 21, guided by two friendly Aboriginals, walked to the Blackwood district and was so impressed with what he saw that he acquired two pastoral leases along the Blackwood River. More details can be found in the individual chapter on John Blechynden and Elizabeth Green.

Henry George was recorded as being 16 years of age in the 1859 census. His father recorded the following under the topic of Agriculture:
Harrison Blechynden had 33 acres under wheat production, 15 acres of Barley, 15 acres of Hay and a quarter of an acre of Kitchen Garden. Stock: Harrison Blechynden had 16 horses, 24 cattle, 1160 sheep, 49 pigs. He had sold 2 cattle during the year but did not know how many sheep had been sold or processed. In the salt and pork area he had made and sold 2437 (Ed. This is presumed to be pounds weight) during the year. From this it can be seen Henry and his brothers were kept very busy.
His brother John Blechynden and Elizabeth Green were married on 23rd of Feb 1860, at the Cathedral Church of St George's, Perth, in one of the earliest (white) marriages in WA in which both bride and bridegroom had been born in the colony. One can imagine Henry with his family enjoyed socialising with the guests at the wedding.

In 1862, his sister Elizabeth Ann Blechynden married Thomas Edwards at York. She and Thomas settled on and raised their family on Speldhurst.

In 1864, Henry's brothers, Walter, now aged 18 years and Charles Edwin aged 16 years, made their way to Bridgetown and joined their eldest brother John at his home at 'Bridgedale'. Walter and Charles Edwin stayed with John and Elizabeth and worked for them for three years before moving south to work for Charles Rose on his property 'Wilgarrup' for another three or so years while the Roses were overseas. Walter left 'Wilgarrup' in about 1870, when he selected an acreage of land on the Upper Warren, which he named, 'Glenpennant'. Following his time at Bridgetown, Charles Blechynden returned to Beverley. He left 'Babbyalla' in 1870 and, for five years, rented 'Seaton Ross' from a Mr. Johnson. With the absence of his brothers, Walter and Charles Edwin, Henry George now aged 21 years took on much of the responsibility and hard work in helping his father Harrison on the farm.

Another wedding took place when Sarah Harrison Blechynden married John Henry Markham Page in 1867, at York. They set up their home and raised their family at William's Bridge, Quindanning.

Henry George Blechynden took up land at Mt. Kokeby, the property being known as 'Erindale'. Family members advise he eventually had two properties. One smaller farm at Mt Kokeby itself on the Great Southern Highway just south of Kokeby East Road, and his main farm, Erindale, which was located about 6 kilometres east of the highway along Yenyenning Lakes Road. The smaller Mt Kokeby property was across the other (western) side of the Avon River from 'Babbyalla'. See several pages further on, after Mary Ann Reilly's family story, for more details and photos of Erindale.

During this time Henry began courting a young woman named Mary Ann Reilly and they happily planned to get married.
It was a shock for the family when Henry's father Harrison Blechynden died on the 17 Jul 1873 at Beverley, WA [Reg. 6696], (recorded under Bleychenden), aged 71 years. The funeral was held at St

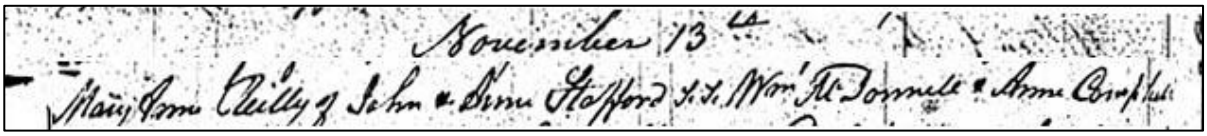
Paul's Church, Edwards Crossing and he was laid to rest at the Edwards Crossing Cemetery, Beverley, WA.

Shortly after the funeral, Henry's brother Walter Edward Blechynden married Jane Needs at Picton in 1873. Henry George was now aged 30 years, Charles Edwin 25 years, Thomas Harrison 24, Jesse William 21 and Joseph 20 years.

HENRY GEORGE BLECHYNDEN (1843-1927) was married 27 May 1874, Catholic Church, York, WA to **MARY ANN REILLY' (1850-1923)**, [Reg. 3772]. Registered as Mary Ann and H G Blechynden. Henry was aged almost 31 years and Mary 24 years.

REILLY, MARY 'ANN' (1850-1923)

Note: Ann appears to be her name used throughout her life.
Mary Ann Reilly was born 1 Nov 1850, Rotunda Barracks, Dublin, Ireland, father, **JOHN REILLY (1818-1902)** Corporal, mother, **MARY ANN STAFFORD (1835-1907)**. Mary Ann Reilly's birth is confirmed in her Obituary per the link below, which is shown in full later in this section.
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/201783640?searchTerm=Corporal%20John%20Reilly%20Death
Mary Ann Reilly was christened 13 Nov 1850. Parents John Reilly and Anne Stafford.


November 13th
Mary Ann Reilly of John & Anne Stafford S.T. Wm McDonnell & Anne Corfield

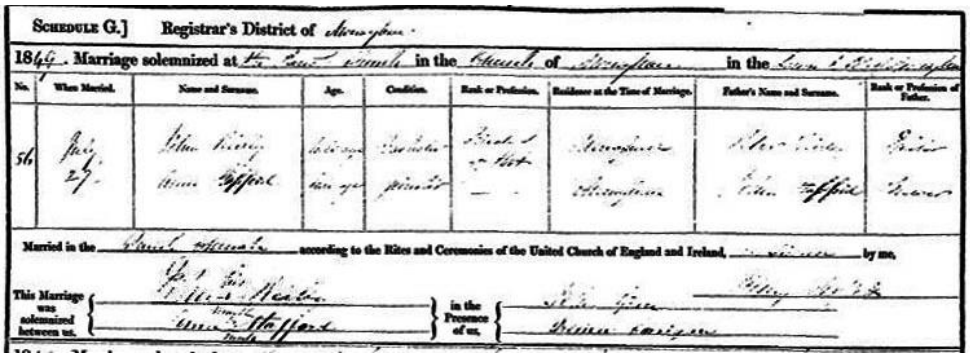
Baptism of Mary Ann Reilly, parents: John Reilly and Mary Anne Stafford

Mary Ann came to Perth on 19 Aug 1859, with her parents as a young girl, her father, at that time being one of the Pensioner Guards on the transport ship *Sultana*. She grew up with her brothers and sisters at Guildford. Fifteen years later she married Henry George Blechynden. They made their home at 'Erindale,' at Mt Kokeby, where they lived for over 30 years.

Mary Ann Blechynden (nee Reilly) died 26 Dec 1923, Beverley, WA [Reg year 1924], [Reg. 1]. Recorded as Mary Ann. She was buried at the Karrakatta Cemetery.

The following eight pages have details of Mary Ann Reilly's parents, John Reilly (1818-1902) and Mary Ann Stafford (1835-1907) and family:

JOHN REILLY (1818-1902) and **MARY ANN STAFFORD (1835-1907)** were married 27 Jul 1849, Monaghan, Ireland, registered as Anne, as per marriage certificate. It looks like it is written as Anne as per marriage certificate transcript below but mostly spelt Ann. To avoid confusion with her daughter Mary Anne (Blechynden), Ann is used in this section.


SCHEDULE G.] Registrar's District of Monaghan.
1849. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Church of Monaghan in the County of Monaghan

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
56	July 27	John Reilly	[illegible]	Bachelor	Sergeant of Horse	Monaghan	John Reilly	Soldier
		Anne Stafford	[illegible]	Spinster	—	Monaghan	John Stafford	Farmer

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the United Church of England and Ireland, by me,

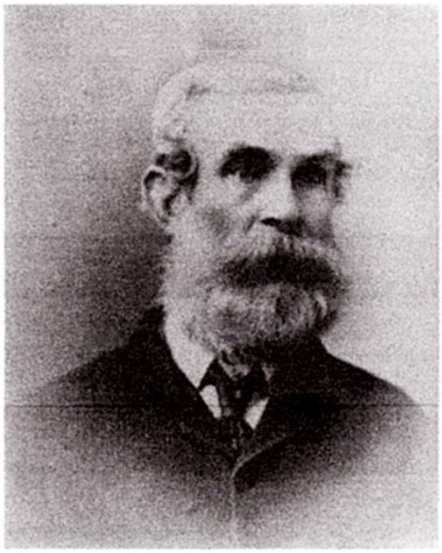
This Marriage was solemnized between us, John Reilly, Anne Stafford. In the Presence of us, [illegible]

Copy of marriage certificate of John Reilly and Ann Stafford. p. 190, 0539

REILLY, JOHN (1818-1902), **Mary 'Ann' Reilly's father, (**Via Osborne Warner Family Tree, My Heritage) was born *1818, (* according to military records), St Mary's, 31 South Great George Street, Dublin, Dublin City, Leinster, Ireland. His parents were **PETER REILLY (1795-1845)** and **KATHLEEN O'HARA (1800-1850)**. John Reilly died 16 Sep 1902, Lot 83, Helena St, Guildford, WA [Reg No 2763], aged 83 years as per his headstone. Buried 17th Sep 1902, Guildford Cemetery.

Note: A few researchers have recorded Corporal John Reilly as John Thomas Reilly. All records and papers we have found appear to refer to him as John Reilly. Many papers relating to Corporal John Reilly are available through various internet searches.

STAFFORD, MARY ANN (1835-1907), Mary 'Ann' Reilly's mother, was born 1835, baptised 28 May 1835, Dublin, Dublin City, Leinster, Ireland. Parents: **JOHN STAFFORD (1810-1875)** and **MARGARET WILLIAMS (1810-1871).** Mary Ann Reilly (nee Stafford) died 22 Mar 1907, Swan, WA [Reg. 31]. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery.



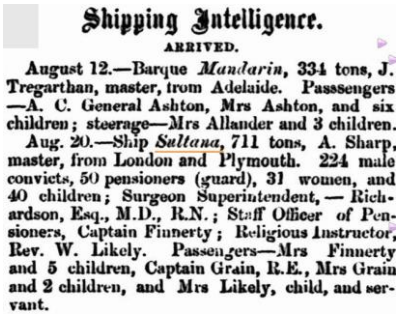
Corporal John Reilly (1818-1902).
Courtesy Jeff Osborne.

Mary Ann Reilly (nee Stafford) (1835-1907).
Courtesy Jeff Osborne.

Inquirer and Commercial News (Perth, WA: 1855 - 1901), Wed 24 Aug 1859, pg 2
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article66009408.txt

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.
ARRIVED.

Aug. 20.—Ship Sultana, 711 tons, A. Sharp, master, from London and Plymouth. 224 male convicts, **50 pensioners (guard), 31 women, and 40 children;** Surgeon Superintendent, —Richardson. Esq., M.D., R.N.—Staff Officer of Pensioners, Captain Finnerty; Religious Instructor, Rev. W. Likely. Passengers—Mrs Finnerty and 5 children, Captain Grain, E.E., Mrs Grain and 2 children, and Mrs Likely, child, and servant.



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REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES – ASSESSMENT DOCUMENTATION, P. 6
http://inherit.stateheritage.wa.gov.au/Admin/api/file/10eb7e59-c4d7-95c1-3595-19cb8b946c50

John Reilly, an enrolled Pensioner Guard, arrived in the Colony on the Sultana on 19 Aug 1859, with his wife Mary Ann (née Stafford) and child. *The Sultana carried fifty Pensioner Guards, thirty-one*

wives and forty children. Reilly was assigned to the Pensioner Barracks in Perth until appointment as Sergeant-in-Charge at the Convict Depot in Meadow Street, Guildford. The Depot in Meadow Street was close to Reilly's subsequent cottage in Helena Street and he lived at Guildford until his death in 1902. Reilly was born in Dublin, Ireland in 1820 (sic). In 1838, then as a tailor at the age of 18, he enlisted in the army on 22 January. As service man No. 995, he was promoted to the rank of Corporal on 1 November 1854 in the 57th Regiment and was discharged on 10 October 1856 with a pension of 9 pence per diem (day). ***Reilly saw military service that included 10 to 12 years in Malta and 8 years in the East Indies, a total service of 18 years and 293 days. He was holder of the Crimea and Turkish-Crimean Medals as a consequence of action in those campaigns.*** *Reilly was appointed to the Convict Depot at Guildford as Temporary Assistant Warder on 20 Sep 1871 at a pay rate of 3 shillings per day and was promoted later to Sergeant-in-Charge at Guildford.*

Guildford was declared a Municipality in 1871, and land was granted to Reilly, Military Pensioner, in 1872 at Lot 83 Helena Street, Guildford. He lived in the cottage built on that lot until his death in Guildford on 16 September 1902 at the age is 82. The title of the land at Lot 83 was transferred to his wife Ann in 1900. His surviving family on his death were his widow and a grown-up family of three sons and five daughters.

Crimea Research Society
http://cwrs.russianwar.co.uk/cwrs-R-crimeanmedals.html

Images of medals

◄ **Crimea Medal**

This image is a composition made from several original images to show all the five clasps that were issued. The Royal Collection at Windsor has a specimen of this medal with all five clasps.

Left: *Crimea Medal* Right: *Turkish Crimean Medal*

◄ **Turkish Crimean Medal**

Issued to allied military personnel, in British, French and Sardinian issues. The obverse shows the Ottoman Sultan's tughra with the Muslim calendar year of 1271. The reverse, a cannon and four flags. The flag to the fore, second from the left, depicts the country to which the medal was intended. The inscription reads 'La Crimee 1855' for French, 'La Crimea 1855' for Sardinian and 'Crimea 1855' for British. Due to loss by shipwreck of many medals intended for the British, awards were made with whatever issue came to hand, the most common being Sardinian.

About the Pensioner Guards Group:
https://membership.wags.org.au/enrolled-pensioner-guards...
The Enrolled Pensioner Force consisted of soldiers, who came to the colony of WA between 1850 and 1880, most arriving during the years of Transportation as Guards on the convict ships. They were soldiers who had been discharged from Military Service, and who on discharge from the army, were awarded pensions.

More information is available at
http://www.wanowandthen.com/Pensioner-Guards.html

Via researcher Jeff Osborne:

John Reilly: Place of Residence 28 Apr 1868 - Purchased Lot 83 Guildford Township from Robert Ogle for £35 - Guildford, Swan, WA. Occupation 1871 - Serving as Assistant Warder. - Guildford, Swan, WA. John Reilly's house at 53 Helena Street Guildford is listed by the National Trust (Lot 83).

CHILDREN OF JOHN REILLY (1818-1902) AND MARY ANN STAFFORD (1835-1907):

Mary Anne, Margaret and John appear to have been born in Ireland as per the following:
Enrolled Pensioner Force WA: REILLY / RIELY – John 57th Regiment
https://enrolledpensionerforcewa.org.au/epf-profiles/r/reilly-riely-john-57th-regiment/

FIRST CHILD OF JOHN REILLY (1818-1902) AND MARY ANN STAFFORD (1835-1907):

1. MARY ANN REILLY (1850-1923)

Mary Ann Reilly was born 1 Nov 1850, Rotunda Barracks, Dublin, Ireland, father, **JOHN REILLY (1818-1902)** (Corporal), mother, **MARY ANN STAFFORD (1835-1907)**. She was baptised 13 Nov 1850, Dublin, Ireland. References – see further back.
Mary Ann Blechynden (nee Reilly) died 26 Dec 1923, Beverley, WA Reg year 1924, [Reg. 1].

MARY ANN REILLY (1850-1923) married **HENRY GEORGE BLECHYNDEN (1843-1927)** 27 May 1874 in York, WA R/C. [Reg. 3772].

More details on Mary 'Anne' Reilly and Henry George Blechynden in this chapter.

SECOND CHILD OF JOHN REILLY (1818-1902) AND MARY ANN STAFFORD (1835-1907):

2. MARGARET REILLY (1856-1930)

Margaret Reilly was born 1856, baptised Jun 1856, Offaly, Tipperary, Ireland.
Margaret Broadhurst, O'Neil (nee Reilly) died 28 Aug 1930, Perth, WA [Reg.69].

m.1 MARGARET REILLY (1856-1930) married **JOHN O'NEILL (1844-1898)**, 29 Jun 1885, Guildford, WA [Reg. 6218]. John O'Neil died 1898, Swan, WA [Reg. 2657].

m.2 MARGARET REILLY (1856-1930) married **WILLIAM BROADHURST (1850-1918)** 1903, Perth, WA [Reg. 1720].

THIRD CHILD OF JOHN REILLY (1818-1902) AND MARY ANN STAFFORD (1835-1907):

3. JOHN REILLY (1857-1919) JOHNNIE

John Reilly was born 1857, in Dublin, Ireland. He died 16 Sep 1919, Perth, WA [Reg.1303], registered under John J Riley.

Witness in manslaughter case of Thomas Adams, Guilford, Swan, WA, Nov 9 1872.
This is the TROVE reference if you want to read all about it:

Herald (Fremantle, WA: 1867 - 1886), Sat 9 Nov 1872, pg 3
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FOURTH CHILD OF JOHN REILLY (1818-1902) AND MARY ANN STAFFORD (1835-1907):

4. PETER REILLY (1858-1860) was born 1858, Dublin, Ireland. He died 1860, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 1478], aged 1 year. Registered under Peter Riley.

FIFTH CHILD OF JOHN REILLY (1818-1902) AND MARY ANN STAFFORD (1835-1907):

5. ELIZABETH JANE REILLY (1860-1931) was born 1860, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 5444], recorded under Eliza Riley. Eliza died 22 Aug 1931, Midland, WA [Reg. 66], recorded as Elizabeth J Minett. Burial, Karrakatta Cemetery. **ELIZABETH** married **m.2 WILLIAM MINETT (1869-1935)** 9 Oct 1901, Peak Hill, WA [Reg. 1034]. Recorded as Elizabeth Reilly. This was William's second marriage. When Elizabeth married William in 1901, she was aged about 41 years. William had three children from his first wife Selina aged nine, eight and five years. (**m.1 WILLIAM MINETT (1869-1935)** married **SELINA MARY BERESFORD (1869-1896)** 2 Jul 1891, Waterloo, Walcha, NSW [Reg. 7981]).

Elizabeth and William raised his three children: William Henry MINETT (1892-1916), Stanley James MINETT (1893-1916) and Blanche Evelyn MINETT (1896-1961). Their mother, Selina Mary Minett (nee Beresford) died in Fremantle on 15 Nov 1896, [Reg. 767] about two months after the birth of Blanche Evelyn (born Sep 19, 1896), [Reg. 405]. The children were aged: William 4 years, Stanley 3 years and Blanche just a baby. William remarried in 1901.

William Minett: Liquor Licence 17 Feb 1904 - Applied for Wine & Beer Licence for Victoria Hotel, Midland, Swan, WA. Liquor Licence 10 Jun 1905 - Granted a Publican's General License for Victoria Hotel - Midland, Swan, WA.

Tragically, both of William and Selina's sons were killed in action in France while serving in WW1. Lest we forget:

MINNET, WILLIAM HENRY (1892-1916) Killed in Action, died on 29 Jul 1916, France, along with his brother. His stepmother was Elizabeth Jane Minett (nee Reilly), sister of Mary Ann Blechynden nee Reilly. 2 boys in the same family leaving only a sister. Lest we forget. ROLL OF HONOUR William Henry Minett, Service number 1091, Rank Private, Unit 28th Australian Infantry Battalion, Service Australian Imperial Force, Conflict/Operation First World War, 1914-1918 France, Cemetery or Memorial Details Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, Picardie, France.

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SIXTH CHILD OF JOHN REILLY (1818-1902) AND MARY ANN STAFFORD (1835-1907):

6. ELLEN REILLY (1862-1910). Thank you to Judy and Jeff Osborne:
Judy Osborne (nee Warner) is descended from this line.

Ellen Reilly was born 1862, Guildford, WA [Reg. 6737], recorded under Riely.
Ellen Grey, (nee McDonald) (nee Reilly) died 14 Jun 1910, Midland, Swan, WA [Reg. 41].

Ellen Reilly was married twice:

m1. ELLEN REILLY (1862-1910) married **ROBERT MCDONALD (1857-1896)** Jan 5 1885 at Guildford, WA [Reg. 5941].

ROBERT MCDONALD (1857-1896)

Robert McDonald was born 1857 at Cavan, County Cavan, Ireland.
Robert McDonald died Jul 1, 1896 at Northam, WA. [Reg. 1151].

CHILDREN OF ELLEN REILLY (1862-1910) AND ROBERT MCDONALD (1857-1896)

1. ROSE ELLEN MCDONALD (1885-1960)

Rose Ellen McDonald was born 1885, at York, WA [Reg. 26585].
Rose Ellen Thomas nee McDonald died Nov 1 1960 at Perth, WA [Reg. 3168].

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2. UNNAMED MCDONALD (FEMALE) (Stillborn 1887)
Unnamed McDonald, stillborn 1887 at Northam, WA [Reg. 1412]
Unnamed McDonald (female) death 1887 [Reg. 688]

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3. MARY JANE MCDONALD (1889-1978)
Mary Jane McDonald was born Mar 24 1889 at Guildford, WA [Reg 424].
Mary Jane Butler (nee McDonald) died 6 Feb 1978 at Royal Perth Hospital, WA.

MARY JANE MCDONALD (1889-1978) married **JOSEPH ELIJAH PARKER BUTLER (1890-1952)** 23 Feb 1911, Albany, WA [Reg. 10]. Note: **Kathleen Mary Blechynden (1889-1979)** was a **witness** as per their **marriage certificate.** (Kathleen, 'Auntie Kit', is the fourth child of Henry George and Mary Ann Blechynden and Auntie to Mary Jane).

MARY JANE BUTLER (NEE MCDONALD) (1889-1978) AND JOSEPH ELIJAH BUTLER (1890-1952) HAD 12 CHILDREN:

1. FRANCIS ALLEN BUTLER (1908-1970) married **AGNES MARY BEARD (1917-2003)** 1938, Northam, WA [Reg. 4900032].

2. MARY DOROTHY MAVIS BUTLER (1912-1966) - * see below for more details.**

3. RONALD FREDERICK ROBERT BUTLER (1914-1992) married **OLIVE ROSE CHAPMAN (1916-1981)** 1936, Perth, WA [Reg. 102130].

4. MARJORIE KIEBER BUTLER (1916-2011) married **ERIC GEORGE HENRY STEPHENSON** 1945, Manjimup, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 500009].

5. NORMAN JOSEPH BUTLER (1917-1985) married **PHYLLIS HAZEL ANDERSON (1923-1986)** 1941, Perth, WA [Reg. 102754].

6. KEVIN HUGH BUTLER (1919-1973) married **VERONICA AGNES PYLE (1923-)** 1948, Perth, WA [Reg.

7. ALAN LESLIE BUTLER (1924-1982) married **NORMA SHIRLEY HANLON (1926-2014)** 1945. Perth, WA [Reg. 101286].

8. EILEEN MARGARET BUTLER (1927-1979) married **ALBERT ZOMER (1922-2010)** 1948, Perth, WA [Reg. 53].

9. BEVAN JAMES BUTLER (1928-2009) married **DORIS LILLIAN 'DULCIE'**

10. DORIS MAY BUTLER (1930-2011) married **THOMAS WILLIAM EMMERSON (1923-2014)**

11. LAWRENCE ROY BUTLER (1934-2015)

12. LENARD NOEL BUTLER (1936-)

SECOND CHILD OF MARY JANE BUTLER (NEE MCDONALD) (1889-1978) AND JOSEPH ELIJAH BUTLER (1890-1952) IN MORE DETAIL:

2. MARY DOROTHY MAVIS BUTLER (1912-1966) ***

Mary Dorothy Mavis Butler, the second child of Mary Jane Butler (Nee McDonald) (1889-1978) and Joseph Elijah Butler (1890-1952), was born on Mar 20 1912 at Mokine, Northam, WA [Reg. 171. She became 'Doris' Chapman when a child, see following. Mary Dorothy Mavis Warner died on Aug 14 1966 at Cannington, Perth, WA [Reg. 106], Parents Edward and Edith Chapman, see following.

Mary Dorothy Mavis Butler was adopted by Edward Chapman (1863-1947) and Edith Emma Chapman nee Ackary [1874-1973] on Oct 20 1915 aged 3.5 years. From then on, she was known as Chapman as per her marriage registration and birth registration of children. Note: The family of Edward and Edith Chapman called Dorothy Mavis, 'Doris' Chapman.

Edward and Edith Chapman adopted another male child and also fostered a female child. They were brother and sister named Ivor Broxup-Giblett and Alice Maud Broxup. Alice Maud Broxup went on to marry Henry Chapman, son of George and Sarah Jane Chapman (nee Gibbs), in 1917. WA [Reg. 10].

Mary Dorothy Mavis Chapman married twice.

m.1 MARY DOROTHY MAVIS CHAPMAN married **ALBERT EVERSDEN**, born 1907 at Canning, WA [Reg. 20] on Aug 10 1933 at Perth, WA [Reg. 1041] and divorced on Oct 23 1942. Note that Mary Dorothy Mavis' family name is registered as Chapman on her marriage registration. From this marriage there were two children. Mary used her name as Eversden on those two birth records.

1. RONALD ALBERT EVERSDEN b. MAY 7 1934.
2. NEIL ROBERT EVERSDEN b. AUGUST 1936.

Mary Dorothy Mavis Chapman (returned to the surname Chapman after her divorce from Albert Eversden).

m.2 MARY DOROTHY MAVIS CHAPMAN married **EDGAR JOHN WARNER (1920-1976)** on May 13 1943.

From this marriage there were three children.

1. ELIN DAWN WARNER
2. JUDY MERLE WARNER
3. DOROTHY LANE WARNER

Mary Dorothy Mavis Chapman with her first daughter Elin Dawn, 1945 outside their home in Kate Street, Victoria Park. Courtesy Jeff Osborne.

Dorothy died 4 Dec 2017. Note that Mary used her name as Warner on those three birth records.

4. HUGH JOHN MCDONALD (1892-1960)

Hugh John McDonald was born 1892 at Perth, WA. [Reg. 1928].
Hugh John McDonald died Mar 15 1960 at Merredin, WA. [Reg. 19]

5. ROBERT FRANCIS MCDONALD (1895-1943)

Robert Francis McDonald was born 1895 at Fremantle, WA [Reg. 563]
Robert Francis McDonald died 1943 at Perth, WA [Reg. 925]

Following the death of ROBERT MCDONALD IN 1896, Ellen remarried again.

m. 2 ELLEN MCDONALD (NEE REILLY) (1862-1910) married **EDWIN GREY (1852-1910)** in 1900 at Guildford, WA [Reg. 1635]. There were no children from that marriage.

SEVENTH CHILD OF JOHN REILLY (1818-1902) AND MARY ANN STAFFORD (1835-1907):

7. TERENCE EDWARD REILLY (1864-1931)

Terence Edward Reilly was born 15 Aug 1864, Guildford, WA [Reg. 7948], registered as Tarrens.
Terence Edward Reilly died Subiaco, Perth, WA [Reg.1426].

TERENCE EDWARD REILLY (1864-1931) married **BRIDGET MCLOUGHLIN (1875-1936)**, 17 Apr 1894, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 131].

EIGHTH CHILD OF JOHN REILLY (1818-1902) AND MARY ANN STAFFORD (1835-1907):

8. WILLIAM REILLY (1867-1919)

William Reilly was born 1867, Guildford, WA [Reg. 10103], parents recorded as John Reilly and Ann Stafford. William died 28 Aug 1919, Swan, WA [Reg. 136]. The date is recorded on the headstone of his parents John and Mary Ann Reilly at Karrakatta Cemetery. He was possibly buried at the original Guildford Cemetery. Speculating: his name may have been added to the headstone after the change of site of the Guildford cemetery. An interesting fact is that William Reilly died at the Victoria Hotel, Midland Junction, which was owned by his sister and her husband, namely William and Elizabeth Jane Minett (nee Reilly).

WILLIAM REILLY (1867-1919) married **MARY ANN CHARLOTTE MCCARTHY (1866-1949)**, 1900, Perth, WA [Reg. 1031].

NINTH CHILD OF JOHN REILLY (1818-1902) AND MARY ANN STAFFORD (1835-1907):

9. CATHERINE REILLY (1870-1940)

Catherine Reilly was born 1870, Guildford, WA [Reg. 12144], recorded under Catharine Rieley.
Catharine McDonough (nee Reilly) died 1940, Perth WA [Reg. 185].

CATHERINE REILLY (1870-1940) married **FREDERICK FERDINAND MCDONOUGH (1867-1915)**, 1891, Guildford, WA [Reg. 3].

John Reilly died 16 Sep 1902, Guildford, WA [Reg No 2763], aged 83 years. Buried 17th Sep 1902, Guildford Cemetery.

W.A. Record **(Perth, WA: 1888 - 1922), Sat 4 Oct 1902, pg 10.**
04 Oct 1902 - Family Notices (nla.gov.au)

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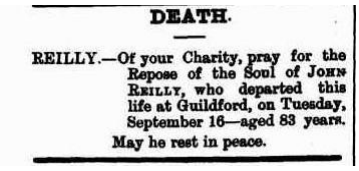
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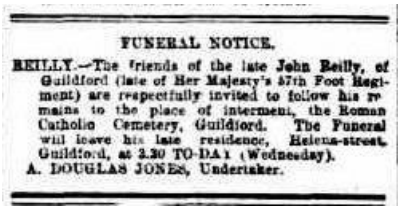
West Australian **(Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Wed 17 Sep 1902, pg 6.**
17 Sep 1902 - Family Notices (nla.gov.au)

FUNERAL NOTICE. REILLY. -The friends of the late John Reilly, of Guildford (late of Her Majesty's 57th Foot Regiment) are respectfully invited to follow his remains to the place of interment, the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Guildford. The Funeral will leave his late residence, Helena-street, Guildford, at 3.30 TO-DAY (Wednesday). A. DOUGLAS JONES, Undertaker.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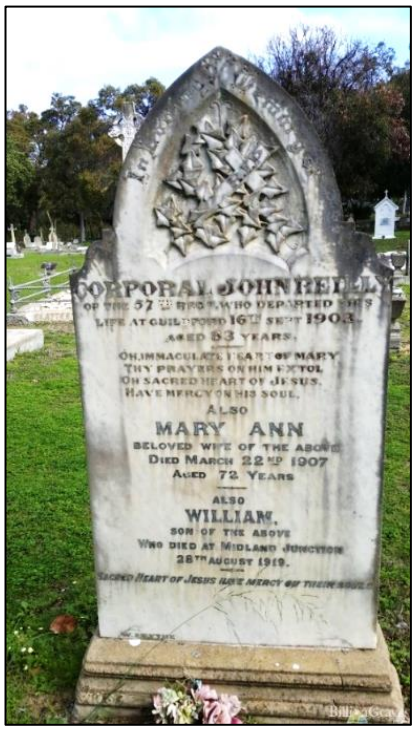
Note: The death of Corporal John Reilly has been inscribed on his headstone as 16 Sep,1903. According to WA death registration records and several articles he died in 1902.



Headstone Corporal John Reilly and Mary Ann Reilly (nee Stafford, Karrakatta Cemetery

Mary Ann Reilly (nee Stafford) died 22 Mar 1907, Swan, WA [Reg. 31]. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery.

John Reilly and his wife Mary Ann Reilly were buried at different cemeteries. The question from those researching was why?
Looking up the history of Guildford and Karrakatta Cemeteries, the answer becomes clearer.

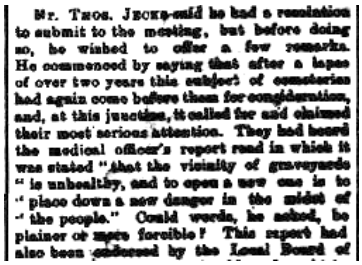
The Karrakatta Cemetery was first opened for burials in 1899. At this time and shortly after the original Guildford Cemetery was about to undergo changes and be moved to a new site.

The following section taken from an article found on *Trove* explains that at this time changes were about to be put into motion to change the site of the Guildford Cemetery.

West Australian **(Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Mon 9 Dec 1889, pg 3**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article3130436.txt

THE CEMETERY QUESTION AT MEETING OF RATEPAYERS.

. . . Mr. Thos. Jecks said he had a resolution to submit to the meeting, but before doing so, he wished to offer a few remarks. He commenced by saying that after a lapse of over two years this subject of cemeteries had again come before them for consideration, and, at this junction, it called for and claimed their most serious attention. They had heard the medical officer's report read in which it was stated "that the vicinity of graveyards " is unhealthy, and to open a new one is to place down a new danger in the midst of the people." Could words, he asked, be plainer or more forcible?. . .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OLD GUILDFORD CEMETERY
https://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WMQFX5_Old_Guildford_Cemetery_Guildford_Western_Australia

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WA Record **(Perth, WA: 1888 - 1922), Sat 6 Apr 1907, pg 14**
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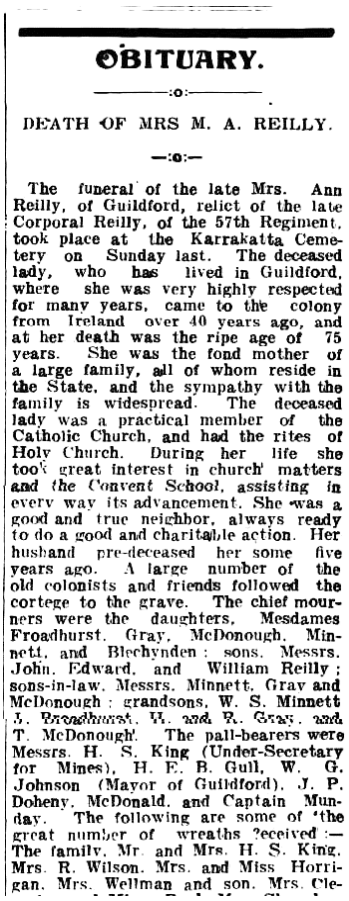
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Continuing with the story of Henry George Blechynden and Mary 'Anne' Reilly:

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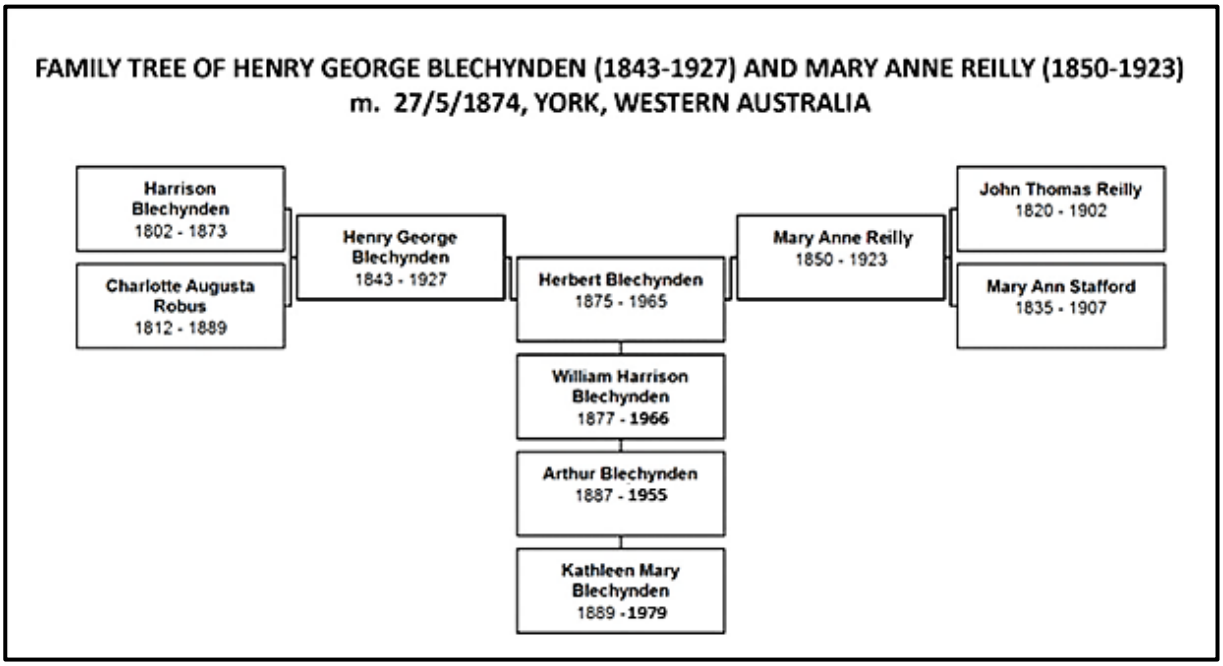
St Patrick's Church Hall: The original York Catholic Church commenced in 1859 and dedicated to St. Patrick in 1860, still stands today is now used as the Church Hall, situated in South Street on the front lawns of the presbytery. The present Church's foundation stone was laid on St Patrick's day, 1875, and completed in 1886.

Henry took his bride back to 'Erindale' where they set up home and raised four children.

This is the remains of the original homestead of Erindale, Beverley, on Yenyenning *Lakes Road, Mt Kokeby. Via Kerry Blechynden*

See also further on.



Their first child Henry Herbert Blechynden was born 20 Mar 1875 at Guildford, WA [Reg. 16178]. Perhaps their first baby was born in Guildford so Mary's mother, Mary Reilly could be close by and there was more adequate medical support. Their second child William Harrison Blechynden was born 20 Jan 1877, at Beverley, WA [Reg. 18176]. It was some time before their next child was born. Arthur Blechynden was born 13 Mar 1887 at Beverley, WA [Reg. 622], followed by their fourth child, a daughter, Kathline Mary Blechynden who was born 31 Dec 1888, also at Beverley, WA [Reg. 126].

More details about these children can be found in their individual chapters further on.

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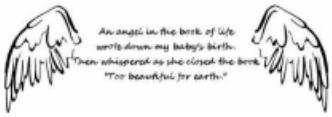

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Photos of Erindale Oct 2022 taken by Ken Blechynden during: "Back to Beverley 150 Year Spring Festival"

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Erindale homestead ruin

***Sunday Times* (Perth, WA: 1902 - 1954), Sun 22 Dec 1912, pg 2**
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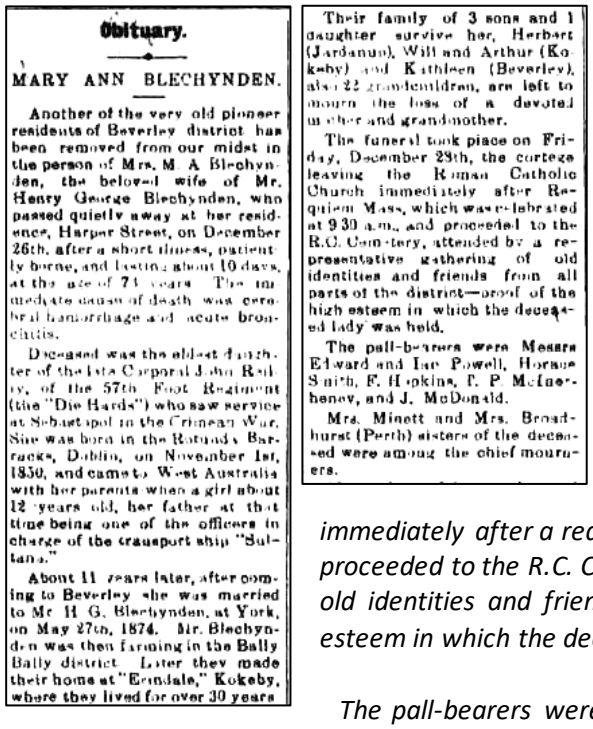

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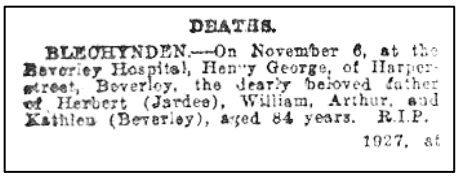

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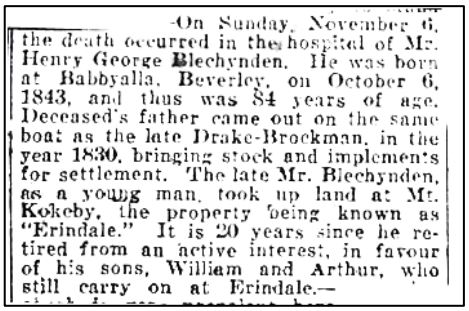

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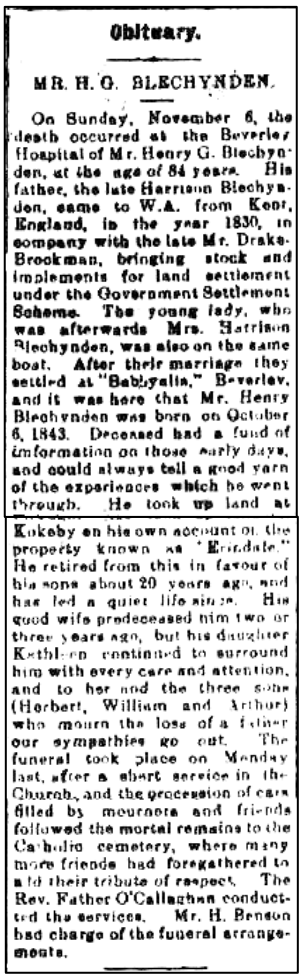

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FIRST CHILD OF HENRY BLECHYNDEN & MARY REILLY

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Eastern Districts Chronicle **(York, WA: 1877 - 1927), Sat 4 Mar 1905, pg 2**
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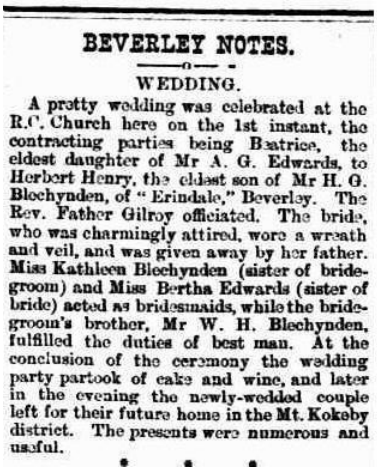
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EDWARDS, BEATRICE GERTRUDE MARY (1884-1947)

Beatrice Gertrude Mary Edwards was born 24 Aug 1884, Beverley, WA [Reg. 25430], daughter of **ALFRED GEORGE EDWARDS (1861-1932)** and **MARY MERVYN DRAKE (1865-1924)** who were married in 1883, Beverley, WA [Reg. 5651]. Beatrice died 12 Nov 1947, Subiaco, WA [Reg. 2454].

The following four pages contain details about Beatrice's parents Alfred George Edwards (1861-1932) and Mary Mervyn Drake (1865-1924) and the history of her grandparents.

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1. ELEANOR EDWARDS (1858-1941) married LLOYD DAVIES BLAKISTON (1851-1929) 30 Apr 1890, St Paul's Church, Beverley, WA [Reg. 140].
2. WILLIAM JOHN EDWARDS (1859-1941) married MARIA ANN MOULTON (1859-1942) 29 Dec 1881, Church of England, Beverley, WA [Reg.5218].
3. ALFRED GEORGE EDWARDS (1861-1932) married MARY MERVYN DRAKE (1865-1924) 1883, Beverley, WA [Reg. 5651].
4. CAROLINE JANE EDWARDS (1865-1948) married JOHN GIBSON MANN (1859-1897) 1888, Beverley, WA [Reg. 290].
5. MARGARET AMELIA EDWARDS (1868-1958) married CHARLES HENRY COUNSEL (1869-1941) 1892, Beverley, WA [Reg. 205].
6. LILLY AYLEN EDWARDS (1870-1875) was born 1870, Ann Brook, WA [Reg. 12316]. Lilly Aylen Edwards died 1875, Beverley, WA [Reg. 8446], aged 5 years.
7. AGNES MATILDA EDWARDS (1872-1954) married ALFRED BUTLAND (1876-1958) 17 Aug, 1901, St John's Church, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 725].

MARY MERVYN DRAKE (1865-1924) Beatrice Gertrude Edward's mother.

Mary Mervyn Drake was born 1 Jan 1865, York, WA [Reg. 8794], daughter of **RICHARD HAMMETT DRAKE (1822-1875) Convict** and **MARY MCKEOWN (1838-1884)**, who were married 1859, York, WA [Reg. 1317]. Richard Hammett Drake and Mary McKeown had two children.

1. MARY MERVYN DRAKE married **ALFRED GEORGE EDWARDS (1861-1932)** 1883, Beverley, WA [Reg. 5651]. Mary died 25 Mar 1924, Subiaco, WA [Reg. 362].

2. MARGARET DRAKE 1869-) married **MARTIN SCHLAIKIER** 1889, Perth, WA [Reg. 19].

RICHARD HAMMETT DRAKE (1822-1875) Convict Beatrice Gertrude Edward's maternal grandfather

Via The West Texas Drake Family tree, Ancestry

Richard Hammett Drake was born 26 Oct 1822, Kensington, Middlesex, England.
Richard Hammett Drake died 1975, York, WA [Reg. 8262] aged 53 years.
Convict: Convicted of embezzlement, sentenced to "transportation."
Arrival in 1850, ACT, NT, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC and WA. Lots of information in Ancestry. Too complex for here.

MARY MCKEOWN (1838-1884) Beatrice Gertrude Edward's maternal grandmother

Mary McKeown was born in 1838, Antrim, Northern Ireland. Parents: **JAMES MCKEOWAN (1808-1877)** and **HENRIETTA 'HARRIETT' MURRAY (1813-1897)** who were married 1845, County Antrim, Northern Ireland. Mary McKeown migrated leaving from Plymouth, England, Jan 1859 arriving in Perth, 1859.

m.1 **MARY MCKEOWN (1838-1884)** married **RICHARD HAMMETT DRAKE (1822-1875) Convict,** 1859, York, WA [Reg. 1317].

m2. **MARY DRAKE NEE MCKEOWN (1838-1884)** married **JOHN WILLIAM FEENY (1842-1912)** 1875, Beverley, WA [Reg. 3878].

Mary Feeney, Drake (nee McKeown) died 25 Apr 1884, Mt Hardey, near York, WA.
https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/230829750/mary-feeney

Beatrice Gertrude Edwards' parents **ALFRED GEORGE EDWARDS (1861-1932)** and **MARY MERVYN DRAKE (1865-1924)** had 12 Children as follows:

1. BEATRICE GERTRUDE MARY EDWARDS (1884-1947) was born 24 Aug 1884, Beverley, WA [Reg. 25430]. She married **HERBERT HENRY BLECHYNDEN (1875-1965)**, 1905, Beverley, WA [Reg. 5]. Registered as Herbert Henry. Beatrice died 12 Nov 1947, Subiaco, WA [Reg. 2454]. See more details in their individual section following.

2. MERVIN CONWAY EDWARDS (1886-1962) was born 1886, York, WA [Reg. 28337]. Recorded as Mervin. He died 26 Mar 1962, Nedlands, WA [Reg. 923], recorded as Mervyn.

Electoral Roll:
1909, 1910, Mervin Conway Edwards, Beverley, carpenter.
1925 Mervin Conway Edwards, Beverley, labourer.
1943 Mervin Conway Edwards, Beverley, c/o G T Hadrill, Chitibin, labourer.
1949 Mervin Conway Edwards, Agricultural College, Muresk, orderly.
1954 Mervin Conway Edwards, Muresk College, kitchen hand.
1958 Mervin Conway Edwards, Sunset.

3. BERTHA MARGARET EDWARDS (1888-1933) was born 1888, Beverley, WA [Reg.624]. She died 1933, Northam, WA [Reg. 201].

Electoral Roll:
1913, 1914 Bertha Margaret Edwards, The Pines, Vincent St, Beverley, *married. Parents: Alfred George Edwards, fettler, married. Mary Mervyn Edwards, married, both at the same address.
Note: * I can't find a marriage for Bertha. Electoral rolls below record her as Edwards.
1925 Bertha Margaret Edwards, The Pines, Vincent St, Beverley, cook.
1928, 1930 Bertha Margaret Edwards, The Presbytery, Narrogin, housekeeper.
1931 Bertha Margaret Edwards, 28 Wellington St, Northam.

4. LILY EVE EDWARDS (1890-1968) was born 1890, Beverley, WA [Reg. 185]. She married **EDWARD OSCAR 'TED' MCBEATH (1890-1964)**, 1917, Beverley, WA [Reg. 27]. Lily died 11 Jul 1968, Wembley, WA 2300].

5. ALFRED JAMES EDWARDS (1891-1955) was born 1891, Beverley, WA [Reg. 490], father, Alfred George Edwards, mother recorded as Mary Marion (sic should be Mervyn) Drake. He died 9 Dec 1955, West Perth, WA [Reg. 3053].

Electoral Roll:
There were two Alfred James Edwards recorded during this time.
1913 Alfred James Edwards, Brookton, labourer.

1926 Alfred James Edwards, Dowerin, labourer.
1937 Alfred James Edwards, Wyalkatchem, farm hand.
1949 Alfred James Edwards, 34 James St, Perth, labourer.
1954 Alfred James Edwards, 169 Sutherland St, labourer.

6. LOUIS DRAKE EDWARDS (1892-1968) was born 1892, Beverley, WA [Reg. 1671]. Mother: Mary Mervyn Drake. He married **FLOSSIE ANETTE TRIXIE GRAHAM (1890-1990)**, 1913, Beverley, WA [Reg. 6]. He died 16 Sep 1968, Mandurah, WA [Reg. 56].

7. RUBY CLARE EDWARDS (1894-1951) was born 1894, Beverley, WA [Reg. 1297]. Mother Mary Mervyn Drake. She married **CHARLES WATSON MITCHEL (1905-1961),** 1934, Perth, WA [Reg. 1349]. Ruby died 10 Feb 1951, WA [Reg. 369].

8. VERA IRENE EDWARDS (1896-1983) was born 1896, Beverley, WA [Reg. 20]. She married **WILLIAM FRANCIS BOWEN (1890-1971),** 1919, Beverley, WA [Reg.20]. Vera died 18 Dec 1983, Perth, WA.

9. CLARENCE STANLEY EDWARDS (1899-1953) was born 1899, Beverley, WA [Reg. 5]. He married **GLADYS MILLER (1901-1970),** 1931, Perth, WA [Reg. 660]. Clarence died 16 Jun 1953, Como, WA [Reg. 1294].

10. IAN CECIL EDWARDS (1900-1973) was born 3 Jan 1900, Beverley, WA [Reg. 6]. Mother Mary Mervyn Drake. He married **ELSIE MARY ANN MARSTON (1899-1982),** 1924, Wellington, WA [Reg. 98]. Ian Cecil Edwards died 22 Apr 1973, Shenton Park, WA.

11. MELBA VERONICA EDWARDS (1903-1904) was born 1903, Beverley, WA [Reg. 13]. Mother written as Francis Mary Mervin. Melba died 1904, Beverley, WA [Reg. 16], aged 1 year.

12. MARY JOSEPHINE EDWARDS (1905-2001) was born 1905, Beverley, WA [Reg. 76]. She married **STANLEY PHILLIP MARKEY (1893-1988),** 1929, Northam, WA [Reg. 62]. Mary died 17 Nov 2001, Kingsley, WA.

Continuing with the story of HENRY 'HERBERT' BLECHYNDEN (1875-1965) AND BEATRICE GERTRUDE EDWARDS (1884-1947):

CHILDREN OF HENRY 'HERBERT' BLECHYNDEN (1875-1965) AND BEATRICE GERTRUDE EDWARDS (1884-1947): Just to clarify and hopefully avoid confusion, 'Herbert', was the first-born child of Henry George and Mary Ann Blechynden nee Reilly.

1st CHILD OF HENRY 'HERBERT' BLECHYNDEN & BEATRICE GERTRUDE EDWARDS

1. BLECHYNDEN, MARY ANNE ILEEN (1906-1989)
Mary Ann Ileen Blechynden (as recorded) was born/baptised 22 Jan 1906 Beverley, WA [Reg. 21].

Mary Ann Blechynden

Mary Anne Young (nee Blechynden) died 14 Dec 1989, Manjimup, WA. Via Langdon/Arnold Family Tree. ILANE written on headstone.

MARY ANNE BLECHYNDEN (1906-1989) married **GERALD LESLIE YOUNG (1899-1971)**, 24 Dec 1926, registered in 1927, in Manjimup Catholic School, (Blackwood), WA [Reg. 3].

GERALD LESLIE YOUNG (1899-1971)

Gerald Leslie Young was born 3 Jan 1899, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 54]. Parents **CHARLES YOUNG (1842-1933)** (known as Captain) and **MARY THACKER (1863-1915)** who were married 9 Aug 1879, Busselton, WA [Reg. 4738].

Gerald Leslie Young died 30 Sep 1971, Manjimup, (Blackwood), WA [Reg. 62]. Buried Manjimup Cemetery.
The following three pages have details of Gerald Leslie Young's parents, Charles Young (1842-1933) and Mary Thacker (1863-1915) plus a summary of the history of his grandparents and how they came to WA.

CHARLES YOUNG (1842-1933) – Captain Gerald Young's father
Via Airey Family Tree, Ancestry:
Charles Young was born 20 Apr 1842, Cranbourne, Dorset, Hampshire, England.
Arrival, 1861 Albany, WA.

"A sailer aboard "Yankee 4" an American Whaling Ship, he worked on for nearly 3 years. Deserted ship in Albany, after a mutiny. One of the crew had been knifed, and Charles had been sent to take the man to a doctor ashore, hence the chance of escape."

Charles Young died 29 Apr 1933, Manjimup, (Blackwood), WA [Reg. 27], aged 91 years. Buried Balbarrup Cemetery, WA.

MARY THACKER (1863-1915) Gerald Young's mother
Mary Thacker was born 1863, Middle Swan, WA [Reg. 7321]. Mary Young (nee Thacker) died 24 Apr 1915, Wellington, WA [Reg. 55]. Parents: **WILLIAM THACKER (1802-1879)** and **ELIZA COOK (1817-1902)**, who were married 4 Oct 1837, Guildford, WA.

WILLIAM THACKER (1802-1879) Convict Gerald Young's maternal grandfather
Via Harrod Family Tree, Ancestry.
William Thacker was born in 25 Nov 1802, London, England. Parents: **DAVID THACKER (1788-1858)** and **ANN GOGAY (1777-1845).** He died 1879, East Perth, WA [Reg. 10327], recorded under Thackeray, possibly him, aged 80 years. Buried East Perth Cemetery. William was a convict: Departure for Australia, 22 Oct 1824, from England. Convicted of larceny in a house in Essex, on the 8 Dec 1823 at Chelmsford. Sentenced to 7 years Transportation. Arrived Port Jackson, NSW aboard *Asia.* Convict # 1464. Arrival 19 Apr 1825, Sydney Cove, NSW. Arrived Albany with Major Lockyer, 25 Dec 1826, Albany, WA, one of the 23 convicts who arrived on the *Amity.*

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM THACKER (1802-1879) AND ELIZA COOK (1817-1902):

All of these children registered as being born in Middle or Upper Swan, WA, parents as above except for Sarah Ann who has her mother recorded as Jane Crips. One family tree on Ancestry records that William Thacker married Jane Crips, 1 Jan 1845. Registration in WA was not showing for either marriage. Records show he had one child by Jane Crips in 1846, followed by another eight by Eliza Cook.

1. SARAH ANN THACKER (1846-1910)
Sarah Thacker was born 1846, Middle Swan, WA [Reg. 751]. Parents: **WILLIAM THACKER** and **JANE CRIPS**. Note different mother recorded.

m.1 SARAH THACKER (1846-1910) married **JOHN SYMONDS** 1862, Middle Swan, WA [Reg. 1723].

m.2 SARAH SYMONDS, NEE THACKER (1846-1910) married **CHARLES NETHERWOOD** 1907, Leederville, WA [Reg. 3900038]. Sarah died 11 May 1910, Leederville, WA [Reg. 3900017]. Parents registered as William Packer (sic) and Jane Herbert? Buried Karrakatta Cemetery.

2. WILLIAM THACKER (1848-1848) was born 1848, Middle Swan, WA [Reg. 1091]. William died 1848, Middle Swan, WA [Reg. 338], aged 3 months.

3. FRANCES THACKER (1850-) was born 1850, Upper Swan, WA [Reg. 1448].

4. PHILLIP THACKER (1851-1917) (some family Trees have him born in ~1840) was born 1851, Upper Swan, WA [Reg. 1623]. **PHILLIP** married **JANE HUNT (1830-1908)** 1878, York, WA [Reg. 4480]. He died 1917, Claremont, WA [Reg. 1600037], aged 65 years

5. FANNY THACKER (1854-) was born 1854, Middle Swan, WA [Reg. 2432].

6. ELIZABETH THACKER (1856-1911) married **GEORGE SYDNEY (1836-1828)** 1879, Guildford, WA [Reg. 4730].

7. WILLIAM DAVID THACKER (1858-1858) was born 1858, Middle Swan, WA [Reg. 4135]. He died aged 8 weeks in 1858, Middle Swan, WA [Reg. 1104].

8. AGNES THACKER (1859-1937) married **JOSEPH STONE (1855-1930)** 25 Oct 1880, York, WA [Reg. 5003].

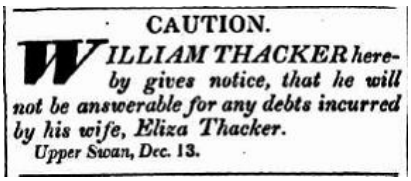
9. MARY THACKER (1863-1915) married **CHARLES YOUNG (1842-1933)** 9 Aug 1879, Busselton, WA [Reg. 4738].

ELIZA COOK (1817-1902) Gerald Young's maternal grandmother

Eliza Cook was born about 1817, England. Baptised 28 Jun 1818, Father: **HENRY COOK**, mother **JANE**.
Eliza Bryant, Thacker, (nee Cook) died 22 Aug 1902, Perth, WA [Reg. 2258], aged 85 years. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery.

m.1 ELIZA COOK (1817-1902) married **WILLIAM THACKER (1802-1880)**, 4 Oct 1837, Guildford, WA.

It appears that William Thackery and Eliza Cook separated and divorced.


CAUTION.
WILLIAM THACKER hereby gives notice, that he will not be answerable for any debts incurred by his wife, Eliza Thacker.
Upper Swan, Dec. 13.

m.2 ELIZA THACKER NEE COOK (1817-1902) married **WILLIAM BRYANT (~1825-1900)**, 1889, Middle Swan, WA [Reg. 101].
William Bryant died 1900, WA [Reg. 1772], aged 75 years.

Returning to MARY ANNE BLECHYNDEN (1906-1989) and GERALD LESLIE YOUNG (1899-1971).

CHILDREN OF MARY ANNE BLECHYNDEN (1906-1989) AND GERALD LESLIE YOUNG (1899-1971): Thelma, Lesley, Lorraine and Norah.

Electoral Roll:
1922 Gerald Leslie Young, Manjimup, farmer.
1931 Gerald Leslie Young, Jardee, dairyman.
1937, 1949 Gerald Leslie Young, Jardee, dairyman, Mary Anne Ileen, domestic duties.
1954 Gerald Leslie Young, Twin Hills, Middlesex, farmer, Mary Anne Ileen, home duties.
1968 Gerald Leslie Young, Twin Hills, Middlesex, farmer.

2nd CHILD OF HENRY 'HERBERT' BLECHYNDEN & BEATRICE GERTRUDE EDWARDS

Kathleen Beatrice Mary Blechynden

2. BLECHYNDEN, KATHLEEN BEATRICE MARY (1907-1976)
Kathleen Beatrice Mary Blechynden was born 1907, Beverley, WA [Reg. 55].

Kathleen Beatrice M Barley (nee Blechynden) died 20 Jun 1976, York, WA.
Buried Karrakatta Cemetery, WA.

KATHLEEN BEATRICE MARY BLECHYNDEN married **LEONARD HENRY BARLEY (1910-1994)**, 1933, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 51].

LEONARD HENRY BARLEY (1910-1994)
Via Langdon/Arnold family tree, Ancestry.
Leonard Henry Barley was born Apr 1910, Potterspury, Northamptonshire, England. [Vol 3b, pg. 20]. Parents: **HAROLD BARLEY (~1883-1970)** and **ANNIE TUNLEY (1885-1930)** who were married about 1909, Potterspury, Northamptonshire, England.
Leonard Henry Barley died 30 Sep 1994, Pinjarra, WA.

HAROLD BARLEY (~1883-1970) AND ANNIE TUNLEY (1885-1930) HAD TWO CHILDREN:

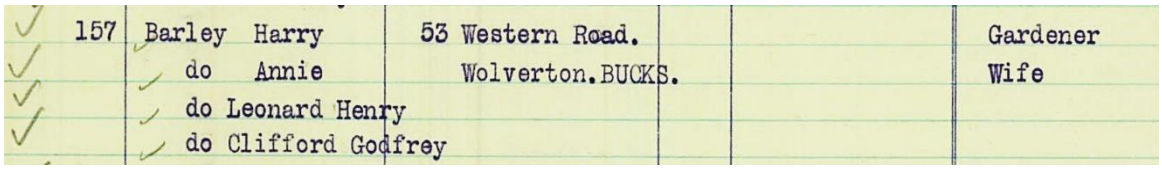
1. LEONARD HENRY BARLEY (1910-1994) Details see above.

2. CLIFFORD GODFREY BARLEY (1916-)

Clifford Godfrey Barley was born Jul 1916, Potterspury, Northamptonshire, England. Mother's maiden name Tunley. [Vol 3n, pg. 25].
Some family trees have him as Clifford George Barley / Varley. Perhaps he changed his name.
Electoral Roll:
1943 Clifford Godfrey Barley, Kamel Hill Farm, Jardee, labourer, Leonard Henry Barley, Jardee, labourer, Kathleen Beatrice Barley, home duties.

Emigration:

Passenger list: Ship S.S. *Benalla,* date of departure 12 May 1921, London to Australia.

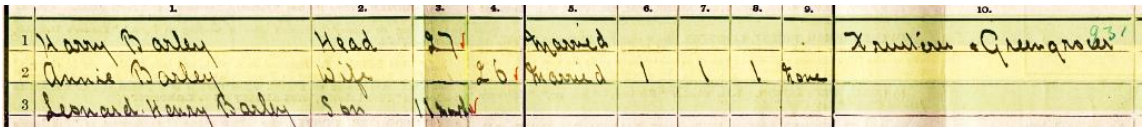


157	Barley Harry	53 Western Road.			Gardener
	do Annie	Wolverton. BUCKS.			Wife
	do Leonard Henry				
	do Clifford Godfrey				

HAROLD BARLEY (~1883-1970) 'HARRY' Leonard Barley's father.
Via Brown Family Tree, Ancestry.

Harold Barley was born about 1883, Bradwell, Buchinghamshire, England.
Harold Barley died 1970, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 107].

Census 1911: Harry Barley Head, 27, Gardener and Greengrocer, **Annie Barley**, wife, 26 years, **Leonard Henry Barley**, son 11 months.



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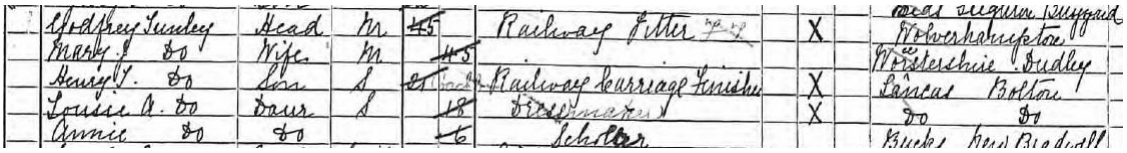
2 Annie Barley	Wife		26	Married	1	1	1	Home	
3 Leonard Henry Barley	Son	11 months							

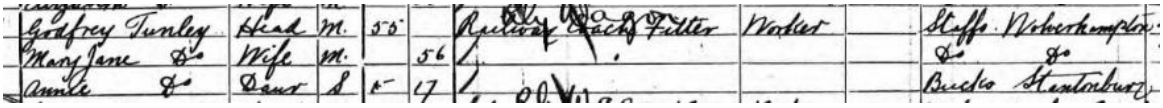
ANNIE TUNLEY (1885-1930). Leonard Barley's mother.

Annie Tunley was born about 1885, Bradwell, Buckinghamshire, England. Parents: GODFREY **TUNLEY (1846-1928)** and **MARY JANE (1846-)**
Annie Barley (nee Tunley) died Oct 1930, Manjimup, WA [Reg. 72].

Census 1891: Godfrey Tunley, 45; Mary, wife, 45; Henry, son,21; Louise dau, 18; Annie, dau, 6 years.



Census 1901: Godfrey Tunley, 55; Mary Jane, wife, 56; Annie, daughter 17.



Electoral Roll:
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1943 Harry Barley, Hamel Hill Farm, Jardee, farmer, Kathleen Beatrice Barley, Jardee, home duties.

CHILD OF KATHLEEN BEATRICE MARY BLECHYNDEN & LEONARD HENRY BARLEY (1910-1994): John Gerard Barley.

3rd CHILD OF HENRY 'HERBERT' BLECHYNDEN & BEATRICE GERTRUDE EDWARDS

3. BLECHYNDEN, LAURA MARY MAGDALENE (1907-1983)
Laura Mary Blechynden was born 22 Jul 1907, registered in 1908, Beverley, WA [Reg. 95].
Laura Mary Ryan (nee Blechynden) died 4 Jan 1983, Mosman Park, WA.

LAURA MARY BLECHYNDEN (1907-1983) married **THOMAS LEO RYAN (1909-2000)**, 1935, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 48].

Herbert Henry Blechynden and family, at bride's parents' home.

Wedding of Laura Blechynden to Tom Ryan (couple sitting on left), 1935.

From back left: Veronica, Gerry, Merv, Mary Anne, Mal, Nat and Len Barley (Kath's husband)

Middle row: Groom - Tom Ryan, bride - Laura, Beatrice, Herbert, Margaret, Kath
Front: Gene and Terry
Manjimup Mail and Jardee-

Pemberton-Northcliffe Press **(WA: 1927 - 1950), Fri 8 Nov 1935, pg 1**
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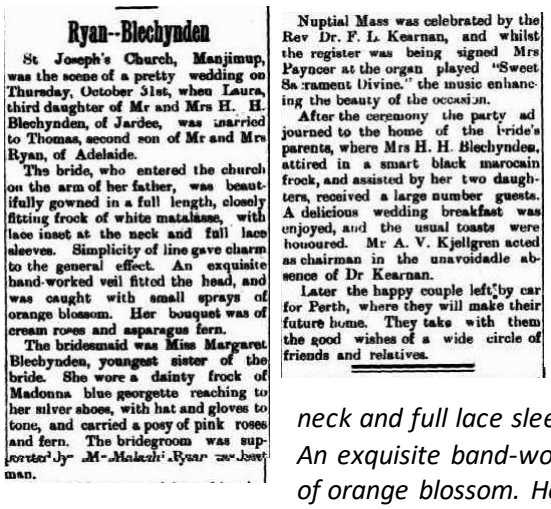

Ryan--Blechynden

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The bride, who entered the church on the arm of her father, was beautifully gowned in a full length, closely fitting frock of white matalasse, with lace inset at the neck and full lace sleeves. Simplicity of line gave charm to the general effect. An exquisite hand-worked veil fitted the head, and was caught with small sprays of orange blossom. Her bouquet was of cream roses and asparagus fern.

The bridesmaid was Miss Margaret Blechynden, youngest sister of the bride. She wore a dainty frock of Madonna blue georgette reaching to her silver shoes, with hat and gloves to tone, and carried a posy of pink roses and fern. The bridegroom was supported by Mr Malachi Ryan as best man.

Nuptial Mass was celebrated by the Rev Dr. F. L. Kearnan, and whilst the register was being signed Mrs Payncer at the organ played "Sweet Sacrament Divine." the music enhancing the beauty of the occasion.

After the ceremony the party adjourned to the home of the bride's parents, where Mrs H. H. Blechynden, attired in a smart black marocain frock, and assisted by her two daughters, received a large number guests. A delicious wedding breakfast was enjoyed, and the usual toasts were honoured. Mr A. V. Kjellgren acted as chairman in the unavoidadle absence of Dr Kearnan.

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THOMAS LEO RYAN (1909-2000)
Via Doyle Family Tree, Ancestry.

Thomas Leo Ryan was born 4 Oct 1909, Watervale, SA [Pg. 370]. Parents: **MICHAEL RYAN (1880-)** and **MARTHA MCCANN (1880-1939)** who were married 29 Dec 1902, Brompton, SA [Pg. 1196 Vol. 213]. Thomas died 16 Jul 2000, Duncraig, WA. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery.

MICHAEL RYAN (1880-) Thomas Leo Ryan's father

Michael Ryan was born 1880, Clare, SA. Parents: **DENNIS RYAN (1855-)**

MARTHA MCCANN (1880-1939) Thomas Leo Ryan's mother

Martha McCann was born 6 Mar 1872, Seven Hills, NSW. Parents: **JOHN MCCANN (1836-1881)** and **MARY O'REILLY (1839-1923)**. Martha died 1939, SA [Pg. 2037 Vol 613].

MICHAEL RYAN (1880-) AND MARTHA MCCANN (1880-1939) HAD AT LEAST TWO CHILDREN:

1. JAMES RYAN (1904-1994) was born 10 Jul 1904, Watervale, Upper Wakefield, SA [PG. 117 Vol 733]. He **married RUBY INKLEY.** James Ryan died 22 Jul 1994, buried Centennial Park, Mitcham City, SA.

2. THOMAS LEO RYAN (1909-2000) Details above and following.

Electoral Roll:
1936 Thomas Leo Ryan, Stephen Street, Northampton, carpenter.
1949 Thomas Leo Ryan, Flat 30, Camp 22, South Guildford, labourer, Laura Mary Ryan, same, home duties.
1954 Thomas Leo Ryan, 27 Cross Street, Swanbourne, storeman, Laura Mary Ryan, same, home duties.

LAURA MARY BLECHYNDEN (1907-1983) AND **THOMAS LEO RYAN (1909-2000) HAD NINE CHILDREN:**
Michael Joseph, Margaret Ann, (twin) Veronica Mary (twin), Claire Dorothy, Terence Leo, Kevin Herbert, Frances Therese, Genevieve (twin), Patricia (twin).

4th CHILD OF HENRY 'HERBERT' BLECHYNDEN & BEATRICE GERTRUDE EDWARDS

4. BLECHYNDEN, VERONICA ANN (1911-1973).
Veronica Ann Blechynden (Sister Veronica, St Joseph's Convent) was born in Beverley, WA. I am not able to find her birth under WA BDMs. She died 7 Jun 1973, Perth, WA. Buried at Karrakatta Cemetery aged 61-62 years. Via her age at recorded at her death, her birth approx. 1911.

Sister Veronica Ann Blechynden

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/213730576/veronica-ann-blechynden?fbclid=IwAR0Obimn0ngXzmm25LnrVdkFacBKKl6HpnoatNYE59JYmqnPf79bE3i2VHc

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Electoral Roll:
1936, 1937 Veronica Ann Blechynden, St Joseph's Convent, Blackall, QLD, teacher.
1943 Veronica Ann Blechynden, Convent, Augathella, QLD, teacher.
1958, Veronica Ann Blechynden, 10 York St, South Perth, teacher
1968, 1972 Veronica Ann Blechynden, St Joseph's Conv. York St, South Perth, teacher.

5th CHILD OF HENRY 'HERBERT' BLECHYNDEN & BEATRICE GERTRUDE EDWARDS

5. BLECHYNDEN, MARGARET 'MARGUERITE' (1908-2001) was born 1908, Beverley, WA [Reg. 62]. Name recorded as Margaret M A.

Sister Margaret Blechynden

She became a Nun (Sister Consolata) in 1945, St Joseph's Convent, Perth. WA. Sister Margaret died 8 Oct 2001, St John of God Villa, Subiaco, WA.

Electoral Roll:
1943 Margaret Blechynden, St John of God Convent, Wembley Park, nurse.
1949 Margaret Blechynden, St John of God Convent, Leederville, nurse.
1963 Margaret M Blechynden, St John of God Convent, Rivervale, sister.

6th CHILD OF HENRY 'HERBERT' BLECHYNDEN & BEATRICE GERTRUDE EDWARDS

6. BLECHYNDEN, GERALD 'GERARD' JOSEPH (1912-1983)
Gerard Joseph Blechynden was born 25 Feb 1912, Beverley, WA [Reg. 40]. Name recorded as Gerard. Never married.

Gerard 'Gerry' Joseph Blechynden

Gerard Joseph Blechynden died 29 Aug 1983, Mount Lawley, WA. Registered as Gerard.

BLECHYNDEN GERALD JOSEPH: Service Number - 84625: Date of birth - 25 Feb 1912: Place of birth - BEVERLEY WA: Place of enlistment - PERTH WA: Next of Kin - BLECHYNDEN HERBERT. Registered in Service records as Gerald.

Electoral Roll:
Recorded under Gerard.
1937 Gerard Joseph Blechynden, Manjimup, farm hand.
1949 Gerard Joseph Blechynden, No 3 Camp, Lakewood, woodcutter.
1963 Gerard Joseph Blechynden, 296 William Street, labourer.
1977 Gerard Joseph Blechynden, 187 Newcastle St, Perth, labourer.

7th CHILD OF HENRY 'HERBERT' BLECHYNDEN & BEATRICE GERTRUDE EDWARDS

7. BLECHYNDEN, MALACHI 'MAL' BERNARD (1913-1983)
Via Savage Family Tree, Ancestry.
Malkhie Blechynden (as recorded), was born 8 Dec 1913, Plantagenet, (Albany), WA [Reg No. 271].

Malachi 'Mal' Blechynden

Malachy Bernard Blechynden died 18 Oct 1983, Mount Lawley, WA.
BLECHYNDEN MALACHI BERNARD: Service Number - 38333: Date of birth - 08 Dec 1913: Place of birth - ALBANY WA: Place of enlistment - PERTH WA: Next of Kin - BLECHYNDEN HENRY
Malachi Bernard Blechynden joined the RAAF on 7th Apr 1941, served in 73 Operational Base Unit and was discharged on 8th Jan 1946.

MALACHI BERNARD BLECHYNDEN (1913-1983) married **ELWYN PAULINE SAVAGE (1913-2004)**, 1953, Perth, WA [Reg. 289].

Electoral Roll:
1937 Malachi Bernard Blechynden, Manjimup, farm hand
1943 Malachi Bernard Blechynden, Irish Points, Jardee, farmer
1954, 1958 Malachi Bernard Blechynden, Flat 1, 62 Goderich St, East Perth, Elwyn Pauline, barmaid.

ELWYN PAULINE SAVAGE (1913-2004) (via Savage Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 1913, E Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 149]. Parents: **CHARLES ANDREW SAVAGE (1886-1963)** and **MARY ANN MANLEY VAUTIN (1886-1955)** who were married 2 Oct 1907, Kalgoorlie, WA [Reg. 158]. Elwyn Pauline Blechynden (nee Savage) died 5 May 2004, WA.

Electoral Roll:
1936, 1937 Elwyn Pauline Savage, 166 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, shop assistant.
1943 Elwyn Pauline Savage, 340 Hat St, Perth, shop assistant.
1949 Elwyn Pauline Savage, 62 Goderich St, Perth, saloon attendant.

The following four pages contain details of the history of Elwyn Pauline Savage's parents Charles Andrew Savage (1886-1963) and Mary Ann Manley Vautin (1886-1955) and her grandparents.

CHARLES ANDREW SAVAGE (1886-1963) Elwyn Pauline Savage's father

Charles Andrew Savage was born 1886, Carlton, VIC [Reg. 8659]. Parents: **WILLIAM SAVAGE (1854-1942)** and **LUCY KILLICK (1855-1931).**
Charles Andrew Savage died 1963, Fremantle, WA [Reg.2700063].

Elwyn's grandparents WILLIAM SAVAGE (1854-1942) married **LUCY KILLICK (1855-1931)** 27 Nov 1880, Collingwood, VIC [Reg. 5083].

WILLIAM SAVAGE (1854-1942) and **LUCY KILLICK (1855-1931) HAD SIX CHILDREN:** Note: All children moved to and their death is recorded in WA.

1. WINIFRED SAVAGE (1882-1966) married **HENRY LLOYD TAYLOR (1878-1959)** 14 Jan 1913, Melbourne, VIC [Reg.2765]. Their fourth child Winifred Irene Taylor was born in WA in 1917.

2. FREDERICK WILLIAM SAVAGE (1884-1950) married **AGNES MCINNES (1884-1968)** 1907, Kalgoorlie, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 180014].

3. CHARLES ANDREW SAVAGE (1886-1963) married **MARY ANN MANLEY VAUTIN (1886-1955)** 2 Oct 1907, Kalgoorlie, WA [Reg. 158].

4. HENRY AUSTIN SAVAGE (1889-1906) 'HARRY' Died aged 17 years.

Harry Austin Savage was born 1889, VIC [Reg. 10432]. Recorded as Harry.
Henry Austin Savage died 4 Jan 1906, Kalgoorlie, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 1800017], parents: **WILLIAM SAVAGE** and **LUCY KILLICK**. Buried Kalgoorlie Cemetery.

5. WILLIAM SAVAGE (1892-1974) married **EVA CURNOW (1893-1981)** 12 Sep 1915, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 1800130].

6. LILY ELIZABETH SAVAGE (1894-1985) married **GEORGE BRACEY TURNBULL (1887-1960)** 1914, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 100031].

Lucy Savage (nee Killick) died 21 Nov 1931, Kalgoorlie, WA [Reg. 1800208], parents: Denwood Killick and Maria Austin.

William Savage died 24 Jul 1942, Victoria Park, WA [Reg.101720], parents: William Savage and Elizabeth Maidment.

MARY ANN MANLEY VAUTIN (1886-1955) Elwyn Pauline Savage's maternal mother

Mary Ann Manley Vautin was born 14 Jan 1886, QLD [Reg. Parents: registered as **CLAUDE ASHTON VAUTIN (1858-1938)** and **ELIZABETH JANE POWELL nee MANLEY (1854-1925) - 'Bessie'**.
Mary Ann Manley Savage (nee Vautin) died 1955, Perth. WA [Reg. 102716], parents: Claude Ashton Vautin and Elizabeth Jane Manley.

CLAUDE ASHTON VAUTIN (1858-1938) Elwyn Pauline Savage's maternal grandfather
Claude Ashton Vautin was born 1858, Ballarat East, VIC. Parents: **JAMES VAUTIN (1824-1912)** and **MARY ANN ASHTON (1821-1899)** who were married 11 Jun 1843, St George the Martr, Southwark, Surrey, England.

Claude Ashton Vautin was married twice.

m1. CLAUDE ASHTON VAUTIN (1858-1938) married **m2. BESSIE POWELL (1854-1925)**, 7 Jul 1883, QLD [Reg.000801 Pg. 15151]. Registered as Bessie Powell, her full name, Elizabeth Jane Powell (nee Manley).

m.2 CLAUDE ASHTON VAUTIN (1858-1938) married **LYDIA ANN PHILLIPS (1863-1935)** 1927, Perth, WA [Reg. 1013520.

ELIZABETH JANE MANLEY (1854-1925). **Elwyn Pauline Savage's grandmother**

Elizabeth Jane Manley born in born in 1854, Newton Abbot, Devon, England.

Elizabeth Jane Manley was married twice.

m.1 ELIZABETH JANE MANLEY (1854-1925) married **HENRY POWELL (1835-1875)** 13 Oct 1873, Boolboonda, Mount Perry, QLD [Reg. 000126 pg. 9167]. **They had one child:**

1. CATHERINE MARYANN POWELL (1874-1884) Died aged 10 years.

Catherine Maryanne Powell was born 22 Jun 1874, QLD.
Katherine Mary A Powell died 2 Jan 1884, Charters Towers, QLD.

Following the death of Henry Powell in 1875, Elizabeth 'Bessie' married again.

m2. ELIZABETH JANE POWELL, (NEE MANLEY) (1854-1925) 'BESSIE' married **CLAUDE ASHTON VAUTIN (1858-1938)** 7 Jul 1883, QLD [Reg.000801 Pg. 15151].

CHILDREN OF ELIZABETH JANE POWELL, (NEE MANLEY) (1854-1925) 'BESSIE' AND CLAUDE ASHTON VAUTIN (1858-1938).
These children all born in QLD except for Florence who was born in NSW. They all moved to and were recorded as dying in WA. It also appears that Elizabeth Jane Manley had a child with JAMES GLEESON (1857-1938) prior to her marriage to Claude Ashton Vautin.

1. LILLIAN MAUDE GLEESON (1880-1930) VAUTIN Child of Elizabeth Jane Manley 'Bessie' and James Gleeson.

Lillian Maude Gleeson was born 27 Dec 1880, Moolboolaman, Wide Bay, QLD. [Pg. 5430 Reg. 006728]. Recorded as Lyrian (sic) Maude, father: James Gleeson, mother Bessie Knight. All a bit confusing.

LILLIAN MAUDE GLEESON (1880-1930) married **JOHN THEODORE ROCKE (1883-1942) 'Theo'** 25 Apr 1906, Kalgoorlie, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 1800047]. Photo of Lillian and Theo and family in Ancestry.

Lillian Maude Rocke died 1930, Subiaco, Perth, WA [Reg. 101207]. Father J**ames Gleeson**, mother **Elizabeth Jane Manley**.

2. WILLIAM CLAUDE VAUTIN (1884-1957) married **LILY MAY CORIN** 1906, Kalgoorlie, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 1800112].

3. MARY ANN MANLEY VAUTIN (1886-1955) married **CHARLES ANDREW SAVAGE (1886-1963)** 2 Oct 1907, Kalgoorlie, WA [Reg. 158].

4. FLORENCE ELLEN VAUTIN (1896-1904) 'NELLIE' Died aged 8 years.

Florence Ellen Vautin was born 1896, Broken Hill, NSW [Reg. 2122].
Florence Ellen Vautin died 1904, Kalgoorlie, WA [Reg. 558], parents: Claude Ashton Vautin and **E**lizabeth Jane Manley.

Elizabeth Jane Vautin (nee Manley) died 26 Apr 1925, St John of God's Hospital, Perth, WA [Reg.100535], parents: William Manley and Knight. [Reg. 8659]
Claude Aston Vautin died 11 Aug,1938, Perth, WA [Reg.101449].

Electoral Roll:
Claude Ashton and Elizabeth Jane Vautin
1910 Claude Ashton Vautin, 2507 Broad Arrow Road, Kalgoorlie, miner, Elizabeth Jane, married, Lily May, married., William Claude Vautin, hairdresser.
1915, 1917 Claude Ashton Vautin, 28 Keightley Road, Subiaco, labourer, Elizabeth Jane, home duties.
1925 Claude Ashton Vautin, 122 Aberdeen Street, cleaner, Elizabeth Jane, house duties, Lily May, married., William Claude Vautin, hairdresser.

CHILDREN OF CHARLES ANDREW SAVAGE (1886-1963) AND MARY ANN MANLEY VAUTIN (1886-1955), Elwyn's parents. All of these children born in Kalgoorlie, East Coolgardie.

1. MAVIS LORNA SAVAGE (1908-1963) married **CECIL LOVE MITCHELL (1908-1979)** 1930, Perth, WA [Reg.101049].

2. WINIFRED BERYL SAVAGE (1911-1988) 'WIN' married **JAMES WILLIAM WERNERT (1904-1986)** 1936, Perth, WA [Reg. 101275].

3. ELWYN PAULINE SAVAGE (1913-2004) married **MALACHI BERNARD BLECHYNDEN (1913-1983)** 1953, Perth, WA [Reg. 289]. See above for details.

4. ARLINE LUCY SAVAGE (1914-1915) Died aged 3 months
Arline Lucy Savage was born 1914, Kalgoorlie, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 311].
Arline Lucy Savage died 1915, Kalgoorlie, WA [Reg. 1800015], aged 3 months.

5. EUGENE CHARLES SAVAGE (1915-1916) Died aged 6 months
Eugene Charles Savage was born 1915, Kalgoorlie, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg.430].
Eugene Charles Savage died 1916, Kalgoorlie, WA [Reg. 1800101], aged 6 months.

6. CHALICE ATHALIE SAVAGE (1917-1995) married **GEORGE PRUETT THOMPSON (1913-1997)** 1938, Perth, WA [Reg. 100335].

7. JOYCE SAVAGE (1920-2009) married **ARTHUR KING** 1938, Perth, WA [Reg. 101943]. This may be her marriage.

Electoral Roll:
Charles Andrew and Mary Ann Manley Savage.
1910 Charles Andrew Savage, 99 Collins St, Kalgoorlie, electrician, Mary Ann Manley, married.
1922 Charles Andrew Savage, 59 Hare St, electrical engineer, Mary Ann Manley, 99 Collins St, married.
1931 Charles Andrew Savage, Power House, Carnarvon, electrical engineer, Mary Ann Manley, Yankee Town, Kalgoorlie, home duties.
1937 Charles Andrew Savage, 26 Clive St, Perth, electrical engineer, Mary Ann Manley, 62 Goderich St, East Perth, home duties.
1949 Charles Andrew Savage, 17 Webb St, Cottesloe, electrical engineer, Mary Ann Manley, 272 Cambridge St, Wembley, home duties.
1954 Charles Andrew Savage, 17 Webb St, Cottesloe, electrical engineer, Mary Ann Manley, 24 Midgley St, Rivervale.

Electoral Roll:
Malachi Bernard Blechynden and Elwyn Pauline Blechynden
1954, 1958 Malachi Bernard Blechynden, Flat 1, 62 Goderich St, East Perth, Elwyn Pauline, barmaid.
1963, 1977, 1980 Malachi Bernard Blechynden, Flat 1, 62 Goderich St, East Perth, Elwyn Pauline, home duties

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8. BLECHYNDEN, MERVYN HENRY (1917-1972)
Carroll Family Tree, Ancestry
Mervyn Henry Blechynden was born 20 Feb 1917, Beverley, WA [Reg. 37].
Mervyn Henry Blechynden died 20 Apr 1972, Manjimup, WA, buried Manjimup Cemetery.

Mervyn Henry Blechynden.
Via Carroll Family Tree, Ancestry

MERVYN HENRY BLECHYNDEN (1917-1972) married **EILEEN MAY KENNEDY (1920-1992)**, 1941, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 14].
Mervyn Henry Blechynden served in the RAAF – Service Number 29936: 19 Feb 1941. Corporal. Service Number - 29936: Date of birth - 20 Feb 1917: Place of birth - BEVERLEY WA: Place of enlistment - PERTH WA: Next of Kin - BLECHYNDEN EILEEN. Served with 12 Local Air Supply Unit. Discharged on 1 Feb 1946.

EILEEN MAY KENNEDY (1920-1992)

Eileen May Kennedy was born 29 Jul 1920, Manjimup, WA [Reg. 101]. Parents: **JOHN MATTHEW KENNEDY (1870-1940)** and **SARAH ANN NEWPORT (1885-1968)** who were married 16 Apr 1902, Bruthen, VIC [Reg. 2603]. Eileen May Blechynden (nee Kennedy) died 27 Mar 1992, Manjimup, WA.

Electoral Roll:
1943 Eileen May, Dean Mill, home duties.
1963, 1968 Mervyn Henry Blechynden, Quinninup Mail, Manjimup, farmer, Eileen May, home duties.
1977 Eileen May Blechynden, 15 Arnott Street, Manjimup, home duties.

JOHN MATTHEW KENNEDY (1870-1940) Eileen May Kennedy's father

John Matthew Kennedy was born 22 Sep 1870, Hoddles Creek, Lilydale, VIC [Reg.24067]. Parents: **JOHN KENNEDY (1834-1889) 'JAS'** and **BRIDGET HANNAH PRYOR (1834-1905)** who were married 24 Mar 1853, Tipperary, Ireland. All their children were born in VIC. It appears that all spent the remainder of their lives in VIC except for John Matthew Kennedy. Details on these children can be found on Family Trees in Ancestry. Too complex to add here.

The following segments taken from two articles tell a bit of the history of Eileen May Kennedy's grandparents.

***Lilydale Express*, 23 Nov 1889** Posted 04 Sep 2012 by anne_marie4, Ancestry
DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT:
. . . Mr. Kennedy sailed from Liverpool in a ship called the Agincourt in the year 1854, and landed in Melbourne early in October of that same year. He proceeded to Geelong, where he took up his abode for some time, but like most early settlers he could not content himself in one place long, for out of 35 years residence in the colony the first 15 were spent in various parts, the principal places being Blackwood, Ballarat and Daylesford. About 20 years ago he took up a large selection on the rich river frontages, on the Upper Yarra. During the land boom he induced to part with his old home, and selling out he came to Lilydale about 18 months ago and built a very handsome villa residence, in which he has resided since with family in very comfortable circumstances. He is a man of very general disposition, and one who never made an enemy either at home or abroad. His domestic relationship

too was of the happiest kind, and in losing him his family have lost a real guide protector and friend. We very deeply sympathies with Mrs. Kennedy and the family in their sad bereavement and we may to say that quite a gloom has been thrown over the district by this untoward event. . . . The funeral took place yesterday afternoon and was one of the largest that has taken place in Lilydale, the place of internment being Lilydale Cemetery. . .

John and Bridget Kennedy - Posted Ancestry 04 Sep 2012 by anne_marie4

Farmer, Gentleman

John and Bridget Kennedy arrived in Australia aboard the *Agincourt* in 1854, their eldest child Margaret was born whilst on board. The Kennedy's stayed in Geelong for a short time before moving to Ballarat where John tried his hand at mining for gold in and around the Ballarat area. In about *1870* **John, Bridget and their eight children** moved to Warburton and 'took up a large selection on the rich river frontages, on the Upper Yarra'. The book Warburton Ways by Earle Parkinson states that 'John Kennedy selected land on the north side of the river Yarra, almost opposite where Millgrove railway station later stood. He named the property "Millgrove" after his home town in Tipperary County, Ireland. The farm thus stood for the locality and later gave the town its name.' Johns' obituary in the Lilydale Express says that 'By untiring industry and quiet perseverance, he converted the rude rough bush into the rich and beautiful undulating pasture lands which surrounds his late homestead, situated on one of the most picturesque spots on the Upper Yarra. During the land boom he was induced to part with his old home, and selling out he came to Lilydale about 18 months ago, and built a very handsome villa residence, in which he has resided since with his family in very comfortable circumstances. He was a man of a very general disposition, and one who never made an enemy either at home or abroad.'

When Bridget made her will her daughter Ellen was 31 yet Bridget thought to put in her will that Ellen would forfeit her part of her inheritance if she married without the trustees' consent of the trustees being Ellen's older unmarried sister and younger brother, also in the will mention is made that if anyone placed a (caveat or otherwise delayed or contested the will then that person would forfeit their share of the will. The will also insulates that the house in Belle Vue, Lilydale should be sold. (Certificate of Title Volume *2092* Folio 418381, Bell Vue Lilydale.)

SARAH ANN NEWPORT (1885-1968) Eileen May Kennedy's mother

Sarah Ann Newport was born 1 Jan 1885, Bruthen, VIC [Reg.23697]. Parents: **GEORGE STOCKDALE NEWPORT (1836-1906)** and **CORNELIA RUSSELL HARWOOD (1847-1890)** who were married 1867, Carisbrook, VIC [Reg. 2317].

CHILDREN OF JOHN MATTHEW KENNEDY (1870-1940) and **SARAH ANN NEWPORT (1885-1968):** Their first child Ada Cornelia Kennedy was born 27 Jul 1902, in Korumburra, VIC [Reg. 19480]. The rest of the children were born in WA, the second being Catherine who was born in 1905, Greenbushes [Reg. 123].

1. ADA CORNELIA KENNEDY (1902-1984) married **MAURICE BERNARD PETER BATTILANA (1900-1989)** 1925, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 500014].

2. CATHERINE ELLEN KENNEDY (1905-1997) married **JOHN JOSEPH RYAN (1898-1972)** 1931, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 500038].

3. MARY EVELYN KENNEDY (1907-1983) m.1 married **LESLIE JARVIS (1904-1934)** 1930, Manjimup, WA [Reg. 500051].

m.2 MARY EVELYN JARVIS (nee KENNEDY) (1907-1983) married **NORMAN CHARLES AITKEN (1900-1941)** 1936, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 86].

m.3 MARY EVELYN AITKEN, JARVIS (nee KENNEDY) married **CHARLES FRANCIS PITTS (1901-1979)** 1949, Wellington, WA [Reg. 132].

4. JOHN MATHEW KENNEDY (1910-1995) married **m.2 ELLEN TERESA CONGDON (1914-1985)** 1947, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 2416].

m.1 ELLEN TERESA MALONEY (1914-1985) married **RALPH E CONGDON** 1930, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 24].

5. ELSIE PATRICIA KENNEDY (1915-2013) married **CLAUDE REGINALD DONOVAN (1912-2001)** 1941, Perth, WA [Reg. 2863].

6. JAMES CHARLES KENNEDY (1917-1969) married **HILDA FENTON (1916-1999)** 1942, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 44].

7. EILEEN MAY KENNEDY (1920-1992) married **MERVYN HENRY BLECHYNDEN (1917-1972)** 1941, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 14].

8. GEORGE CORNELIUS KENNEDY (1922-2007) married **BETTY HELENA LIMMER** 1947, Blackwood, WA [Reg.24[.

Electoral Roll:
John Matthew AND Sarah Ann Kennedy
1918, 1922, 1931 John Matthew Kennedy, No 1 State Mill, Manjimup, farmer, Sarah Ann, home duties.
1954 Sarah Ann Kennedy, Dean Mill, Forrest, home duties, Hilda Kennedy, home duties, James Charles Kennedy, farm labourer, Betty Helena Kennedy, home duties, George Cornelius Kennedy, mill hand. A couple of others: Barbara Jean Kennedy, home duties, Desmond Patrick Kennedy, black smiths' striker
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9. BLECHYNDEN, IGNATIUS 'NAT' HAMMETT (1918-1986) (Via Baird Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 30 Sep 1918, Beverley, WA [Reg. 150], registered under Hammett. He died 14 Oct 1986, Bunbury, WA.

BLECHYNDEN IGNATIUS HAMITT: Service Number - W25749: Date of birth - 30 Sep 1918: Place of birth - BEVERLEY WA: Place of enlistment - MANJIMUP WA: Next of Kin - BLECHYNDEN HENRY Private I. H. Blechynden joined the Army on 11 Mar 1941 and served with the 44 Battalion. Ignatius left the Army and enlisted in the RAAF on 23 Nov 1944, as 455187 Aircraftman 1 at 1 Engineering School. Discharged on 15 Oct 1945.

Nat as shown in this photo taken about 1939, was a keen cricket player. He and his brothers have been recorded in articles in *Trove*, showing them playing in many games in the South West.

Warren Country Week Team:
Nat (Ignatius) centre front row and Merv 4th from right, back row

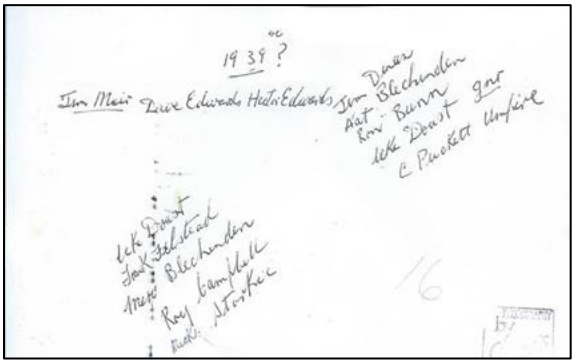

Photo: Back: *Umpire: Charles packet, Jim Muir, Dave Edwards, Hector Edwards, Jim Dinneen, Nat Blechynden, Eric Bunn, Clive Doust,*
Front: *Ike Doust, Frank Felstead, Merv Blechynden, Roy Campbell, Mark Starkle*

Following is a wonderfully amusing article describing the match between Dingup and Smith's Brook, 1937 during Country Week Cricket, featuring among many other players, 'Merv' and his brothers 'Nat' and 'Gerry' Blechynden.

***Manjimup and Warren Times* (WA: 1927 - 1954), Thu 22 Apr 1937, pg 2**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/.../nla.news-article257274763.txt

CRICKET FINAL

DINGUP v. SMITH'S BROOK (Contributed)

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Dingup opened with Alf Muir and Len Collins to the bowling of Mervyn Blechynden and Jones. Neither bowler obtained particular lift from the new ball, and despite several mild sensations the batsmen continued to play the good stuff and collect the maximum from the loose until 47 runs without loss had been gathered. It was left to Jack Gascoyne to finally bowl both men. Alf Muir, after losing his partner went on to make an excellent 48. The ability of this player to hit the right ball the right way is evidenced by his score of 48 including seven boundary shots.

Wickets fell somewhat easier here, and with the score at 3 for 91 Gerry Blechynden became decidedly dogmatic and three wickets fell to him at 102 from consecutive balls. The score here read 8 for 103, but due to some good hitting by Owen Chatley. Dingup carried their score to 129 before being dismissed.

Shortly after lunch Dingup took the field, Mervyn Blechynden and Alex Jones walking out with fieldsmen to open the innings for Smith's Brook. Alf Muir commenced hurling his venomous pill from the "pavilion" end and it quickly became apparent to Smith's Brook supporters and batsmen, especially the two at the targets, that things were not exactly compatible with that condition we somewhat vaguely associate with that very much misunderstood expression "a batsman's paradise." Things got from bad to worse. Merv. and pal were soon harbouring much cardiac commotion, especially after one or two particularly vindictive excursions by the ball in that region. The expected disaster soon came.

Merv in a frantic endeavour to frustrate an exceptionally belligerent inswinger from attaining a desired objective somewhere in the vicinity of the fifth rib, obligingly deflected the marauder to Mr. H. Edwards in the slips. One for ten. Tom Reid, bowling exceedingly well from the other end, then disposed of Jones, playing inside of an outswinger and giving an easy chance to the same chappie in the same place. Two for 20. Gerry Blechyden was too ill to do himself justice; Jack Gascoyne batted as nicely and correctly as usual before being run out and it was left to Alf Gee and the youthful Mick Starkie to check the Dingup march. Smith's Brook batted stubbornly enough to avoid a follow on, closing their innings with 84. Collins secured the best bowling figures for Dingup, finishing with 3 for 6.

The light was now very unsatisfactory and rain falling, but with an hour to play Smith's Brook was obliged to take the field.

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Results:—

Dingup—First Innings

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L. Collins, b Jack Gascoyne	12
Edwards, lbw, b G. Blechynden .	19
F. Muir, c N. Blechynden, b M. Blechynden	13
T. Doust, c M. Blechynden, b J.	

Dingup opened with Alf Muir and Len Collins to the bowling of Mervyn Blechynden and Jones. Neither bowler obtained particular lift from the new ball, and despite several mild sensations the batsmen continued to play the good stuff and collect the maximum from the loose until 47 runs without loss had been gathered. It was left to Jack Gascoyne to finally bowl both men. Alf Muir, after losing his partner went on to make an excellent 43. The ability of this player to hit the right ball the right way is evidenced by his score of 48 including seven boundary shots.

Wickets fell somewhat easier here, and with the score at 3 for 91 Gerry Blechynden became decidedly dogmatic and three wickets fell to him at 102 from consecutive balls. The score here read 8 for 103, but due to some good hitting by Owen Chatley. Dingup carried their score to 139 before being dismissed.

Shortly after lunch Dingup took the field, Mervyn Blechynden and Alex Jones walking out with fieldsmen to open the innings for Smith's Brook. Alf Muir commenced hurling his venomous pill from the "pavilion" end and it quickly became apparent to Smith's Brook supporters and batsmen, especially the two at the targets, that things were not exactly compatible with that condition we somewhat vaguely associate with that very much misunderstood expression "a batsman's paradise." Things got from bad to worse. Merv. and pal were soon harbouring much cardiac commotion, especially after one or two particularly vindictive excursions by the ball in that region, The expected disaster soon came.

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PATRICIA 'PAT' JOAN BAIRD (1921-1997)
Patricia 'Pat' Joan Baird was born 1921, Perth, WA [Reg. 2939]. Parents: **CHARLES FREDERICK BAIRD (1897-1956)** and **ISABEL BOXER MAYNE (1898-1974)** who were married 5 Jan 1921, Perth, WA [Reg. 90].
Patricia 'Pat' Joan Blechynden (nee Baird) died 23 Jun 1997, Bunbury, WA.

The following four pages have details of Patricia 'Pat' Joan Baird's parents: Charles Frederick Baird (1897-1956) and Isabel Boxer Mayne (1898-1974) and a brief history of her grandparents as they made their way to WA from the Eastern States.

CHARLES FREDERICK BAIRD (1897-1956) Patricia 'Pat' Joan Baird's father

Charles Frederick Baird was born 3 Nov 1897, Geraldton, WA [Reg. 1562]. Parents: **WILLIAM MCCLELLAND BAIRD** and **ANNIE ELIZABETH SUNDERLAND** who were married 1896, Perth, WA [Reg. 829].

CHILDREN OF PATRICIA'S PARENTS, CHARLES FREDERICK BAIRD (1897-1956) AND ISABEL BOXER MAYNE (1898-1974):
These children were all born in WA.

1. PATRICIA JOAN BAIRD (1921-1997) married **IGNATIOUS 'NAT' HAMMETT BLECHYNDEN (1918-1986)** 30 Aug 1946, Guildford, WA [Reg. 94],

2. SHIRLEY ANNETTE BAIRD (1926-2004) married **SYDNEY JAMES COLIN CAUDLE (1926-1978)** 1850, Murchison, WA [Reg. 19].

3. PAMELA VIRGINIA BAIRD (1929-)

4. PRIVATE

CHILDREN OF PATRICIA 'PAT' JOAN BAIRD'S PATERNAL GRANDPARENTS: WILLIAM MCCLELLAND BAIRD AND ANNIE ELIZABETH SUNDERLAND:
All these children were born in WA.

1. CHARLES FREDERICK BAIRD (1897-1956) married **ISABEL BOXER MAYNE (1898-1974)** 5 Jan 1921, Perth, WA [Reg. 90].

2. JESSIE LILIAN BAIRD (1900-1991) married **LINCOLN EDWARD GIBSON (1906-1981)** 1932, Wellington, WA [Reg.88].

3. WILLIAM REGINALD BAIRD (1902-1965) married **SYLVIE SHOEBRIDGE (1902-1995)** 1929 Melbourne, VIC.

4. HAROLD CEDRIC BAIRD (1906-1979) m.1 married **MAVIS PEARL VIVIAN (1914-1994)** 1933, Northam, WA [Reg. 117]. **m.2 HAROLD CEDRIC BAIRD (1906-1979)** married **m.2 ENA DULCIE MERRICK (1916-2005)** 1948, Northam, WA [Reg. 130]. **m.1 ENA DULCIE SMITH (1916-2005)** married **JAMES ARTHUR MERRICK (1911-1944)** 6 Dec 1934, Murchison. WA [Reg. 21

5. ALLAN GROVE BAIRD (1912-1983) married **MARJORIE DAISY RANKS (1916-2019)** 1955, Victoria Park, WA [Reg. 156].

ISABEL BOXER MAYNE (1898-1974) Patricia 'Pat' Joan Baird's mother

Isabel Boxer Mayne was born 27 Apr 1898, Zeehan, TAS [Reg.3097]. Parents: **WILLIAM CONSTANTINE MAYNE (1870-1917)** and **FLORENCE MILLER (1870-1939)** who were married 15 Dec 1896, Zeehan, TAS [Reg. 952].

WILLIAM CONSTANTINE MAYNE (1870-1917) Patricia 'Pat' Joan Baird's maternal grandfather

William Constantine Mayne was born 26 Mar 1870, Christchurch, New Zealand. Parents: **WILLIAM MAINE (1828-1909)** and **ISOBELLA MARIA BAZELY BOXER (1832-1887)** who were married 15 Jun 1853, Constantine, Cornwall, England.
Military 1914-1920 Belmont, WA.
MAYNE William Constantine: Service Number - 4213: Place of Birth - Christchurch New Zealand: Place of Enlistment - Belmont WA: Next of Kin - (N/A) MAYNE Florence.
Occupation: Mining engineer. Volunteer Filed Artillery, New Zealand.

14 Feb 1917 G. G. Tunn Co: France: Wounded in action and died, G. S. W. Abdominal penetration.

Killed in Action: William Constantine Mayne died 14 Feb 1917, Hersin, France.
Burial Hersin-Coupigny, Departement du Pas-de-Calais, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, France.

FLORENCE MILLER (1870-1939) Patricia 'Pat' Joan Baird's maternal grandmother

Florence Miller was born 21 Aug 1870, Glenelg, SA [pg. 505 Vol 87]. Parents: **DAVID MILLER (1825-1904)** and **ELIZABETH MILLER (1838-1876)** who were married 17 Dec 1855, Adelaide, SA

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM CONSTANTINE MAYNE (1870-1917) and **FLORENCE MILLER (1870-1939):**
The children were all born in TAS. William and Florence Mayne and their children moved to WA except for Arthur James, who died as a baby. The Electoral Roll shows William and Florence in Wiluna, WA in 1910.

1. ISABEL BOXER MAYNE (1898-1974) married **CHARLES FREDERICK BAIRD (1897-1956)** 5 Jan 1921, Perth, WA [Reg. 90].

2. ARTHUR JAMES MAYNE (1900-1901) Died aged 10 months

Arthur James Mayne was born 18 Apr 1900, Zeehan, TAS [Reg.
Arthur James Mayne died 20 Feb 1901, Zeehan, TAS [Reg. 0890].

3. HELEN HELGA MAYNE (1902-1990) married **EDWARD LIONEL HANS WILSON (1904-1993)** 1927, Swan, WA [Reg. 104].

4. ROBERT BOXER MAYNE (1904-1969)

Robert Boxer Mayne was born 26 Jun 1904, Burnie, TAS [Reg.
Robert Boxer Mayne died 10 Jul 1969, Perth, WA [Reg. 102315].

ROBERT BOXER MAYNE (1904-1969) married **FLORENCE MAUD CARTER** 1930, Guildford, WA [Reg. 6100042].

Electoral Roll:
1931 Robert Boxer Mayne, 54 East Street, East Guildford, fitter, Florence Maud, home duties.

5. SYDNEY JAMES MAYNE (1914-)

Sydney James Mayne was born 1914, TAS. I can't find a registration.
Sydney James Mayne moved to WA. Family Trees possibly have him mixed up with another Sydney James Mayne from England who married Elizabeth R Bond in Cambridge. He has also been recorded as dying in Hobart TAS in 2006. This has not been confirmed.

Electoral Roll:
1936, 1937 Sydney James Mayne, 21 Meadow St, Guildford, Florence, home duties.

Electoral Roll:
1910 William Constantine Mayne, Wiluna mine manager, Florence, married.
1916, William Constantine Mayne, New Find, Mid Iron Cap, via Marvel Loch., mining eng.
1921 Florence Mayne, 30 Helena Street, Guildford, home duties.
1931 Florence Mayne, 9 Meadow Street, Guildford, home duties.

Electoral Roll:
1926 Charles Frederick Baird, 9 second Av, Maylands, teacher, Isobel Boxer, home duties.
1943 Ignatious Hammett Blechynden, Jardee, timber worker
1949, 1954 Ignatious Hammett Blechynden, 11 Ecclestone St, Carey Park, lineman, Patricia Joan, home duties.
1958, 1980 Ignatious Hammett Blechynden, 9 Ecclestone St, Carey Park, lineman, Patricia Joan, home duties.

10th CHILD OF HENRY 'HERBERT' BLECHYNDEN & BEATRICE GERTRUDE EDWARDS

Terence 'Terry' Blechynden

10. BLECHYNDEN, TERENCE 'TERRY' ANTHONY STAFFORD (1923-2004) was born 7 May 1923, Beverley, WA [Reg. 89].

Terence Anthony Stafford Blechynden died 9 Aug 2004, NSW.

BLECHYNDEN, TERENCE ANTHONY STAFFORD: Service Number - 84511: Date of birth - 07 May 1923: Place of birth - BEVERLEY WA: Place of enlistment - PERTH WA: Next of Kin - BLECHYNDEN KATHLEEN Royal Australian Air Force, Leading Aircraftman. Joined 18 Mar 1944. Served in Borneo in WW2 with 2nd Airfield Construction Squadron. Discharged on 8th Jul 1946.

m.1 TERENCE 'TERRY' ANTHONY STAFFORD BLECHYNDEN (1923-2004) married **KATHLEEN WEBSTER** 1944, Redfern, NSW [Reg. 25256]. Recorded as Terence Anthony Staf Blechynden and Kathleen Webster. They had five children. Divorced.

m.2 TERENCE 'TERRY' ANTHONY STAFFORD BLECHYNDEN (1923-2004) married **DORIS EVELYN DIXON (NEE BROUGHTON) (1913-1991)**.

m.1 DORIS EVELYN BILLINGTON DIXON (1913-2001) married **LESLIE WILLIAM BROUGHTON (1906-1970)** 30 Jan 1934, Canterbury, NSW [Reg. 916]. Recorded as Leslie W Broughton and Doris E Billingon (sic). They had four children. Leslie William Broughton died 3 Jun 1970, St George Hospital, Kogarah, NSW.

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Electoral Rolls:

Punchbowl
1949, 1972 Terence Anthony Stafford Blechynden, 2 Dunlop Street, labourer. Kathleen Blechynden, same, home duties.
1977, 1980 Terence Anthony, 32 Rabaul Rd, Geo Hall, NSW, builder. Doris Evelyn, Clerk.
1934, Leslie William Broughton, 8 Merton St, Petersham, NSW, cabinet maker Doris Evelyn Billington, home duties.
1943 Leslie William Broughton, 45 Belemba Av, Lakemba, NSW, scale adjuster Doris Evelyn Billington, home duties.
1972 Doris Evelyn Broughton, 2/1 Bonds Rd, Riverwood, NSW, sales woman. Kenneth Raymond Broughton finisher. Lorraine Dawn Broughton, hair dresser.

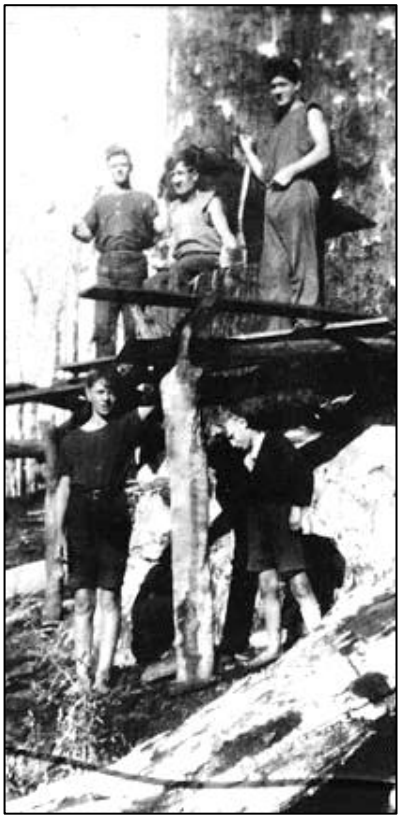
11th CHILD OF HENRY 'HERBERT' BLECHYNDEN & BEATRICE GERTRUDE EDWARDS

Genevieve Blechynden

11. BLECHYNDEN, GENEVIEVE 'GENE/JEAN' (1924-2007)
Genevieve Blechynden was born 18 Jun 1924, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 150]. She died 4 Jul 2007, Wannanup, WA.

GENEVIEVE BLECHYNDEN (1924-2007) married **ROBERT 'BOB' HINDMARSH NEWTON (1926-)**, 1948, Perth, WA [Reg. 2494]. They had six children. **BOB** was born 1926, Perth, WA (Reg. 541). His date of death is unknown.

'Herbert' Blechynden with four of his sons clearing a settlement in the Manjimup area, 'Smithbrook'.



Top left: *Gerard,* top right*: Mervyn,* bottom left *Terence "Terry"* and bottom right *Ignatius" Nat" Blechynden*

Electoral Rolls:
1949 Robert Hindmarsh Newton, 63 Bulwer St, union organiser Genevieve, home maker.
1963, 1968, 1980 Robert Hindmarsh Newton, 29 Birdwood St, North Innaloo, mechanic Genevieve, home maker.

Electoral Rolls:
1903 Henry Herbert Blechynden, 'Erindale', farmer
1917 Henry Herbert Blechynden, Harper St, Beverley, farmer, Beatrice Gertrude, same, home duties
1931 Henry Herbert Blechynden, Jardanup, settler, Beatrice Gertrude, Jardanup, home duties
1943 Henry Herbert Blechynden, Jardee, farmer, Beatrice Gertrude, home duties, Jardee.
1958, 1963 Henry Herbert Blechynden, 27 Cross St, Swanbourne, retired.

Jardee: *Jardee is a small town in the South West region of WA. It is situated along the South Western Highway between Manjimup and Pemberton. It was originally a railway siding named Jardanup, which had been established in 1912 during the construction of the Bridgetown to Wilgarup railway line* (sic. Jardee is in fact south of Manjimup whereas Wilgarup is north of Manjimup)*. Jardanup was the terminus built to service the No. 1 state sawmill, also built in 1912.*

Beatrice Gertrude Mary (nee Edwards) died 12 Nov 1947, Subiaco, WA [Reg. 2454].

Henry Herbert Blechynden died 20 Feb 1965, S.J.G.H., Belmont, WA [Reg. 611]. Recorded as Henry Herbert Blachynden. Burial Feb 1965, Karrakatta Cemetery, Requiem Mass, St Joseph's Church, Subiaco, WA.

Beverley Times (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 26 Feb 1965, pg 9
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SECOND CHILD OF HENRY BLECHYNDEN & MARY REILLY

2. BLECHYNDEN, WILLIAM HARRISON (1877-1966) & MCDONALD, MARY ETHEL (1882-1973)

William Harrison Blechynden was born 1877, Beverley, WA [Reg. 18176]. William died 13 Nov 1966, York, WA [Reg. 27] aged 89 years. Buried in the Beverley Catholic and Methodist Cemetery.

WILLIAM HARRISON BLECHYNDEN (1877-1966) married **MARY ETHEL MCDONALD (1882-1973)** at Beverley, 16 Jul 1907, WA [Reg. 24].

Marriage notice. Via Dunstan Family Tree, dated Sat. 27 Jul 1907, Pg 30, Family Notices:

BLECHYNDEN-MCDONALD –

On Wednesday July 10 at the Church of Sacred Heart, Beverley, by the Rev. Dean O'Reilly, William Harrison, second son, of Mr. H. G. Blechynden, of "Erin Dale," to Mary McDonald, only daughter of the late Mr. Joseph McDonald, late of Sydney.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905-1977), Sat 20 Jul 1907, pg 5.**

Wedding Bells

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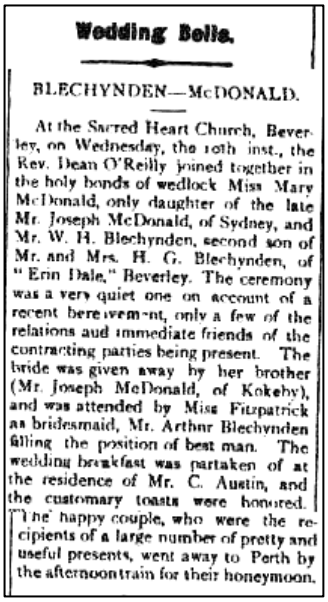

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MCDONALD, MARY ETHEL (1882-1973)
Mary Ethel McDonald was born Mar 1882, Yorkshire, Lancashire, England, parents: **JOSEPH MARTIN MCDONALD (1857-1933)** and **MARGARET PEAKE (1861-1929)**.
Mary Ethel Blechynden (nee McDonald) died 25 Apr 1973, Beverley, WA.

JOSEPH MARTIN MCDONALD (1857-1933) Mary Ethel McDonald's father
Via Julienne Gross Family Tree, Ancestry.

Joseph Martin McDonald was born 1857, County Mayo, Ireland.
Joseph Martin McDonald died 14 Dec 1933, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 252], registered under McDonnell.

MARGARET PEAKE (1861-1929), Mary's mother (via Julienne Gross Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 1861, Yorkshire, England. Margaret died 1929, Parramatta, NSW [Reg. 15130].

WILLIAM HARRISON BLECHYNDEN (1877-1966) and MARY ETHEL MCDONALD (1882-1973) had eight children as below. More details on these children following in their individual sections.

1. BLECHYNDEN, MARGARET MARY ANN (1908-1985)
2. BLECHYNDEN, STAFFORD HENRY WILLIAM (1909-1932)
3. BLECHYNDEN, EILEEN MARY (1911-1958)
4. BLECHYNDEN, JOHN 'JACK' MARTIN (1912-1986)
5. BLECHYNDEN, RAYMOND PATRICK JOSEPH (1914-1983)
6. BLECHYNDEN, SHEILA MARIE (1915-2020)
7. BLECHYNDEN, WILLIAM 'BILL' HARRISON (1918-2014)
8. BLECHYNDEN, BERNARD 'KEVIN' (1919-1995)

Electoral Roll:
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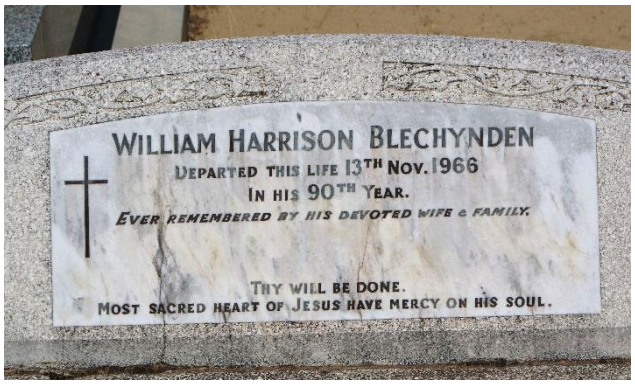

Headstone: William Harrison Blechynden (1877-1966), Beverley Catholic and Methodist Cemetery.

Headstone Mary Blechynden (1882-1973), Beverley Catholic and Methodist Cemetery. Courtesy Bonny Meares

1st CHILD OF WILLIAM HARRISON BLECHYNDEN & MARY ETHEL MCDONALD

1. BLECHYNDEN, MARGARET MARY ANN (1908-1985)
Margaret Mary Ann Blechynden was born 25 Apr 1908, Beverley, WA [Reg. 62].
Margaret Mary Ann Dunstan (nee Blechynden) died 10 Aug 1985, York, WA.
Burial: Beverley Catholic and Methodist Cemetery.
Margaret Maryann Blechynden Dunstan (1908-1985) - Find a Grave Memorial

MARGARET MARY BLECHYNDEN (1908-1985) was married 1935, to **RALPH DUNSTAN (1906-1981)**, Broome, WA [Reg. 5]. Children: Evan Ralph and Stephanie
RALPH DUNSTAN (1906-1981)
Via Dunstan Family Tree, Ancestry.

Ralph Dunstan was born 1906, Swan, WA [Reg. 236]. Parents: **ALBERT DUNSTAN (1864-1943)** and **EVA ELIZABETH WALKLEY (1871-1937)** who were married 1904, Perth, WA [Reg. 1141].
Ralph was a banker. Via Dunstan family tree. Ralph died 18 Nov 1981, Manning, WA.

ALBERT DUNSTAN (1864-1943) Ralph Dunstan's father
Albert Dunstan was born 1864, Avoca, VIC [Reg. 156]. Parents: **JOHN DUNSTAN (1821-1899)** and **ANN JANE KERR (1841-1899) Annie** who were married 12 Feb 1863, Maryborough, VIC [Reg. 138].
Albert died Perth, registered in 1943, WA [Reg. 817].

EVA ELIZABETH WALKLEY (1871-1937) Ralph Dunstan's mother
Eva Elizabeth Walkley was born 5 Aug 1871, Adelaide, SA [Pg. 546 Vol. 98]. Eva died 5 Nov 1937, Cannington, WA [Reg. 1986].

CHILDREN OF ALBERT DUNSTAN (1864-1943) and **EVA ELIZABETH WALKLEY (1871-1937):**

1. HERBERT DUNSTAN (1905-1961) married ELIZABETH ROSE TUSSLER (1907-2003) 1928, Katanning, WA [Reg.3500026].
2. RALPH DUNSTAN (1906-1981) married MARGARET MARY BLECHYNDEN (1908-1985) 1935, Broome, WA [Reg. 5]. Children: Evan Ralph and Stephanie
3. RITA FLORENCE DUNSTAN (1908-1970) married DOUGLAS CECIL MOSS (1904-) 1934, West Kimberley, WA [3700006].
4. GEORGE RAY DUNSTAN (1910-2003) married IDA MAY AYRE (1914-)1945, Perth, WA [Reg. 101337].
5. MARJORY DUNSTAN (1912-1970) married GILBERT PETER KEMP (1910-1960) 1933, Perth, WA [Reg. 101340].
6. SYDNEY LEONARD DUNSTAN (1914-1970) married OLIVE MARY PEACE MURDOCH (1916-1967] 1942, Canning, WA [Reg. 62].

Electoral Roll:
1910 Albert Dunstan, Sayers Drive, Midland Junction, bootmaker, Eva Elizabeth, married.
1922 Albert Dunstan, Wickepin, bootmaker, Eva Elizabeth, Upland Street, Wagin, housewife, Arthur Dunstan, Johnston St, Wagin, tailor, Harriet Jane, house wife, Edna, home duties.
1937 Eva Elizabeth Dunstan, Burt Road, Cannington, home duties, Sydney Leonard Dunstan, poultry farmer.

Electoral Roll:
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1977 Ralph Dunstan, 212 Railway Pde, Mount Hawthorn, 6053, Margaret Mary Ann, same.

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Electoral Roll:

1931 Stafford Henry William Blechynden, 'Erindale', Mt. Kokeby, farmhand.

***West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Thu 29 Dec 1932, pg 1**

29 Dec 1932 - Family Notices (nla.gov.au)

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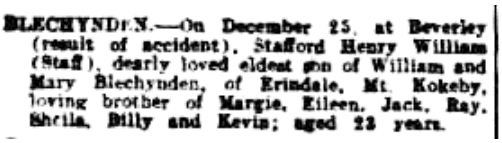
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***West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Sat 7 Jan 1933, pg 15**

07 Jan 1933 - MOTORING FATALITY. (nla.gov.au)

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The Coroner added that certain facts had been placed before him which were all honestly and openly admitted by Wansbrough. They were:— (1) That he was driving a motor car with only one head light (the left) burning, and that such light was a dull one; (2) that he was driving to the incorrect side of road; (3) that a car which had passed him had caused a considerable amount of dust to rise and, on account of the stillness of the night it had remained suspended in the air, causing visibility to be poor; and (4) that he was travelling at 20 miles an hour when visibility, owing to the above causes, was very poor.

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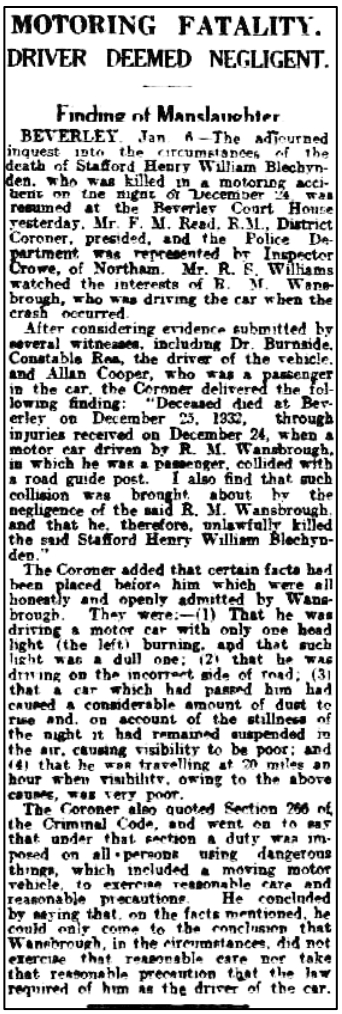
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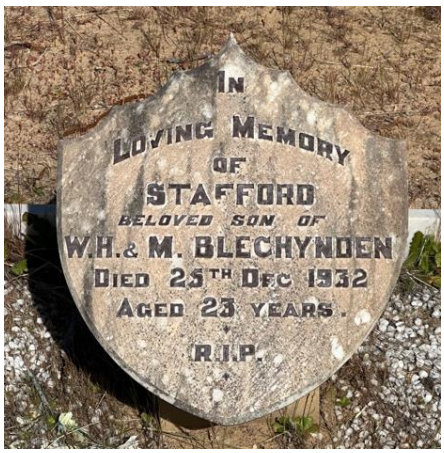

Headstone of Stafford Blechynden (1909-1932), Beverley Methodist & Catholic Cemetery

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3rd CHILD OF WILLIAM HARRISON BLECHYNDEN & MARY ETHEL MCDONALD

3. BLECHYNDEN, EILEEN MARY (1911-1958)
Eileen Mary Blechynden was born 1911, Beverley, WA [Reg. 71].
Eileen Mary Draper (nee Blechynden) died 8 Dec 1958, York, WA [Reg. 47].

EILEEN MARY BLECHYNDEN (1911-1958) married **m1**. **ERIC ERNEST DRAPER (1913-1989)**, 1942, Beverley, WA [Reg. 31].
ERIC ERNEST DRAPER (1913-1989) Via Kitchens O'Rourke Family Tree, Ancestry.
Eric Ernest Draper was born 22 Mar 1913, York, WA [Reg. 38]. Parents: **ERNEST WILLIAM DRAPER (1886-1952)** and **m.2 AGNES CHIFNEY (NEE PROSSER) (1889-1972)** who were married 18 May 1912, Bunbury, Registered in York, WA [Reg. 4].

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Eric Ernest Draper died 13 Sep 1989, York, WA.

ERNEST WILLIAM DRAPER (1886-1952) Eric Ernest Draper's father.
Ernest William Draper was born 1886, Beverley, WA [Reg. 28567]. Parents: **ALFRED WILLIAM DRAPER (1857-1937)** and **ALICE ELIZA BLAKISTON (1854-1886)** who were married 17 Aug 1879, Beverley, WA [Reg. 4749].
Ernest William Draper died 9 Aug 1952, York, WA [Reg. 18].

AGNES PROSSER (1889-1972) Eric Ernest Draper's mother.
Agnes Chifney Prosser was born 18 May 1889, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 727]. Parents: **WALLACE PROSSER (1853-1922)** and **ISABELLA MARION SCOTT (1858-1948)**, who were married 1877, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 4371]. Name registered as Wallis.

m.1. AGNES PROSSER (1889-1972) married **FREDERICK CHIFNEY (1884-1910)**, 6 Nov 1909, York, WA [Reg. 22]. They had one child:

1. FREDA SOPHIA CHIFNEY (1910-1910) was born 1910, York, WA [Reg. 61]. She died 1910, York, WA [Reg. 7100032], aged 3 months.
Note: It appears that baby Freda Chifney and her father both died in the same year. Frederick Chifney died 1910, St Vincents Private Hospital, York, WA [Reg. 7100009], aged 25 years.

m.2. AGNES CHIFNEY (NEE PROSSER) (1889-1972) married **ERNEST WILLIAM DRAPER (1886-1952)**, 1912, York, WA [Reg. 4].
They had two children:

1. ERNEST ERIC DRAPER (1913-1989) married **EILEEN MARY BLECHYNDEN (1911-1958)** 1942, Beverley, WA [Reg. 31].
2. MAXWELL WILLIAM DRAPER (1916-2010) married **DOROTHY FAY BARTLETT (1928-1990)**

Electoral Roll:
1912 Ernest William Draper, Westbourne, farmer
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1931, 1937 Ernest William Draper, York, farmer, Agnes, married.

Electoral Roll:
1954 Eric Ernest Draper, Westbourne, via York, farmer, Eileen Mary, Gwambygine, home duties.

Following Eileen Mary Blechynden's death in 1958, Eric Draper married again.
m. 2 ERIC ERNEST DRAPER (1913-1989) married **m. 2 MAY VICTORIA FISHER (NEE BOTTCHER) (1912-1981)** 1960, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 110]. This was also her second marriage.

Electoral Roll:
1954 Eric Ernest Draper, Westbourne, via York, farmer, May Victoria, home duties.

m.1 MAY VICTORIA BOTTCHER (1912-1981) married **FREDERICK J FISHER**, 1833, Beverley, WA [Reg No. 14]. They had two children. Ronald and Kevin Fisher.

Electoral Roll:
1937 Frederick James Fisher, County Peak, Beverley, farmer, May Victoria, home duties.

4th CHILD OF WILLIAM HARRISON BLECHYNDEN & MARY ETHEL MCDONALD

4. BLECHYNDEN, JOHN 'JACK' MARTIN (1912-1986)
John 'Jack' Martin Blechynden was born 23 Oct 1912, Beverley, WA [Reg No 199].
John Martin Blechynden died 3 Sep 1986, Perth, WA.

JOHN 'JACK' MARTIN BLECHYNDEN (1912-1986) married **LORNA IRENE FLEAY (1909-2005)**, 1936, Beverley, WA [Reg. 34].

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 24 Jul 1936, pg 3**
24 Jul 1936 - Wedding Bella (nla.gov.au)

Wedding Bells

BLECHYNDEN—FLEAY.

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The bride entered the Church to the strains of the "Wedding March" (played by Miss O'Brien) on the arm of her brother, Mervyn. She made a pretty picture in a beautiful frock of brocaded satin cut on simple lines close fitting with high neck spaghetti trimmed and long sleeves ending in a point at the wrists, the back forming pleats and ending in a soft train. She also wore a beautiful handembroidered veil of Brussels net which fell in graceful folds to form a train, and was held in place by the circlet of orange blossoms originally worn by her mother She carried a sheaf of white roses and lilies and was attended by Miss Yvonne Fleay (sister) and Miss Sheila Blechynden (sister of the groom) who were dressed alike in becoming frocks of harlequin pink cloque. They wore dainty hats the crowns of which were composed of velvet flowers and transparent brims and sheaf bouquets of pink roses and autumn tonings.

Messrs. Robert and Roland Fleay (brothers of the bride) ably carried out the duties of best man and groomsman, respectively.

As the bride came down the aisle after the ceremony Mrs. W. Blechynden placed a pretty good luck horse shoe on her arm.

After the ceremony the immediate relatives of the bride and bridegroom adjourned to the Railway Hotel where a dainty repast was partaken and the usual toasts were honoured and congratulatory telegrams read.

The party later journeyed to Gwambygine Hall where a large and representative crowd was gathered to offer their congratulations.

As the bridal party entered, the company in the Hall formed a guard of honour, and the happy couple were conducted to their seats. The Hall was appropriately decorated for the occasion with silver horse shoes and other symbols of good luck.

During the evening a presentation was made by Mr. Hicks on behalf of residents of Gwambygine and surrounding districts. He wished the

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The bridegroom in a few words thanked the people very sincerely for their good wishes and the genuine and hearty reception to his wife and self.

A beautiful supper was prepared and one tier of the wedding cake was cut by the bride and distributed Dancing was indulged in until a late hour.

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LORNA IRENE FLEAY (1909-2005)
Lorna Irene Fleay was born 8 Feb 1909, Beverley, WA [Reg. 51]. Parents: **WILLIAM WALTER FLEAY (1872-1931)** and **ELIZABETH EYRE (1880-1930)** who were married 18 Jul 1906, York, WA [Reg. 24]. Lorna Irene Blechynden (nee Fleay) died 21 Jun 2005, Glendalough, WA.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM WALTER FLEAY (1872-1931) 'Sonny' and ELIZABETH EYRE (1880-1930) 'Lizzie':

1. MARGARET YVONNE FLEAY (1907-1970) married **FRANCIS REGINALD JOHN JEFFREY** 1954, Perth, WA [Reg. 1689].

2. LORNA IRENE FLEAY (1909-2005) married **JOHN 'JACK' MARTIN BLECHYNDEN (1912-1986)** 1936, Beverley, WA [Reg. 34].
3. WILLIAM JAMES FLEAY (1911-1970) married **JEAN FRANCES QUINN** 1936, Kalgoorlie, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 24].

4. MERVYN WALTER FLEAY (1913-1989) married **MAISIE ELLEN DAVEY** 1938, Perth, WA [Reg. 101809].

5. ROBERT OAKOVER FLEAY (1915-1967) married **LORNA IRENE STONE ''Rena'** 1941, VIC [Reg.

6. ROLAND OAKOVER FLEAY (1918-1985) married **MARJORIE JEAN WHITE (1920-1962)** 18 Mar 1939 East Murchison, WA [Reg. 6].
m2. ROLAND OAKOVER FLEAY (1918-1985) married **SHEILA EMILY STEARNE** 1963, Perth, WA [Reg. 1004].

Western Mail (Perth, WA : 1885 - 1954), Thursday 27 April 1939, page 23

FLEAY-WHITE WEDDING.

ON Saturday, March 18, at Mt. Sir Samuel, the marriage ''ok place between Mr. Roland Fleay, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Fleay, of "Oakover," Gilgering, and Miss Jean White, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noel White, of Altona Station. The Rev. J. Craven, of Wiluna, perofrmed the ceremony.

The bride, who was given away by her fa'her, was a charming figure in a frock of beige French georgette, worn with a chic navy blue straw hat, with upturned brim. Navy blue accessories completed her toilet. She was attended by Mrs. William Fleay as matron of honour. Mr. Allan White (brother of the bride) was best man.

Afterwards, a reception was held at the Mt. Sir Samuel hotel, when the customary toasts were honoured. Later in the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Fleay left by car for Perth and the South-West. Mr. and Mrs. Fleay will make their home at Mt. Sir Samuel.

York Chronicle (WA: 1927 - 1954), Fri 13 Feb 1931, pg 3
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article251738025.txt

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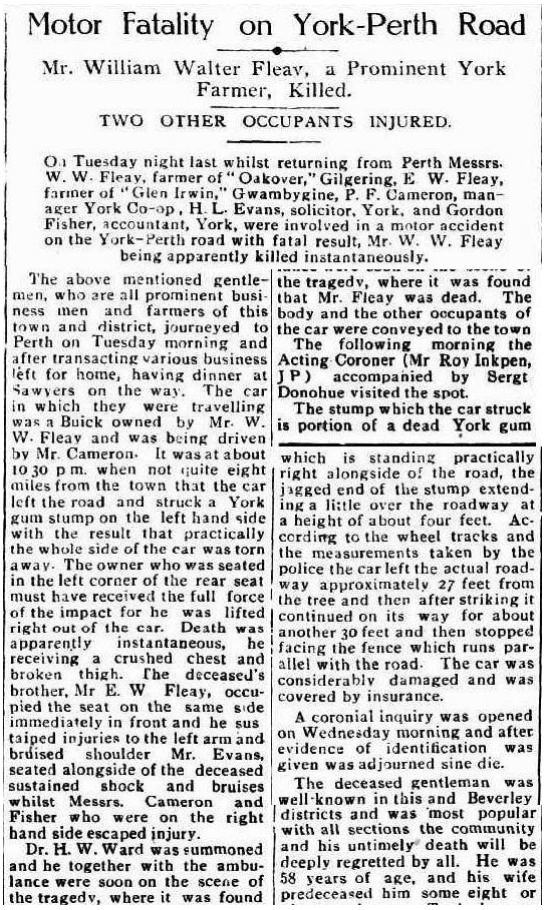
Dr. H. W. Ward was summoned and he together with the ambulance were soon on the scene of the tragedy, where it was found that Mr. Fleay was dead. The body and the other occupants of the car were conveyed to the town. The following morning the Acting Coroner (Mr Roy Inkpen, J P) accompanied by Sergt Donohue visited the spot. The stump which the car struck is portion of a dead York gum which is standing practically right alongside of the road, the jagged end of the stump extending a little over the roadway at a height of about four feet. According to the wheel tracks and the measurements taken by the police the car left the actual roadway approximately 27 feet from the tree and then after striking it continued on its way for about another 30 feet and then stopped facing the fence which runs parallel with the road. The car was considerably damaged and was covered by insurance. A coronial inquiry was opened on Wednesday morning and after evidence of identification was given was adjourned sine die. The deceased gentleman was well-known in this and Beverley districts and was most popular with all sections the community and his untimely death will be deeply regretted by all. He was 58 years of age, and his wife predeceased him some eight or nine months ago. To the bereaved family of two daughters and four sons, who within twelve months, have lost father and mother every sympathy is extended.*



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5th CHILD OF WILLIAM HARRISON BLECHYNDEN & MARY ETHEL MCDONALD

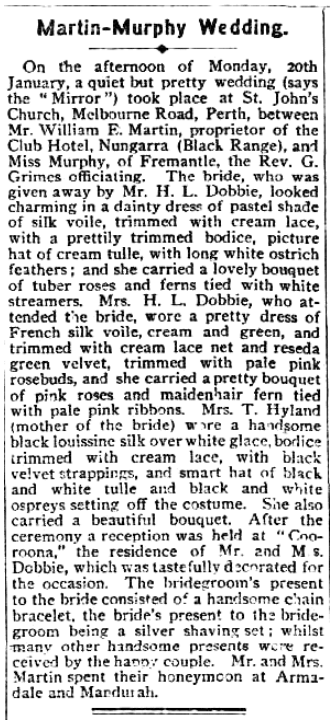
5. BLECHYNDEN, RAYMOND PATRICK JOSEPH (1914-1983)
Raymond Patrick Joseph Blechynden was born 16 Mar 1914, Beverley, WA [Reg. 58].
A wharfie, no children.
Raymond Patrick Joseph Blechynden died 20 Dec 1983, East Fremantle, WA.

BLECHYNDEN RAYMOND JOSEPH (1914-1983) married **MOLLY EMILY MARTIN (1912-1973)** 1949, Melbourne, VIC [Reg. 27494].
MOLLY EMILY MARTIN (1912-1973)
Molly Emily Martin was born 1912, Beverley, WA [Reg. 1093]. Parents: **WILLIAM EDWARD MARTIN (-1950)** and **MARY MURPHY** who were married 1908, Perth, WA [Reg. 100051].
Molly Emily Blechynden (nee Martin) died 12 Sep 1973, East Fremantle. WA.

Black Range Courier and Sandstone Observer (WA: 1907 - 1915), Fri 14 Feb 1908, pg 4
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article201950090.txt

Martin-Murphy Wedding.

On the afternoon of Monday, 20th January, a quiet but pretty wedding (says the "Mirror") took place at St. John's Church, Melbourne Road, Perth, between Mr. William E. Martin, proprietor of the Club Hotel, Nungarra (Black Range), and Miss Murphy, of Fremantle, the Rev. G. Grimes officiating. The bride, who was given away by Mr. H. L. Dobbie, looked charming in a dainty dress of pastel shade of silk voile, trimmed with cream lace, with a prettily trimmed bodice, picture hat of cream tulle, with long white ostrich feathers; and she carried a lovely bouquet of tuber roses and ferns tied with white streamers. Mrs. H. L. Dobbie, who attended the bride, wore a pretty dress of French silk voile, cream and green, and trimmed with cream lace net and reseda green velvet, trimmed with pale pink rosebuds, and she carried a pretty bouquet of pink roses and maidenhair fern tied with pale pink ribbons. Mrs. T. Hyland (mother of the bride), wore a handsome black louissine silk over white glace, bodice trimmed with cream lace, with black velvet strappings, and smart-hat of black and white tulle and black and white ospreys setting off the costume. She also carried a beautiful bouquet. After the ceremony a reception was held at "Cooroona," the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Dobbie, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The bridegroom's present to the bride consisted of a handsome chain bracelet, the bride's present to the bridegroom being a silver shaving set; whilst many other handsome presents were received by the happy couple. Mr. and Mrs. Martin spent their honeymoon at Armadale and Mandurah.



Martin-Murphy Wedding.

On the afternoon of Monday, 20th January, a quiet but pretty wedding (says the "Mirror") took place at St. John's Church, Melbourne Road, Perth, between Mr. William E. Martin, proprietor of the Club Hotel, Nungarra (Black Range), and Miss Murphy, of Fremantle, the Rev. G. Grimes officiating. The bride, who was given away by Mr. H. L. Dobbie, looked charming in a dainty dress of pastel shade of silk voile, trimmed with cream lace, with a prettily trimmed bodice, picture hat of cream tulle, with long white ostrich feathers; and she carried a lovely bouquet of tuber roses and ferns tied with white streamers. Mrs. H. L. Dobbie, who attended the bride, wore a pretty dress of French silk voile, cream and green, and trimmed with cream lace net and reseda green velvet, trimmed with pale pink rosebuds, and she carried a pretty bouquet of pink roses and maidenhair fern tied with pale pink ribbons. Mrs. T. Hyland (mother of the bride) wore a handsome black louissine silk over white glace, bodice trimmed with cream lace, with black velvet strappings, and smart hat of black and white tulle and black and white ospreys setting off the costume. She also carried a beautiful bouquet. After the ceremony a reception was held at "Cooroona," the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Dobbie, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The bridegroom's present to the bride consisted of a handsome chain bracelet, the bride's present to the bridegroom being a silver shaving set; whilst many other handsome presents were received by the happy couple. Mr. and Mrs. Martin spent their honeymoon at Armadale and Mandurah.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM EDWARD MARTIN (-1950) AND MARY KATHLEEN MURPHY:
Frederick, Harold and Robert are recorded as being born at Black Range – Black Range is also mentioned earlier and detailed below

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1. FREDERICK WILLIAM MARTIN born 1908, Nungarra, Black Range, WA [Reg. 27]
2. JAMES EDWARD MARTIN born 1910, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 421].
3. MOLLY EMILY MARTIN born 1912, Perth, WA [Reg. 1093].
4. ROBERT HENRY MARTIN (1914-1988) born 1914, Youanmi, Black Range, WA [Reg. 34].
5. HAROLD ROY MARTIN born 1916, Currans Find, Black Range, WA [Reg. 5].
6. DENIS JOHN MARTIN born 1919, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 54].

Black Range (Nunngarra)
The East Murchison Goldfield was proclaimed on 28 Jun 1895 with the boundaries altered on 28 Mar 1902 and further amendments on 1 Mar 1907 to divide the goldfield into 3 districts: Lawler's, Wiluna and Black Range. Black Range is the western most portion of East Murchison and included 6 main mining centres. Black Range township was declared in Dec 1903 the aboriginal name, Nunngarra also was used. Rich gold was discovered by a prospector name Howie but by 1902 the name Howie's Patch was dropped in favour of the name Black Range.

Electoral Roll:
1913, 1915 William Edward Martin, Youanme, publican, Mary, married.
1928 William Edward Martin, 114 John St, North Fremantle, labourer, Mary, married..

Electoral Roll:
1954, 1963 Raymond Joseph Blechynden, 35 Marmion ST, Fremantle, Lumper, Molly Emily Blechynden, barmaid, same address.

6th CHILD OF WILLIAM HARRISON BLECHYNDEN & MARY ETHEL MCDONALD

6. BLECHYNDEN, SHEILA MARIE (1915-2020)
Sheila Maria Blechynden was born 25 Oct 1915, Beverley, WA [Reg. 173]. Sheila died 16 Jun 2020. She would have turned 105 in Oct. Buried Catholic section of the Beverley Cemetery.

Sheila, with her sisters. Margaret at the rear and Eileen seated.

SHEILA MARIE BLECHYNDEN (1915-2020) married **ROY ALEXANDER MCLEAN (1913-1982)**, 24 Jul 1940, Sacred Heart Church, Beverley, WA [Reg. 31]. Roy was born 14 Oct 1913, Beverley, WA [Reg. 25], registered under Roy McCann. Parents: **JAMES KENNETH MCLEAN (1875-1947)** and **MABEL JESSIE ADAMSON (1889-1956)** who were married 27 Mar 1907, Beverley, WA [Reg. 14]. Roy died 3 Aug 1982, Beverley, WA. Buried Beverley Shire, Cemetery.

The following four pages have details of Roy Alexander Mclean's parents James Kenneth Mclean (1875-1947) and Mabel Jessie Adamson (1889-1956) and a bit of history of his grandparents from Scotland.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Sat 6 Apr 1907, pg 5**
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McLEAN—ADAMSON.

On Wednesday last, at East Beverley, Mr. James Kenneth McLean, second eldest son of Mr. Thos. McLean, of Rainbow, Victoria, was joined in matrimony to Mabel Jessie Adamson, second daughter of Mr. Geo. Adamson of East Beverley, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. R. P. Fleming. Miss Elsie Adamson filled the position of bridesmaid, and Mr. T. McLean that of best man, the bride being given away by her father. The wedding ceremony was celebrated at the residence of the bride's parents, and after refreshments had been partaken of and the customary speeches made the happy couple drove into Beverley to catch the evening train for Perth where the honeymoon will be spent. They were the recipients of many pretty and useful presents.

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JAMES KENNETH MCLEAN (1875-1947) Roy Alexander Mclean's father
McLean Family Tree, Ancestry

James Kenneth Mclean was born 1875, Werribee, VIC [Reg.20249]. Parents: **THOMAS MCLEAN (~1830-1911)** and **JOHANNA COWAN (1849-1879)**.
James Kenneth Mclean died 19 Sep 1947, Beverley, WA [Reg. 102007].

THOMAS MCLEAN (~1830-1911) Roy Alexander Mclean's grandfather
Thomas Mclean was born about 1830, Duthil, Morayshire, Scotland. Parents: **KENNETH MCLEAN (1794-1876)** and **BARBARA MACINTOSH (1792-1866)** who were married 1828, Inverness, Scotland. **m.1 THOMAS MCLEAN (1830-1911)** married **JESSIE LAURA STEWART (1832-1865)** 13 Sep 1854, Inverness, Scotland. Thomas and Jessie Mclean arrived in SA in 1856. Tragically Jessie died when she drowned while crossing a stream, 27 Feb 1865, Sailor's Gully, VIC [Reg. 1424].

m.2 THOMAS MCLEAN (1830-1911) and **JOHANNA COWAN (1849-1879)** were married 1870, VIC [Reg. 3259]. This was Thomas McLean's second marriage.

JOHANNA COWAN (1849-1879 Roy Alexander Mclean's grandmother

Johanna Cowan was born 1849, Kilmonivaig, Inverness, Scotland, parents: **JOHN COWAN (1815-1885)** and **JANE MCDONALD (1816-1888).**

JOHN COWAN (1815-1885) and **JANE MCDONALD (1816-1888) HAD TEN CHILDREN:**
The first six children were born in Scotland:

1. WALTER COWAN (1841-1853) remained in Scotland. **2. JAMES COWAN (1843-1922), 3. CATHERINE COWAN (1845-1917) 4. JANE COWAN (1849-1931) 5. JOHANNA COWAN (1849-1879) 6. JANET COWAN (1851-1853)** died at sea, Indonesia.
The next children were born in VIC. **7. JANET JESSIE COWAN (1854-1931) 8. WALTER COWAN (1856-1913) 9, ALEXANDRIA ALEXIA COWAN (1858-1930) 10. FRANCES COWAN (1860-1941)**
Emigration: Arrival via Shepherd, 1853, Melbourne, VIC.

CHILDREN OF THOMAS MCLEAN (1833-1911) AND JOHANNA COWAN (1849-1879), Roy Alexander's grandparents.

1. JOHN MCLEAN (1871-1951) married JEAN JANE BOYD (1879-1948) 1900, Beaufort, VIC [Reg. 1065].
2. ISABELLA JOHANNA MCLEAN (1873-1941) married SAMUEL DART (1869-1960) 1899, VIC [Reg. 1079].
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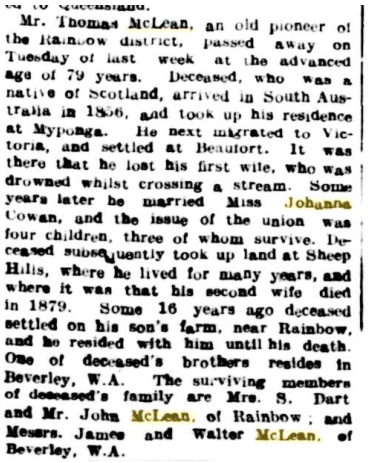
4. WALTER ALEXANDER MCLEAN (1879-1953) married RACHEL ALMA HINE (1885-1955) 1903, Beverley, WA [Reg. 17].

The following article gives a brief history of Roy's grandparents, Thomas and Johanna McLean.

Horsham Times (VIC: 1882 - 1954), Fri 27 Jan 1911, pg 6
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article73158534.txt

Mr. Thomas McLean, an old pioneer of the Rainbow district, passed away on Tuesday of last week at the advanced age of 79 years. Deceased, who was a native of Scotland, arrived in South Australia in 1856 and took up his residence at Myponga. He next migrated to Victoria and settled at Beaufort. It was there that he lost his first wife, who was drowned whilst crossing a stream. Some years later he married Miss Johanna Cowan, and the issue of the union was four children, three of whom survive. Deceased subsequently took up land at Sheep Hills, where he lived for many years and where it was that his second wife died in 1879. Some 16 years ago deceased settled on his son's farm, near Rainbow, and he resided with him until his death. One of deceased's brothers resides in Beverley, W.A. The surviving members of deceased's family are Mrs. S. Dart and Mr. John McLean, of Rainbow and Messrs. James and Walter McLean, of Beverley, W.A.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MABEL JESSIE ADAMSON (1889-1956) **Roy Alexander Mclean's mother**

Mabel Jessie Adamson was born 23 May 1889, Stirling North, SA. Parents: **GEORGE ADAMSON (1859-1922)** and **MARY LOUISA MESSENGER (1867-1939)** who were married 16 Aug 1885, Res of groom's father, Stirling North, SA.
Mabel Jessie McLean (nee Adamson) died 1956, York, WA [Reg. 7100002].

CHILDREN OF JAMES KENNETH MCLEAN (1875-1947) and MABEL JESSIE ADAMSON (1889-1956): All of these children were born in Beverley, WA.

1. MARY MAY MCLEAN (1908-1956)

Electoral Roll: 1949 **Mary May McLean**, County peak, Beverley, domestic.

2. UNNAMED MCLEAN (1909 -1909) Stillborn

Unnamed McLean, stillborn, 1909, Beverley, WA [Reg. 152].
Unnamed McLean died 1909, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400042].

3. EFFIE ISABEL MCLEAN (1911-1971) married **ARTHUR ALEXANDER KILPATRICK (1909-1991)** 1941, Beverley, WA [Reg.400021].

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5. MABEL JEAN MCLEAN (1915-1973) married **AUBREY FLAY CHESTER (1911-1997)** 1939, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400025]. Brother of John Flay Chester who married Mabel's sister Ethel.

6. ETHEL JOAN MCLEAN (1918-1994) married **JOHN FLAY CHESTER (1914-2004)** 1946, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400005]. Brother of Aubrey Flay Chester who married Ethel's sister Mabel.

7. WILLIAM ERIC MCLEAN (1919-1983) married **m2. IVY ISABEL O'SHEA (1917-2009)** 1947, Perth, WA [Reg. 20

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m2. CLAUDE MAXWELL COOPER (1917-1990] married **PHYLLIS GERTRUDE CURRY (1916-1984)** 6 Nov 1948, Northam, WA [Reg. 125].

Electoral Roll:
1943 Claude Maxwell Cooper, Seven Grove, Beverley, farmer, Ivy Isobel, home duties.
1954 William Eric Mclean, County Peak, Beverley, farm hand. Ivy Isobel, home duties.
1958 Claude Maxwell Cooper, Rocky Gully, farmer, Phillis Gertrude, home duties.

8. AGNES IRENE MACLEAN (1923-2018) married **CHARLES HENRY BOND** 1945, Mr Hawthorn, Perth, WA Reg. 102016].

m.2 AGNES IRENE MACLEAN (1923-2018) married **DAVID JOSEPH O'CALLAGHAN (1917-2001)** 1952, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 32].

Electoral Roll:
1913, 1931, 1943 **James Kenneth Mclean**, County Peak, Beverley, farmer, **Mabel Jessie**, married.

James Kenneth Mclean died 19 Sep 1947, Beverley, WA [Reg. 102007]. Buried Beverley Cemetery.

***Daily News* (Perth, WA: 1882 - 1955), Thu 15 Apr 1948, pg 7**

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***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 11 Jan 1957, pg 1**
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7. BLECHYNDEN, WILLIAM 'BILL' HARRISON (1918-2014)

Same name as his father William Harrison Blechynden (1877-1966).

William 'Bill' Harrison Blechynden was born 1918, Beverley, WA [Reg. 16].
William 'Bill' Harrison Blechynden died 15 May 2014, Mandurah, WA.

PUPILS OF THE MT. KOKEBY SCHOOL

Kokeby School, 1928

Pupils of the Mt Kokeby School

Unfortunately, no pupils' names were included.

It is possible William Blechynden, now aged 10, may be one of the pupils.

Beverley Times **(WA: 1905 - 1977), Sat 25 May 1907, pg 2**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article200729199.txt

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Daily News **(Perth, WA: 1882 - 1955), Mon 19 Mar 1945, p. 15**
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School Gutted

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William Blechynden is mentioned as a witness in the following article about the Mt Kokeby School.

Beverley Times **(WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 18 May 1945, pg 1**
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The first witness was Miss E. M. Fox who was the teacher at the school and who deposed that after dismissing the children on Friday, March 13 she and a pupil, Joan Collard, closed and locked the school, closing the only window used. Although it was usual to burn any rubbish, none was burnt on that day. The only inflammable material left in the school was a small bottle of methylated spirits in a cupboard. No fire was left and no lamp burning. There was no electric light installed. Witness lived with the Hunter family in the school house about 40 yards from the school. After retiring about 10 p.m. witness awoke at about 1.30 and saw the reflection of a light in her room. Getting up she saw through the kitchen window that the school was on fire. Flames were issuing from the windows and the chimney of the school. The grass between the school house and the school was on fire. On going to the scene witness found Mr. Richards, Mrs. Thorpe and Mrs. Hunter and two children. The fire appeared to have been going some time and had a good hold. There was no hope of doing anything to save the school. There was no water available. While watching the fire witness noticed a light moving up and down the railway line on the school side of the line. It appeared to move first along the line for about a chain and came up to the gate of the school grounds. Witness remained up until about 4 a.m. and saw the light between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. It looked like a lantern being carried by a person walking up and down. Mrs. Thorpe, Mr. Richards, Mrs. Hunter and the children were the only ones at the scene. They discussed the moving light but no one went to investigate it. It seemed mysterious. Whoever was carrying the light did not come over to the fire. After burning for some time all the walls of the building fell inward. There was no smell of kerosene or petrol burning. The fire had died down by 4 a.m. when witness again retired. The school children's books, a library of school books and witness' own books were destroyed. Some time previous to the fire there had been a meeting of residents with the object of having the school closed and a bus service for the children to Beverley being instituted. Nothing had been definitely decided.

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proceeded through the station yard and thence through the school yard to their home at the post office. They noticed nothing unusual on the way. The school and school house were in darkness, though witness noticed a very dull light in one of the rooms of the school house. A motor car pulled up outside the post office some time after witness went to bed and following this he could not get to sleep. About half an hour later, a glare was noticed coming through the window. Getting out of bed, witness noticed from the verandah that the school was on fire. He proceeded to the scene and there saw flames shooting out of the ventilators and windows. He returned home to dress and was later joined at the fire by Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Thorpe, Miss Fox and the Hunter children. Witness was of the opinion that the fire must have been smouldering inside for some time. The building was not burning on the outside, the fire being definitely inside. There was no grass alight around the school when witness arrived but it caught alight later. The roof of the school fell in first, then the walls collapsed. There was no smell of kerosene or petrol. There was a moderate breeze. The grass burned toward the railway line. While at the fire witness noticed a light which he took to be a hurricane lamp moving about. He saw it on and off for about two hours but it did not come up to the school. The Albany Express remained at Mt. Kokeby for a little time on the Saturday night and while there sparks were noticed coming from the engine and blowing to the south-west in the opposite direction from the school. Mrs. Thorpe, sister of the previous witness, gave similar evidence. Evidence that the fire was not noticed up until 1:30 a.m. was given by Colin R. Ridgway, ***William Blechynden*** *and Mervyn Fleay, who each passed the school on their way home. The native tracker, Gilgie, attached to Northam District Police Office, gave evidence of the finding of tracks from the school yard crossing the railway line. He was of the opinion that they were made by a person wearing the boots which were produced in Court. There were sets of similar tracks in other places. Detective G. Winning detailed his investigations in to the fire and of his questioning of William Charles Bergen and corroborative evidence was given by Constable Thomson, who had assisted him. William Charles Bergin, when called, declined to give evidence as did also Janet Bryce Powell, acting upon the advice of counsel. Mr. Colville Parslow appeared to watch the interests of William Charles Bergin and Detective Winning assisted the Coroner.*

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Beverley Times **(WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 13 Feb 1948, pg 3**
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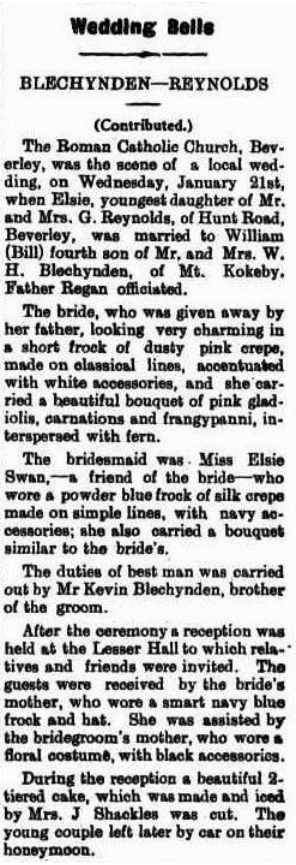

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George Edward Reynolds was born 1885, York, WA [Reg. 26127]. Parents: **GEORGE REYNOLDS (1859-1902)** and **EMILY ANNE BAILEY (1863-1947)** who were married 8 Jun 1882, York, WA [Reg. 5382]. George Edward Reynolds died 1953, Perth, WA [Reg. 100785. Parents: George Reynolds and Emily Bailey.

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Florence Margaret Webb was born 8 Apr 1890, Townsville, QLD [Reg. 012116 Pg. 27479]. Parents: **WILLIAM WEBB** and **JEMIMA CHRISTIE** who were married 10 Jun 1889, QLD [Reg. 002078 Pg. 15606]. Parents from Scotland, see Obituary for Florence following later.
Florence Margaret Renolds (nee Webb) died 1976, Northam, WA [Reg. 4900079]. Parents: William Webb and Jemima Christie.

CHILDREN OF GEORGE EDWARD REYNOLDS (1885-1953) AND FLORENCE MARGARET WEBB (1890-1976):

1. GORDON WEBB REYNOLDS (1911-1993) married **CARHERINE ELSIE TAYLOR (1909-1994)** 1943, Perth, WA [Reg. 102034].

2. FLORENCE EMILY REYNOLDS (1917-) married **JOHN DONALD MCLEAN (1912-1983)** 1944, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400006].

3. ELSIE EVELYN REYNOLDS (1919-1974) married **m.1 WILLIAM 'BILL' HARRISON BLECHYNDEN (1918-2014)** 1948, Beverley, District, WA [Reg. 23].

The following Obituary for Florence Margaret Reynolds of Scottish parents, gives a brief summary of her life.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Thu 4 Nov 1976, pg 4**
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Although of a quiet and retiring nature, Florence possessed a bright and happy outlook on life and was a firm favourite of the many who knew and loved her. In her later life she was one of the first to take up residence in the Frail Aged Lodge. When her health began to fail she moved to Beverley hospital where she remained until she died.

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CHILDREN OF WILLIAM 'BILL' HARRISON BLECHYNDEN (1918-2014) AND ELSIE EVELYN REYNOLDS: (1919-1974). Jeff - farm 'Erindale', twin girls, Helen and Phyllis Blechynden.

Following his first wife Elsie's death in 1974, William 'Bill' Harrison Blechynden remarried.

m.2 WILLIAM 'BILL' HARRISON BLECHYNDEN (1918-2014) spouse **m.2 MAVIS ENID MAY (nee STREATFIELD) (1924-1991).** Date unknown at this stage.

MAVIS ENID STREATFIELD (1924-1991) was born 1924, Collie, registered in Fremantle, WA [Reg. 363]. Daughter of **ALFRED STREATFIELD (1884-1947)** and **m.2 AGNES GRIFFITHS (NEE MORRIS)**

(1887-1956) who were married 1920, Perth, WA [Reg. 873]. Mavis Blechynden (nee Streatfield) died 29 Jun 1991.

m.1 MAVIS ENID MAY STREATFIELD (1924-1991) married **DONALD GEORGE MAY (1824-2001)** 1946, Wellington WA [Reg. 146]. They had three children.

Electoral Roll:

Donald George May and Mavis Enid Streatfield
1949 Donald George May, Clackline, assistant manager, Mavis Enid – same, home duties.
1954 Donald George May, 32 Anstey St, Swan, clerk, Mavis Enid – same, home duties.
1972 Mavis Enid Reynolds, Beverley, home duties.

Electoral Roll:

William Harrison Blechynden Jnr.
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1980 William Harrison Blechynden Jnr., Erindale Farm, farmer, Mt. Kokeby, Mavis Enid, Box 168, Beverley.

William 'Bill' Harrison Blechynden Jnr, died 15 May 2014, Mandurah, WA.

BLECHYNDEN (William Harrison): After 96 years, Bill, a Beverley farmer, passed away peacefully on Thursday the 15th May. Husband to Elsie Evelyn and Mavis May. Father to Jeff, Shirley and twins Phyllis ...

Elsie Evelyn Blechynden (nee Reynolds) died 18 Aug 1974, York, WA [Reg. 55]. Mavis Enid Blechynden (nee Streatfield) died 29 Jun 1991.

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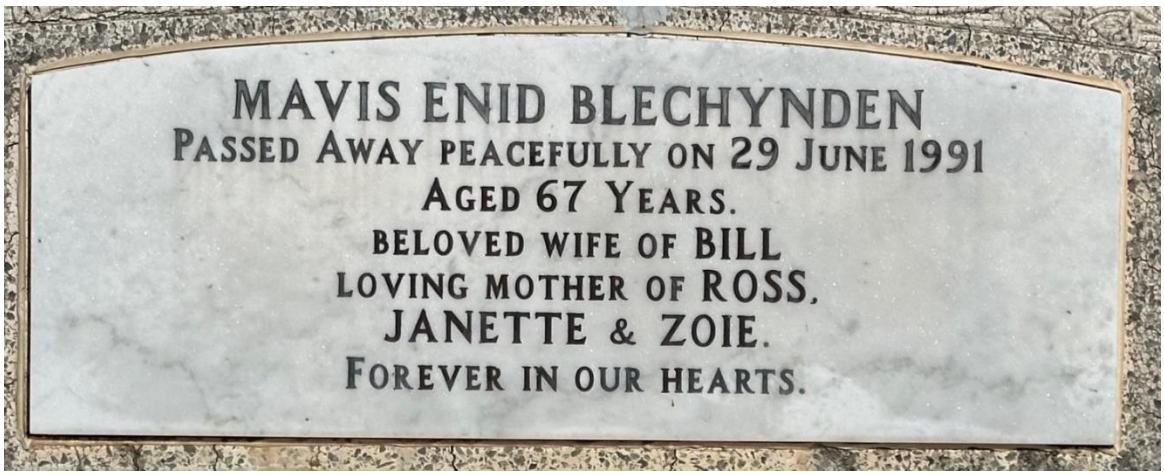

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8. BLECHYNDEN, BERNARD 'KEVIN' (1919-1995)
Bernard 'Kevin' Blechynden was born 13 Jun 1919, Beverley, WA [Reg. 93]. Kevin died 6 Jul 1995, Beverley.

Kevin (Bernard Kevin) and Bill (William Harrison, Jnr.), 'Erindale' Beverley. Courtesy Kerry Blechynden

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Milford Desmond Smith was born 16 May 1894, Beverley, WA [Reg. 1894]. Parents **SAMUEL SMITH (1856-1940)** and **ELIZABETH 'LIZZIE' SEWELL (1853-1934)** who were married 1889, Beverley, WA [Reg. 43]. Recorded as Lizzey Sewell.

SAMUEL SMITH (1856-1940) AND ELIZABETH 'LIZZIE' SEWELL (1853-1934) HAD THREE CHILDREN:

1. RODERICK 'CONRAD' SMITH (1889-1976) married **ESTHER HELEN MURRAY (1883-1983) 'ETTIE'** 1 Jul 1920, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400024].

2. LUCILLE WINIFRED SMITH (1892-1980) married **RICHARD BATY (1891-1964)** 1926, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400034].

3. MILFORD DESMOND SMITH (1894-1965) married **FLORA MCDONALD (1897-1974)** 27 Feb 1925, Beverley, WA [Reg.14]. Milford died 1965, Beverley, registered in York, WA [Reg. 700026]. He served overseas in France. SERN 1044, POE Beverley, WA.

FLORA ISABELL MCDONALD (1898-1974) Mary Sewell Smith's mother
Flora Isabell McDonald was born 22 Oct 1898, Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 481]. Parents: **ALEXANDER MCDONALD (1875-) AND JEAN HENDERSON FRASER (1878-)** who were married 1894, VIC [Reg. 1147]. Flora Smith (nee McDonald) died 27 May 1974, Perth, WA.

CHILDREN OF ALEXANDER MCDONALD (1875-) AND JEAN HENDERSON FRASER (1878-): Bernard Mary Sewell Smith's grandparents.

1. ELIZA SYLVIA MCDONALD (1894-1989) married **GEORGE PERCY HALL (1892-1954)** 1919, Perth, WA.

2. FLORA ISABEL MCDONALD (1898-1974) married **MILFORD DESMOND SMITH (1894-1965) FLORA MCDONALD (1897-1974)** who were married 27 Feb 1925, Beverley, WA [Reg.14].

3. ALEXANDRA ESMA MCDONALD (1902-) married **HENRY CHARLES QUIGLEY (1897-1960)** 1925, Perth, WA [Reg.

4. MALCOLM FRASER MCDONALD (1904-1904) was born 1904, Bardoc, WA [Reg. 903]. He died as a baby 1904, WA [Reg. 903].

5. JESSIE MARY MCDONALD (1905-1905) was born 1905, Claremont, WA [Reg. 1293]. She died as a baby 1905, WA [Reg. 438].

6. COLIN LLOYD MCDONALD (1907-1981) died 26 Nov 1981, WA, 74 years. Last residence: Subiaco. Buried, Karrakatta Cemetery.

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***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 13 Mar 1925, pg 3**
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Wedding Bells.

SMITH—MCDONALD.

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2. **MARY SEWELL SMITH (1927-)** married **BERNARD KEVIN BLECHYNDEN (1919-1995)** 1951, WA [Reg. 15].
3. FLORA ELLEN SMITH (1929-2012) married CLARENCE JOHN PEACOCK (1928-2010) 'Clarrie' 4 Apr 1964, Claremont, WA [Reg. 1113].
4. KEITH WINTHROP SMITH (1933-) married JOYCE ELIZABETH HASTINGS (1935-1985) 14 Oct 1954, Beverley, WA [Reg. 42].

Electoral Roll:
1931, 1949, 1954, 1963 Milford Desmond Smith, East Beverley, farmer, Flora, Ferndale, East Beverley, married.

The following article gives an excellent history of the history of Mary Sewell Smith's grandfather Milford Desmond Smith and many associated families from the Beverley district: Only the first clipping image has been saved here. For those interested in viewing more check in *Trove*.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 10 Dec 1965, pg 1**
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Prominent Citizen's Demise

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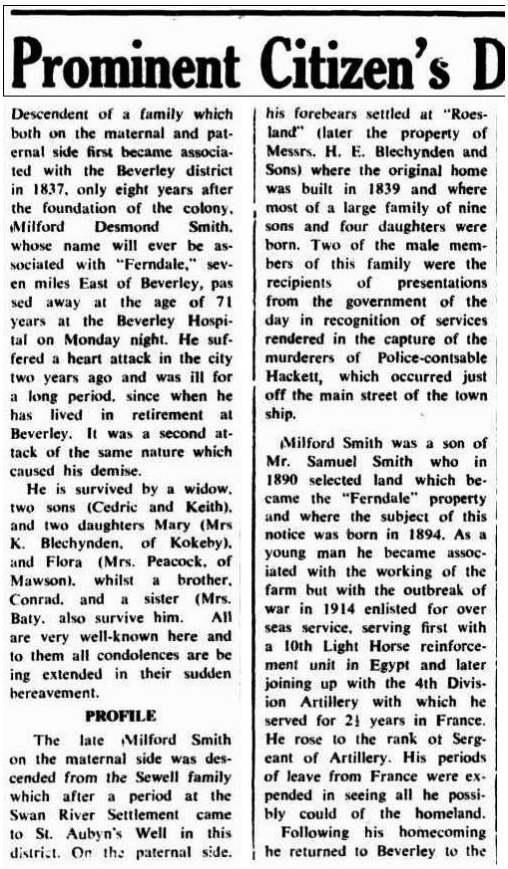

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The late citizen was responsible for the foundation of the Ferndale sheep and cattle studs, meeting with much success with Southdown sheep and Aberdeen Angus cattle. The measure of the stud's success may be gauged by the many awards it has gained over the years at Royal and other shows in this State and even at Smithfield in London. The property was expanded in 1926 by purchases from adjoining landholders. The previous year Mr. Smith had married Miss Flora McDonald, of "Dunbeath," East Beverley.

Prominent Citizens Demise [Cont.]

Over and above his normal farm activities Milford Smith found time to give much service to various organisations in this district and further a-field. During the last world war, he was chairman of the Beverley Branch of the Australian Comforts Fund. He also served periods as vice-president of the Beverley District Infant Health centre, president of the Beverley branch of P.P.A., and a member of the general Executive; President of the Beverley sub branch of the R.S.L. for eight years; and chairman of the local Repatriation Committee. He was also a State president of the Country & Democratic League of W.A. and on occasion represented W.A. at Wool Producers Conferences.

The late citizen at one time aspired to represent the district in the State Legislative Assembly, offering his services as a Country Party member, but was defeated at the polls by the late James Mann. As a young man Milford played football with the original St. Aubyn's Club and was always interested in all types of clean sport. His demise robs the district of a resident of splendid repute who served his country and his district with a fine sense of citizenship and no little ability.

THE FUNERAL

There was a very large attendance at the funeral of the deceased citizen which was held at the Anglican Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, and following a service at St. Mary's Church at which the Rev. Henry Tasseil paid tribute to the deceased both in his family life and in service to his country. His citizenship had been demonstrated in diverse activities in furtherance of local organisations and to the advantage of the community in which he had lived for so long. He had loyally served the Country Party to which he had given strong allegiance and farmers organisations in general.

The pall bearers comprised: Messrs. C. Prior, C. S. Weaver, L. W. Hamilton, R. Bremner, L. R. Weaver, Geo. Carr, M. S. Murray and W. E. A. Heal and at the close of the service the "Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded in soldierly tribute to the late citizen's service in the first world war. Many friends of the family now living in other parts of' the State were present to pay their last tributes of respect, and the Country Party were represented by former M.H.R. Len Hamilton, Hon. Les Diver President of the Council. Hon. Norm Baxter, M.L.C., and the Member for the District, Mr. H. W. Gayfer.

The R.S.L. pledge: "They shall not grow old at the going down of the sun and in the morning, we shall remember them" was spoken by Beverley Branch president Mr Dave Mcintosh. A great number of floral tributes were received.

CONTINUING WITH BERNARD KEVIN BLECHYNDEN (1919-1995) AND MARY SEWELL SMITH (1927-):

Bernard Kevin Blechynden, Serial number WX25407, served in WW2, enlisting in Beverley on 23 Jul 41 at the age of 22, giving his occupation as farm hand. He trained as a signaller and served with the 2/31st Infantry Bn at Balikpapan, Dutch East Indies Borneo, during the Oboe II Operation.

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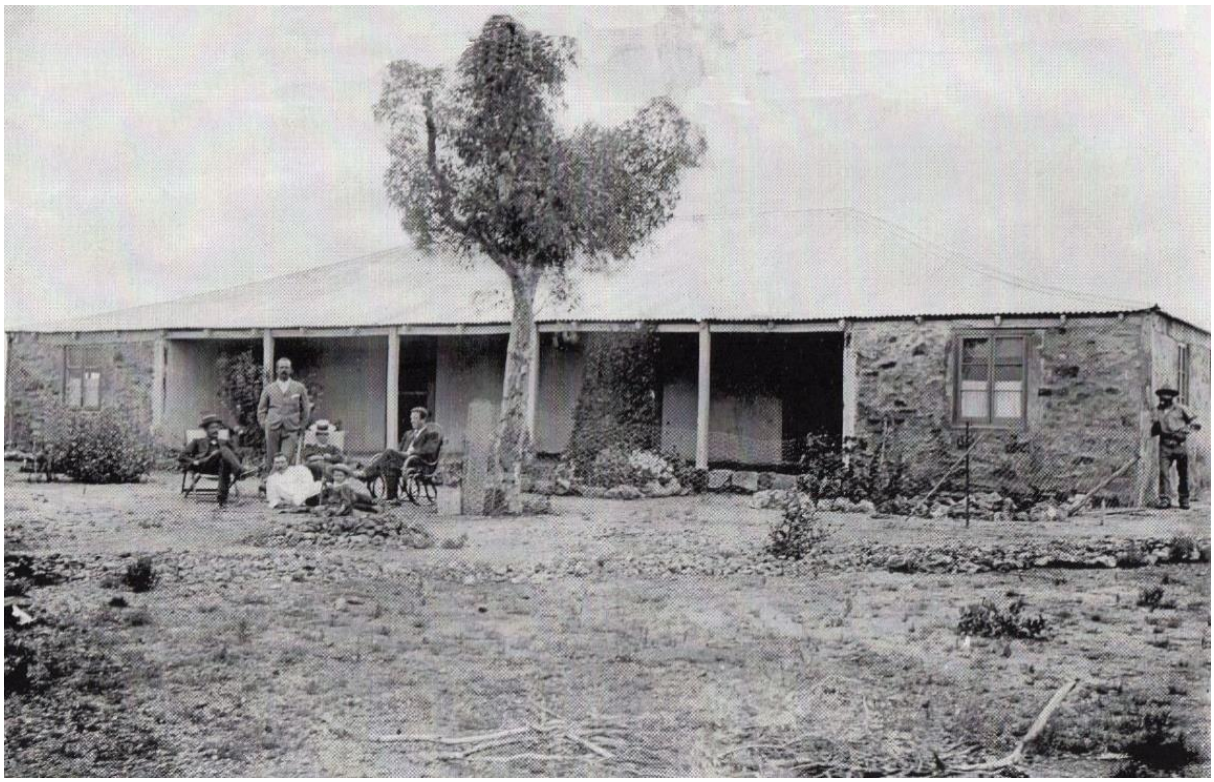
Bernard Kevin Blechynden died 6 Jul 1995, Beverley, WA.

Headstone of Bernard Kevin Blechynden, Beverley Methodist & Catholic Cemetery.
Courtesy: Lindsay Adams

Henry George and Mary Ann Blechynden (nee Reilly) with children of William Harrison and Mary Blechynden (nee McDonald) and Kathleen Mary, (Aunty Kit). Back: *Margaret Mary Ann holding Bernard 'Kevin', John 'Jack' Martin, Eileen Mary, Kathleen Mary, (Aunt Kit), Stafford 'Staff' William Henry, Raymond 'RAY' Joseph Blechynden.* Front: *Henry George Blechynden with Sheila Maria, Mary Ann Blechynden (nee Reilly) with William 'Bill' Blechynden.*



'Erindale' in Beverley, on photo says... 'Jack' Blechy, wife's father a Fleay.
L-R 'Bill' William Harrison Blechynden (sitting); 'Jack' John Martin (standing); Bernard 'Kevin' (lying on ground); Sheila Marie (sister); child? 'Ray' Raymond Patrick. Courtesy Lyn Barsh.

THIRD CHILD OF HENRY BLECHYNDEN & MARY REILLY

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Wedding: Arthur Blechynden and Stella Bertile Fitzpatrick, 19 Sep 1914: Dot Rosser, William 'Bill' Blechynden, Arthur and Stella, Joe McDonald and Kathleen 'Kit' Blechynden

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Sat 31 Oct 1914, pg 3**
31 Oct 1914 - Wedding Bells. (nla.gov.au)

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FITZPATRICK, STELLA BERTILE (1890-1961)
Stella Bertile Fitzpatrick was born, 1890, Hunter's Hill, Ryde, NSW [Reg. 31030]. Parents: **WALTER JOSEPH FITZPATRICK (1849-1924)** and **SARAH AGNES DARBEY (1860-1944)** who were married 30 Apr 1884, Ryde, NSW [Reg. 4534]. Stella Bertile Blechynden (nee Fitzpatrick) died 11 Jan 1961, Perth, WA [Reg. 173], aged 70 years.

WALTER JOSEPH FITZPATRICK (1849-1924) was born in 1849. registered in Goulburn, NSW [Vol. No. V184957 66]. Parents: **COLUMBUS FITZPATRICK (1810-1877)** and **MARGARET GILLIGAN (1816-1908)** who were married 1845, Goulburn, NSW [Vol. No. V], V as recorded.

COLUMBUS and MARGARET had seven children. They all married and raised their families in NSW except for Walter Joseph Fitzpatrick who moved to WA. His brother Michael died in WA.

1. CATHERINE FITZPATRICK (1846-1935),
2. **WALTER JOSEPH FITZPATRICK (1849-1924),**
3. MARY FITZPATRICK (1851-1854),
4. MICHAEL FITZPATRICK (1852-1901),
5. SUSAN FITZPATRICK (1854-1937),
6. ELIZABETH FITZPATRICK (1856-1916), and
7. COLUMBUS FITZPATRICK (1858-1947).

Walter Joseph Fitzpatrick died 16 May 1924, Perth, WA [Reg. 591]. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery.

SARAH ELIZA AGNES DARBEY (1860-1944) was born 29 Sep 1860, Sydney, NSW [Reg. 3990]. Baptised 28 Oct 1860, St Peters, NSW, residence Newtown, occupation Master Mariner. Parents: **CAPTAIN ROBERT THOMAS DARBEY (1830-1871)** and **SARAH ANNE HAZEL NEWELL** who were married 21 Dec 1858, Petersham, Sydney, NSW [Reg. 1158]. Sarah Agnes Fitzpatrick (nee Darbey) died 14 Feb 1944, St Anne's Nursing Home, Perth, WA. [Reg. 385].

WALTER JOSEPH FITZPATRICK (1849-1924) and **SARAH AGNES DARBEY (1860-1944)** had nine children as follows. Their first six were born in NSW and their next three in WA.

1. MARIE EILEEN FITZPATRICK (1885-1972) was born 1885, Woollahra, NSW [Reg. 9921]. Marie died 21 Dec 1972, Lesmurdie, WA [Reg. 73]. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery. RC CA 0083.

2. WALTER VINCENT FITZPATRICK (1887-1918) was born 9 Mar 1887, Hunters Hill, Ryde, NSW [Reg. 19644]. Walter served in WW1 as a Lieutenant, SERN 2861. POE Blackboy Hill, WA. He Killed in Action 5 Apr 2018, in France. BURIAL: Dernancourt de la Somme, Picardie, France.

3. CLARE STEPHANIE FITZPATRICK (1889-1964) was born 18 Jan 1889, Hunters Hill, Ryde, NSW [Reg. 19371]. Clare married FRANCIS LAURENCE ODONOHUE (-1986) 1926, Perth, WA [Reg. 397]. Registered as Clare S Fitzpatrick. She died 18 Sep 1964, Busselton, WA [Reg. 2940], registered in Perth.

4. STELLA BERTILE FITZPATRICK (1890-1961) married ARTHUR BLECHYNDEN (1887-1955). See details above.

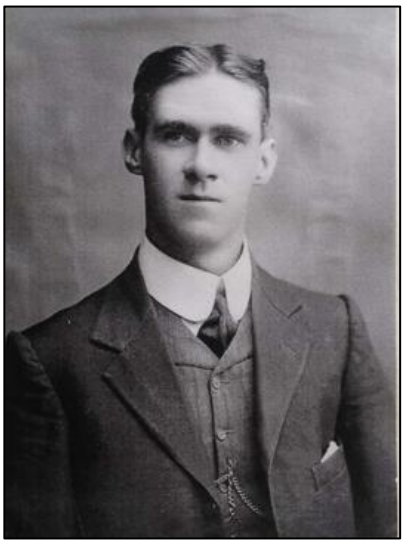
5. RAYMOND COLUMBUS FITZPATRICK (1892-1970) was born 6 Sep 1892, Berrima, NSW [Reg. 6945]. Raymond married WINIFRED PITCHFORD (1897-1972), 1933, Perth, WA [Reg No. 267]. He died 18 Aug 1970, Perth, WA [Reg. 3186]. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery, Lawn 2 Wall, 2 0006

6. DOROTHY MOYA FITZPATRICK (1895-1977) was born 24 Nov 1895, Liverpool, NSW [Reg. 4613]. Dorothy married CEDRIC HEREWARD GRA ROSSER (1892-1936) 1923, Perth, WA [Reg. 322]. Registered as Dorothy M Fitzpatrick. She died 1977, Perth WA.

7. CATHERINE MARGARET FITZPATRICK (1899-1986) was born 1899, Perth, WA [Reg. 3499]. Catherine married WILLIAM STEWART KIRKHAM (1901-1976) 1928, Orange, NSW [Reg. 10157]. She died 16 Aug 1978, Lawson, NSW.

8. THOMAS SYDNEY FITZPATRICK (1902-1905) was born 1902, Perth, WA [Reg. 3990]. He died aged three years 1905, Perth, WA [Reg. 2155].

9. NORA ANNETTE FITZPATRICK (1904-1905) was born 1904, Perth, WA [Reg. 4960]. She died as a baby 14 Jun 1905, Victoria Park, WA [Reg No 2093]. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery CA 083.



Arthur Blechynden

Stella Bertile Fitzpatrick, Courtesy of Maureen Morris

Stella Bertile (nee Fitzpatrick) and Arthur Blechynden photo. Courtesy of Maureen Morris

Electoral Roll:

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2. BLECHYNDEN, BERTILE TERESA (1917-1992),
3. BLECHYNDEN, ROGER VINCENT (1919-1943),
4. BLECHYNDEN, RITA CLARE (1922-2011),
5. BLECHYNDEN, DAVID JOHN (1924-2013), and
6. BLECHYNDEN, MAUREEN AGNES (1926-2004).

Electoral Roll

1913 Arthur Blechynden, Erindale, Mt Kokeby, farmer,
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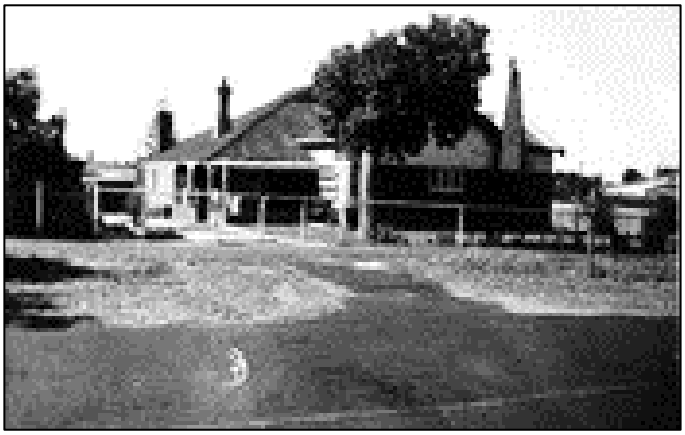
1954 Arthur Blechynden, 6 Fraser St, Beverley, Stella Bertile, same, home duties. Also, Kathleen Mary Blechynden.

Arthur Blechynden.
Courtesy Donna Logothetis

Arthur and Stella Bertile Blechynden (nee Fitzpatrick) and family, 6 Fraser St, Swanbourne.



6 Fraser Street, Swanbourne, photos courtesy Maureen Morris

Back row: David, Roger, Rita, Maureen, Front row: Betty, mother – Stella Blechynden (nee Fitzpatrick); father – Arthur Blechynden; and Dorothy Blechynden. Courtesy Donna Logothetis

Sisters: Betty, Maureen and Rita Blechynden, courtesy Donna Logothetis

David John, Arthur and Roger Vincent Blechynden. Courtesy Donna Logothetis

Stella Blechynden (nee Fitzpatrick) and Arthur Blechynden. Courtesy of Maureen Morris and Lyn Barsh. Back of Photo: Arthur & Stella: 32 years married "Darby & Joan" 29 Sep 1946.

Mary Ethel (nee McDonald) and William Harrison 'Bill' Blechynden. Courtesy Lyn Barsh
Back of photo: 'Bill' William & Mary 29 Sep 1946.

West Australian **(Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Wed 4 Nov 1931, pg 12**
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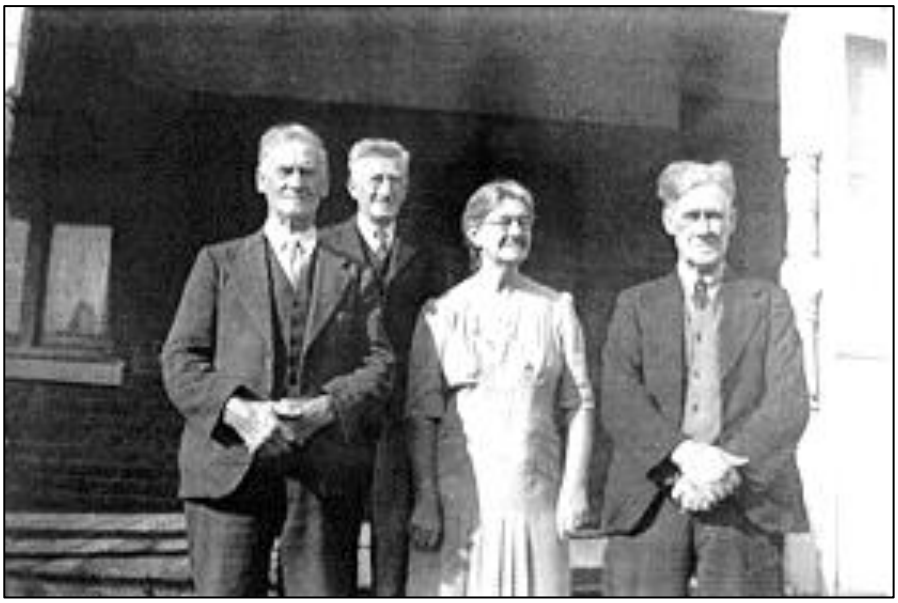

L-R: Henry Herbert 'Dub'. 1875-1965; William Harrison 'Bill'. 1877-1966; Kathleen Mary. 1888-1879; Arthur. 1877- 1955; photo taken on 29th Sep 1946. celebrating 32 years marriage for Arthur & Stella (nee Fitzpatrick) Blechynden. Courtesy Lyn Barsh

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***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 10 Jun 1955, pg 2**
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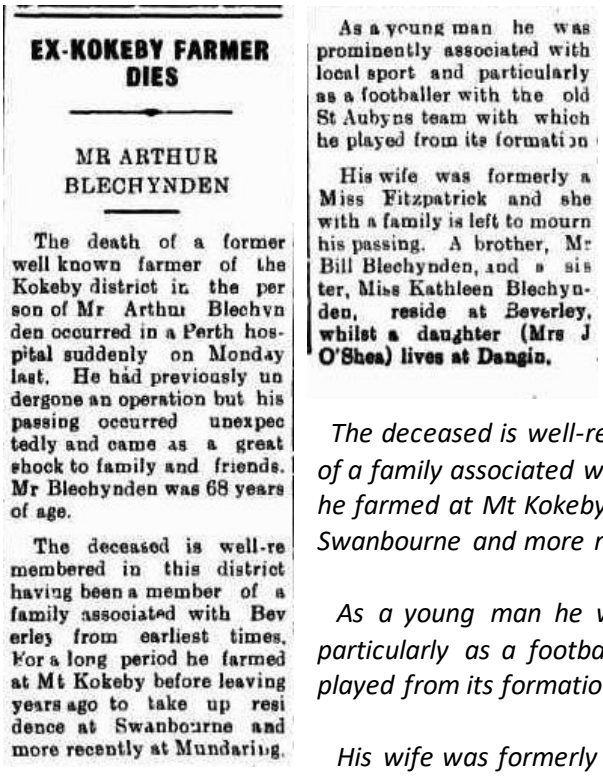

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***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 20 Jan 1961, pg 7**
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Headstones: Arthur Blechynden (1887-1955) and Stella Bertile (nee Fitzpatrick) (1890-1961, Karrakatta cemetery, photo courtesy Maureen Morris.

INDIVIDUAL CHAPTERS ON CHILDREN OF ARTHUR BLECHYNDEN (1887-1955) AND STELLA BERTILE FITZPATRICK (1890-1961) FOLLOW:

1st CHILD OF ARTHUR BLECHYNDEN & STELLA BERTILE FITZPATRICK

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m.1 DOROTHY CARMEL MARY BLECHYNDEN (1915-2000) married **JOHN 'JACK' HENRY O'SHEA (1906-1973)** 25 Jun 1941, Sacred heart Catholic Church, Beverley, WA [Reg. 19].

O'SHEA, JOHN 'JACK' HENRY (1906-1973) (Via Mott- O'Shea - Criddle family Tree, Ancestry) was born 4 Feb 1906, Beverley, WA [Reg. 24]. Parents: **JAMES JOSEPH O'SHEA (1864-1924)** and **EMILY WHITTINGTON (1881-1947)** who were married 1897, Perth, WA [Reg. 859]. John Henry O'Shea 'Jack' died 16 Apr 1973, Beverley, WA. Burial Beverley Shire, Cemetery.

Dorothy Carmel Mary Treloar (nee Blechynden) died 28 Oct 2000, Quairading, WA, aged 85 years.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 25 Jul 1941, pg 2**
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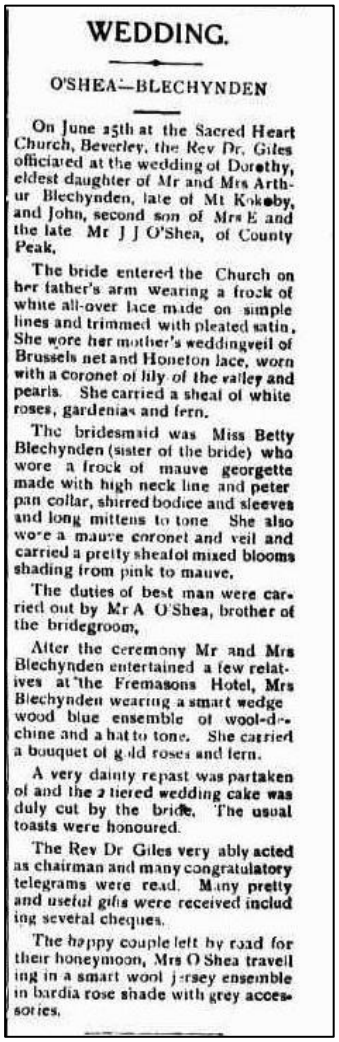

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Parents: **JAMES O'SHEA (1837-1913)** and **MARGARET MARY REILLY (1842-1911)** who were married

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JAMES O'SHEA and MARGARET MARY REILLY had eleven children. They all married and raised their families in VIC except for James Joseph and Andrew Francis and Joseph Burnett O'Shea who moved to WA. There are many details of the others in Family Trees, Ancestry but will restrict here to those who moved to WA.

1. JAMES JOSEPH O'SHEA (1864-1924) 2. BERNARD FRANCES O'SHEA (1865-1885) 3. MARIA O'SHEA (1867-1899) 4. BARTHOLEMEW O'SHEA (1869-1922) 5. ANDREW FRANCIS O'SHEA (1871-1923) 6. MARGARET ANASTACIA O'SHEA (1873-1935) 7. JOHN EDWARD O'SHEA (1875-1942) 8. JOSEPH BURNETT O'SHEA (1878-1957) 9. FRENCES LAVINIA O'SHEA (1880-1934) 10. ALBERT ERNEST O'SHEA (1882-1950) 11. EDITH MAY O'SHEA (ADOPTED), Birth name ADA EDITH LAWSON (1885-1974).

1. JAMES JOSEPH O'SHEA (1864-1924) married **EMILY WHITTINGTON (1881-1947)** 1897, Perth, WA [Reg. 859].

5. ANDREW FRANCIS O'SHEA (1871-1923) married MARY GERTRUDE AUSTIN 1907, Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 1700031].

8. JOSEPH BURNETT O'SHEA (1878-1957) married EVA MARY MOTT (1893-1972) 26 Sep 1917, Beverley, WA [Reg. 2700106].

EMILY WHITTINGTON (1881-1947) John 'Jack' Henry O'Shea's mother

Emily Whittington was born 22 Jan 1881, Maryville, SA [Pg. 455 Vol 253]. Parents: **THOMAS JOACHIM WHITTINGTON (1846-1915)** and **EMILY JANE HAWKINS (1849-1915)** who were married 20 Aug 1870, Res of G B Whittington, Wallaroo Bay, (Daly) SA [Pg. 399 Vol 84]. Father: George Ball Casswell Whittington and William Hawkins. Emily O'Shea (nee Whittington) died 25 Jan 1947, Perth, WA [Reg. 100238].

THOMAS JOACHIM WHITTINGTON (1846-1915) John 'Jack' Henry O'Shea's grandfather
Via Morrison Boas Family Tree, Ancestry:

Thomas Joachim Whittington was born 1846 Portsea Island, Hampshire, England. Parents: **GEORGE BALL CASWELL WHITTINTON (1818-1885)** and **ELIZA ANN SANSOM (1818-1899)** who were married 30 Jun 1844, St Mary's, Portsea, Hampshire, England.

Arrival 1855, SA. Ship *Hooghly*. Geo B C Whittington, 35 years, Carpenter; wife Eliza A Whittington, 45 years [was 37 years]; and two older children **Thomas J Whittington 8 years**; and Lydia R Whittington 5 years. The youngest child Eliza appears to have been left behind.
Thomas Joachim Whittington died 28 Nov 1915, Subiaco WA [Reg. 5900292]. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery.

CHILDREN OF THOMAS JOACHIM WHITTINGTON (1846-1915) AND EMILY JANE HAWKINS (1849-1915). John Henry O'Shea's maternal grandparents:

1. WILLIAM GEORGE WHITTINGTON (1871-1932) 2. MARION WHITTINGTON (1873-) 3. EMILY WHITTINGTON (1881-1947) 4. THOMAS WHITTINGTON (1883-) 5. ALBERT WHITTINGTON (1886-1947). It appears: William George, Emily and Thomas Whittington moved to WA. Marion stayed in SA; Albert Whittington moved to New Zealand.

1. WILLIAM GEORGE WHITTINGTON (1871-1932) married **ELLEN HILL (1877-1957)** 1903, Perth, WA [Reg. 1163].

3. EMILY WHITTINGTON (1881-1947) married **JAMES JOSEPH O'SHEA (1864-1924)** 1897, Perth, WA [Reg. 859].

4. THOMAS WHITTINGTON (1883-) married **IVY AGNES FLORENCE COLEMAN** 1905, Midland, WA [Reg. 1946].

Electoral Roll:
1903, 1906 Thomas Joachim Whittington, 224 Hamersley Road, Subiaco, carpenter.
1910 Thomas Joachim Whittington, 224 Hamersley Road, Subiaco, caretaker, Emily Jane, married.
1912 Thomas Joachim Whittington, 224 Hamersley Road, Subiaco, joiner, Emily Jane, married.

CHILDREN OF JAMES JOSEPH O'SHEA (1864-1924) and **EMILY WHITTINGTON (1881-1947):**
John Henry O'Shea's parents:

1.UNNAMED O'SHEA (1898-1898) Stillborn

Unnamed O'Shea was born 1898, West Perth, WA [Reg. 3350].
Unnamed O'Shea died 1898, Perth, WA [Reg. 1708]. Not born alive.

2. MARGARET JANE O'SHEA (1899-1976) married **JOHN FRANCIS SHEAHAN (1907-1983)** 1948, Beverley, WA [Reg. 25].

3. GERALD O'SHEA (1901-1902) Died as a baby

Gerald O'Shea was born 1901, Subiaco, WA [Reg. 5024].
Gerald O'Shea died 1901, Subiaco, WA [Reg. 2605], 3 hrs.

4. FRANCIS 'FRANK' CHARLES LEO O'SHEA (1903-1944) was born 1903, Subiaco, WA [Reg. 5715]. Parents: James Joseph O'Shea and Emily Whittington. Francis **James** Leo O'Shea died 1944, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400010].

Electoral Roll:
Note name change: Francis James Leo O'Shea.
1925, 1931 Francis James Leo O'Shea, County Peak, farmer.

5. JOHN HENRY O'SHEA (1906-1973) 'JACK' married **DOROTHY CARMEL MARY BLECHYNDEN (1915-2000)** 25 Jun 1941, Sacred heart Catholic Church, Beverley, WA [Reg. 19].

6. ANDREW THEODORE O'SHEA ((1909-1977)

Electoral Roll:
1931, 1954 Andrew Theodore O'Shea, County Peak, farmer.

7. EDELINE MARY VIOLET O'SHEA (1910-1994) married **WILLIAM CHARLES LOHOAR (1906-1985)** 19 Aug 1934, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400042].

8. EMILY MARIA O'SHEA (1912-1998) married **HAROLD DUDLEY BIRCH (1911-1984)** 1935, Beverley, WA [Reg. 35]. Divorced. **m2. EMILY MARIA BIRCH NEE O'SHEA (1912-1998)** married **OWEN PATRICK O'BRIEN** 7 Jul 1951, Perth, WA [Reg. 1730].

9. THERESA NOEL O'SHEA (1915-1991) married **THOMAS H FEAZEY (1917-1978)** 1943, Beverley, WA [Reg. 26].

10. IVY ISOBEL O'SHEA (1920-2009) married **CLAUDE MAXWELL COOPER (1917-1990)** 1941, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400024]. **m.2 IVY ISOBEL COOPER NEE O'SHEA (1920-2009)** married **WILLIAM ERIC MCLEAN (1919-1983)** 1947, Perth, WA [Reg. 2906].

Emily O'Shea (nee Whittington) died 25 Jan 1947, Perth, WA [Reg. 100238].

The following Obituary gives a brief history of Emily O'Shea (nee Whittington.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 31 Jan 1947, pg 7**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article201837293.txt

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SUDDEN DEMISE IN THE CITY

The Beverley district and County Peak in particular loses an estimable citizen of long standing in the community with the sudden demise in the city on Sunday last of Mrs Emily O'Shea, relict of the late James Joseph O'Shea, and mother of a large family all of whom are well known here. She was aged 66 years and news of her demise, which came suddenly as a result of a collapse some time after she had undergone an operation in a city hospital, was a great shock to her many friends scattered throughout the district and State for immediately following the operation she had made very satisfactory progress.

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Of her family, a son, Frank, predeceased her some years ago. Those who survive to mourn her passing comprise: Madge, Jack, Mick, Edeline (Mrs W C Lohoar) Emily (Mrs H D Birch), Tess (Mrs T Feazey) and Ivy. A member of the Roman Catholic faith she and her family have always been good workers for the Church. The funeral took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon following a service at the Sacred Heart Church, the Rev. Fr Regan officiating. There was a large assemblage of relatives and friends present to pay their last tribute of respect.

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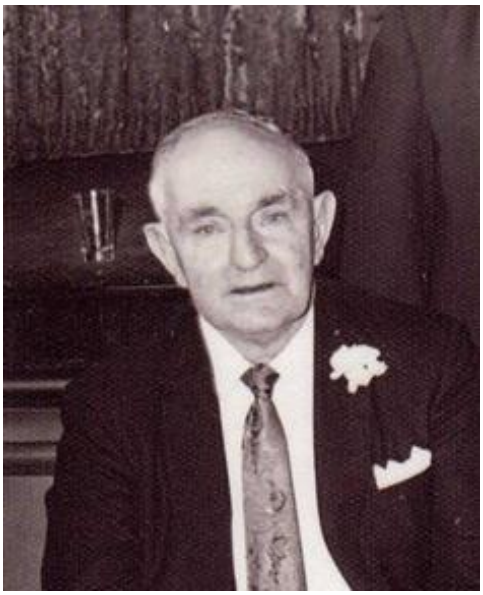
CHILDREN OF DOROTHY CARMEL MARY BLECHYNDEN (1915-2000) AND JOHN HENRY O'SHEA (1906-1973): John, Carmel, Vincent and Michael O'Shea (twins).

Electoral Roll:
1936 Dorothy Carmel Mary Blechynden, "Glen Vale", Mt Kokeby, home duties.
1936 John Henry O'Shea, County Peak, Beverley, farmer.
1949 John Henry O'Shea, County Peak, Beverley, farmer, Dorothy Carmel Mary, home duties.
1958 John Henry O'Shea, Dangin, York, farmer, Dorothy Carmel Mary, home duties.
1968, 1972 John Henry O'Shea, McLennon St, Quairading, farmer, Dorothy Carmel Mary, home duties.

Michael O'Shea, Geoff Blechynden and Vincent O'Shea. Courtesy, Maureen Morris



John Henry 'Jack' O'Shea

John Henry O'Shea (-1972) 'Jack' died 16 Apr 1973, Beverley, WA.

Headstone of John Henry O'Shea (1906-1973) 'Jack', Beverley Cemetery.

Following Jack's death Dorothy married Douglass Treloar. This was also his second marriage.

m.2 DOROTHY CARMEL MARY O'SHEA (NEE BLECHYNDEN) married **m. 2 DOUGLASS DE COURTNEY TRELOAR (1915-1989)**, 1 Jan 1977, WA.

DOUGLASS DE COURTNEY TRELOAR (1915-1989)

Douglass De Courtney Treloar was born 28 Jun 1915, Beverley, WA [Reg. 110]. Parents: **CLEMENT RAYMOND TRELOAR (1877-1951)** and **OLIVE MASON WILSON (1877-1951)** who were married 27 Feb 1908, Beverley, WA [Reg. 2].
Douglass De Courtney Treloar died 2 Nov 1989, Quairading, WA.

m. 1 DOUGLASS TRELOAR married **JOSEPHINE O'DEA (1914-1976)** 1936, Beverley, WA [Reg. 37]. Children private. Josephine O'Dea was born 7 Dec 1914, Beverley, WA [Reg. 220, registered under ODEA. Parents: **FRANCIS VINCENT O'DEA** and **MARGARET ANN KIRKWOOD**. Josephine died 23 Jul 1976, Subiaco, WA [Reg. 102701].

Electoral Roll:
1937, 1968 Douglass Treloar, Dangan, farmer, Josephine, Summer Hills, Dangin, home duties.
1977 Douglass Treloar, Dangan, farmer, Dorothy Carmel Mary Treloar, 12 McLernon St, Quairading, home duties.

DOROTHY BLECHYNDEN AND DOUGLASS TRELOAR HAD NO CHILDREN.

Dorothy Carmel Mary Treloar (nee Blechynden) died 28 Oct 2000, Quairading, aged 85 years.

Headstone of Dorothy O'Shea (nee Treloar), Beverley Cemetery,

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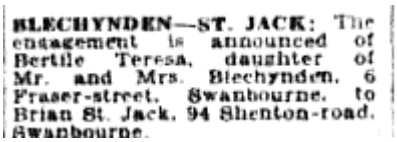
2nd CHILD OF ARTHUR BLECHYNDEN & STELLA BERTILE FITZPATRICK

2. BLECHYNDEN, BERTILE 'BETTY' TERESA (1917-1992) was born 14 Oct 1917, Beverley, WA [Reg No 168]. She died 6 Apr 1992, aged 74 years. Bertile married **BRIAN JORDAN ST JACK (1912-1985)**, 6 Apr 1953, Dianella, (Perth), WA [Reg. 925].

***West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Tue 29 Jul 1952, pg 7**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article49043954.txt

They Are Engaged

BLECHYNDEN-ST. JACK: *The engagement is announced of Bertile Teresa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blechynden. 6 Fraser-street. Swanbourne. to Brian St. Jack. 94 Shenton-road, Swanbourne.*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BRIAN JORDAN ST JACK (1912-1985) was born 13 Nov 1912, Mount Barker, (Plantagenet), WA [Reg. 244). Parents: **THOMAS ST JACK (1863-1940)** and **SARAH ELIZABETH JORDON (1878-1962)** who were married 28 Jul 1897, Broomhill, (Woodgarup), WA [Reg. 711]. Registered under Saint Jack. Brian died 19 Oct 1985, Busselton, WA, aged 72 years.

The following five pages contain details of Brian Jordan St Jack's parents, Thomas St Jack (1863-1940) and Sarah Elizabeth Jordon (1878-1962) and a brief history of his grandparents.

THOMAS ST JACK (1863-1940) Brian Jordan St Jack's father
There are a number of discrepancies as to Thomas St Jack's birth and parents:

Family Trees in Ancestry have him as Thomas John Jack born in 1863 in Hobart, TAS, son of Francis Jack and Elizabeth McDonald. Note the surname of Jack. Thomas John Jack was born 21 Feb, 1863, Hobart, TAS. Frances and Elizabeth's first two children were born in TAS. they then moved to New Zealand where their next two born and the family remained. Thomas John Jack died 1925, Christchurch, New Zealand, [Reg. 2592]. This does not appear to be our Thomas St Jack. All records we have of Thomas St Jack is of him with the name of just Thomas and the surname of St Jack.

Thomas St Jack was born 26 Sep 1863, Ballarat, VIC. I cannot find a registration for this birth.
Thomas St Jack died 19 Aug 1940, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400032], aged 75 years. Parents recorded as **PETER ST JACK** and **MARY WALSH**. Was this an error? I cannot find any other records of them.

His burial records record he was born in Ballarat, VIC, 26 Sep 1863.

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/176840546/thomas-st_jack

As mentioned previously: **THOMAS ST JACK (1863-1940)** and **SARAH ELIZABETH JORDON (1878-1962)** were married 28 Jul 1897, Broomhill, (Woodgarup), WA [Reg. 711]. Registered under Saint Jack.

***Albany Advertiser* (WA: 1897 - 1950) - Thu 26 Aug 1897 p 2**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article69899855.txt

WEDDING AT BROOMEHILL.—On Wednesday, July 28 the marriage took place of Mr. Thomas St. Jack (manager of Mr. J. F. T. Hassell's Kendinup estate) and Miss S. E. Jordan. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Flood at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. C. Jordan, who is also an employee of Mr. Hassell, being in charge of his Woodyarrup estate, near Broomehill. A large number of friends, numbering about 60, were present each of whom seemed to thoroughly appreciate Mr. and Mrs. Jordan's efforts to make the occasion enjoyable and in this they were most successful. The breakfast at which the usual toasts were honored had to be rather hurriedly partaken of in

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The breakfast at which the usual toasts were honoured had to be rather hurriedly partaken of in order that the happy couple might catch the 4.20 train from Broomehill for Albany where they purpose passing their honeymoon. The visitors spent the remainder of the day in a variety of sports and games, and dancing was then indulged in till morning when a very pleasant entertainment was brought to a close.

SARAH ELIZABETH JORDON (1878-1962) Brian Jordan St Jack's father

Sarah Elizabeth Jordon was born 2 Mar 1878, Kojonup, WA [Reg. 18981]. Parents: **CHARLES JORDAN (1843-1919)** and **CATHERINE MCGUIRE (1857-1945)** who were married 1875, Albany, WA [Reg. 4018]. Sarah Elizabeth St Jack (nee Jordon) died 1962, Perth, WA [Reg. 100988].

Charles Jordan, convict: Date of trial, larceny, 6 Apr 1863. From Hertfordshire, England arrived in WA, aged 23 years, 1864, via the ship *Belgravia*. Charles died 26 Aug 1919, Albany, WA [Reg.5400038]. Catherine McGuire was born in 1857, Albany, WA [Reg. 3888]. Parents: Phillip McGuire and Mary Rearden. She died 1945, Inglewood, WA [Reg.101147].

CHILDREN OF CHARLES JORDAN (1843-1919) and **CATHERINE MCGUIRE (1857-1945): Brian Jordan St Jack's grandparents**

1. CHARLES JOHN JORDAN (1876-1940) married **RACHEL ALICE MAY HAMS (1885-1981)** 1905, Tambellup, WA [Reg. 1810].

2. SARAH ELIZABETH JORDAN (1878-1962) married **THOMAS ST JACK (1863-1940)** 28 Jul 1897, Broomhill, (Woodgarup), WA [Reg. 711]. Registered under Saint Jack.

3. ARTHUR WILLIAM JORDAN (1879-1932) married **SARAH FRANCES WALL (1884-1995)** 1915, Perth, WA [Reg. 100072].

4. MARY MARGARET JORDAN (1880-1951)

5. NORAH JORDAN (1882-1944) married **PERCIEVAL GORDON ANDREWS (1885-1955)** 1911, Broomehill, WA [Reg. 3500031].

6. CATHERINE JORDAN (1882-1964) married **JOHN WINSON COUSINS (1879-1954)** 1905, Kendenup near Mount Barker, WA [Reg. 1819].

7. PHILLIP JORDAN (1884-1971) married **MARY EMELDA MANNING (1874-1941)** 1911, Katanning, WA [Reg. 3500027].

8. HENRY JORDAN (1886-1969) married **CAROLINE LEAH CRUDACE (1890-1958)** 1929, Perth WA [Reg. 101444).

9. ALBERT FRANCIS JORDAN (1890-1969)

10. MARGARET CICELY JORDAN (1892-1989) married **ALBERT ERNEST BENNETT (1889-1961)** 1912, Katanning, WA [Reg. 3500056].

11. DOROTHY JORDAN (1894-1946) married **FRANK OWENS (1894-1962)** 1922, Perth, WA [Reg. 100156].

12. LYDIA JOSEPHINE JORDAN (1896-1977)

CHILDREN OF THOMAS ST JACK (1863-1940) and SARAH ELIZABETH JORDON (1878-1962)

1. THOMAS CHARLES ST JACK (1899-1956) Jr. married **MARY KATHLEEN DUCK (1891-1980)** 10 Nov 1925, Mount Barker, WA
2. JAMES GRAHAM ST JACK (1900-1993) married **FLORENCE LILLIAN DRAGE (1904-1937)** 3 Sep 1927, Fremantle Registry Office, Fremantle, WA [Reg.
3. HECTOR IAN ST JACK (1902-1902) Died at birth
Hector Ian St Jack was born 1902, WA [Reg. 5265].
Hector Ian St Jack died 1902, WA.

4. DOROTHY MAY ST JACK (1904-1905) Died aged 7 months
Dorothy May St Jack was born 1904, Albany, WA [Reg. 5896].
Dorothy May St Jack died 1905, Albany, WA [Reg. 2511], aged 7 months.
5. MARY CATHERINE ST JACK (1905-2006) 'Kitty" married **JAMES HENRY DUCK** 1933, Albany, Plantagenet, WA [Reg. 5400011].
6. RAY NEIL ST JACK (1910-2005) married **ELEANOR ALDYTH FOWLER (1916-2003)** 1941, Beverley WA (Reg. 400007].
7. BRIAN JORDON ST JACK (1912-1985) married **MAY PEARSON (1912-1952)** 1941, Perth, WA [Reg. 101939].

8. JEAN SARAH ST JACK (1915-1915) Died aged 4 months
Jean Sarah St Jack was born 1915, Albany, Plantagenet, WA [Reg. 36].
Jean Sarah St Jack died 1915, Woogenellup, Plantagenet, WA [Reg. 5400049]
9. PATRICK HENRY ST JACK (1916-2008) married **JOAN MCMULLAN (1928-2007)** 1953, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 152].
10. COLIN DAVID ST JACK (1921-2000) married **KATHLEEN JOY GIBSON** 1946, Subiaco, WA [Reg. 101796].

Electoral Roll:

1903, 1906, 1910 Thomas St Jack, Mount Barker, farmer, Sarah Elizabeth St Jack, home duties

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1937 Thomas St Jack, Balkuling, farmer, Sarah Elizabeth St Jack, Avon Lo, 10992, Balkuling, home duties, Patrick Henry St Jack, Balkuling, farmer, Ray Neil St Jack, Avon Lo, 10992, Balkuling, farmer.
Brian Gordon, Balkuling Lo, 10992, via York, farmer.

Balkuling is a small WA rural location within the local government area of Quairading, it is located approximately 118kms from the capital Perth covering an area of 82.264 square kilometres. Balkuling has a recorded population of 34 residents and is within the Australian Western Standard Time zone Australia/Perth.

***Western Mail* (Perth, WA: 1885 - 1954) - Fri 6 Aug 1915**

The following appointments as "Justices of the Peace are announced: -Messrs, J. Darbyshire, G. H. K. Vardon, H. A. H. Shennan, and A. D, Edwards, all of the Commonwealth Railways, Kalgoorlie, as Justices of the Peace for the East Coolgardie Magisterial District; T. Prosser, of Busselton, for the Sussex district; W. W. Owen, of Augusta, for the Sussex district; ***T. St. Jack****, of Woogenellup for the Plantagenet District.*

The West Australian (Perth, WA: 1879-1954) - Wed 21 Aug 1940. Death notice:

ST. JACK (Thomas). - On Mon, Aug 19, at Beverly Hospital, Thomas, dearly beloved husband of Sarah Elizabeth, loving father of Laddie, Jim, Kit, Ray, Brian, Pat and Colin; aged 76 years. RIP

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 23 Aug 1940, pg 3**

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OBITUARY

MR THOMAS ST JACK

The death occurred at the Beverley Hospital on Tuesday last of Mr Thomas St. Jack, of Balkuling, at the age of 75 years. Deceased had been a resident of the latter district for the past thirteen years, farming a property in conjunction with his sons. He had been ill for about three weeks and was an inmate of the Hospital for a fortnight.

The late Mr St. Jack was born at Ballarat, Victoria, and when grown to manhood was engaged in farming enterprises. When 28 years of age he came to Western Australia and for many years conducted a mixed farming property at Mt. Barker. He was also manager for a period of the Kendenup Estate for the late Mr J S F Hassell, leaving there to take up the present property at Balkuling. During their residence in these parts deceased and his family have become most popular with all who knew them and there were many expressions of regret at the news of the family bereavement. Besides leaving a widow deceased is survived by a married daughter, who lives at Doodenanning, and six sons: Thomas (Mt. Barker), James (Kendenup) and Ray, Brian, Pat and Colin (Balkuling).

A Requiem Mass was held at the Roman Catholic Church on Wednesday morning and the funeral took place in the Catholic Cemetary in the afternoon, the Rev. Fr. Giles officiating. There was a large attendance of members of the family, relatives and friends, and wreaths and floral tributes were received from the following:

Mrs. St. Jack and family; Gran, Leah, Lya and Mary, Kit and Jim; Dorrie and Ethel; Jim Annie and family; Mr and Mrs J Loudon; J H Mann; Frank, Sheila and Jim McDonald; Hasting Family; Mr and Mrs Bateman and May; Nell; Mr and Mrs Hawksley and family; Directors and Staff of Balkuling Co op; J and E Adamson; Mr and Mrs Terry Lonergan and family; Mr and Mrs E Rule and family; Members Balkuling Golf Club; Mrs S Hart; Mr and Mrs Aiken and Hugh, Mr and Mrs A Minchin Nora and Peg; S M Solomon and family; Mr and Mrs D H Johnston; Syd and Elma Fowler and family; C and B Bateman; Mr and Mrs A H Murray and Mrs R Draper and A Woodley; Mr and Mrs Fowler

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Mrs. St. Jack and family; Gran, Leah, Lyn and Mary; Kit and Jim; Dorrie and Ethel; Jim Annie and family; Mr and Mrs J Loudon; J H Main; Frank, Sheila and Jim McDonald; Hasting Family; Mr and Mrs Bateman and May; Nell; Mr and Mrs Hawksley and family; Directors and Staff of Balkuling Co op; J and E Adamson; Mr and Mrs Terry Lonergan and family; Mr and Mrs E Kule and family; Members Balkuling Golf Club; Mrs S Hart; Mr and Mrs Aiken and Hugh, Mr and Mrs A Minchin Nora and Peg; S M Solomon and family; Mr and Mrs D H Johnston; Syd and Elma Fowler and family; C and B Bateman; Mr and Mrs A H Murray and Mrs R Draper and A Woodley; Mr and Mrs Fowler and family; Mr and Mrs E C Johnston; Stan Mercy Minchin and family; Mr and Mrs D Johnston; Herb and Ada; Ruby, Trix, Fos and Cyril; Jess, Clarence and Norrie; Annie and Mary Mc Donald; Mr and Mrs C Johnson and family.

CHILDREN OF BERTILE TERESA BLECHYNDEN (1917-1992) AND BRIAN JORDAN ST JACK: (1912-1985): Richard (adopted), Paul and Gregory St Jack.

Electoral Roll:

1937 Brian Jordon St Jack, Loe, 10992, Balkuling, via York, farmer.
1937 Parents: Thomas St Jack, Balkuling, via York, farmer, Sarah Elizabeth, Rickey's Siding, Balkuling, home duties
1943 Bertile Theresa Blechynden, Hospital, Pinjarra, nurse.
1943 Brian Jordon St Jack, 94 Shenton Rd, Claremont, arc welder
1954 Brian Jordon St Jack, 94 Shenton Rd, Claremont, arc welder, Bertile Theresa, home duties.
1977 Brian Jordon St Jack, Balkuling, farmer, Bertile Theresa, home duties
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3rd CHILD OF ARTHUR BLECHYNDEN & STELLA BERTILE FITZPATRICK

Mary Ann Blechynden (nee Reilly), her son, Arthur Blechynden and Roger Vincent Blechynden (Arthur's son).

3. BLECHYNDEN, ROGER VINCENT (1919-1943) was born 5 Dec 1919, Mt Kokeby, Beverley, WA [Reg. 148].

Roger, David and Rita Blechynden. Courtesy Maureen Morris

Roger Blechynden remained single.

Electoral Roll:
1943 Roger Vincent Blechynden, Glenvale, Mt Kokeby, farmhand.

With the onset of WW2, Roger Vincent Blechynden joined the services. RAAF WW2 BLECHYNDEN ROGER VINCENT: Service Number - 46227: Date of birth - 05 Dec 1919: Place of birth - MT KOKEBY WA: Place of enlistment - PERTH WA: Next of Kin - BLECHYNDEN ARTHUR

BLECHYNDEN Roger Vincent - (Leading Aircraftman); Service Number - 46227; File type - Casualty - Repatriation; Place - Perth, WA; Date - 10 Dec 1943

BLECHYNDEN Roger Vincent - 46227 RAAF; Year of Death - 1943; Perth War Cemetery, WA.

Roger Vincent Blechynden died 11 Dec 1943, Hollywood Hospital, Perth, WA [Reg. 2801]. Leading Aircraftman Blechynden was severely injured, when a motor cycle he was riding collided with a truck in Rutland Avenue, Carlisle on 10 Dec 1943. He died the following day, aged 24 years.

***Daily News* (Perth, WA: 1882 - 1955), Sat 11 Dec 1943, pg 3**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article78395420.txt

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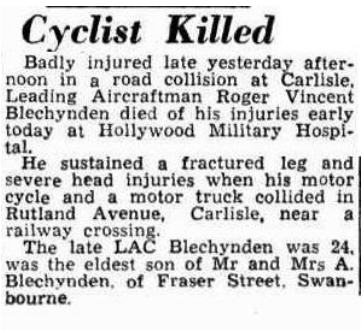
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***West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Mon 13 Dec 1943, pg 4**
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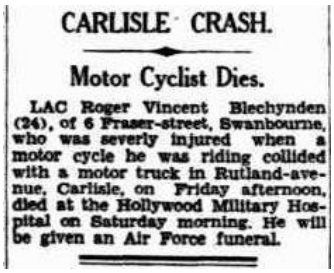
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There were many notices in the paper by family and friends mourning his death. These are just a couple.

BLECHYNDEN (LAC Roger Vincent, RAAF). *--Always a lonely heartache, many a silent tear, often, too, a little prayer for our dearest boy, who died of injuries on December 11, 1943; aged 24 years. Time takes away the edge of every grief, but memory turns back every leaf. Inserted by his loving parents, sisters and brother.*

BLECHYNDEN. *--In loving memory of my dear Friend, Roger, who passed away December 11, 1943. The best of friends can always meet along the way of memory sweet. Inserted by Laurel FIELD.*

Cemetery: Perth War Cemetery and Annex, Perth, WA. Source: WAM148 Roll of Honour cards. Roger Vincent Blechynden's name is located at panel 97 in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial.

4th CHILD OF ARTHUR BLECHYNDEN & STELLA BERTILE FITZPATRICK

4. BLECHYNDEN, RITA CLARE (1922-2011)

Rita Clare Blechynden was born 5 Feb 1922, Beverley, WA [Reg. 41].

Rita Clare Blechynden, courtesy Maureen Morris

Rita remained single.

She was a Nursing Sister at Busselton retired 1982.

Rita Clare Blechynden died 5 Nov 2011, Busselton, WA, aged 89 years. Ashes memorialised at Karrakatta Cemetery, Rose memorial.

Sister Rita Clare Blechynden

Newspaper article:

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5th CHILD OF ARTHUR BLECHYNDEN & STELLA BERTILE FITZPATRICK

5. BLECHYNDEN, DAVID 'BUNG' JOHN (1924-2013) was born 25 Aug 1924, Beverley, WA [Reg No, 168]. David died 7 Sep 2013, WA.

David John Blechynden.
Courtesy Donna Logothetis

Service record, Department of Veterans' Affairs: WW2 service: Blechynden David John: Australian Army, Service number 52510 (WX39659), DOB 25 Aug 1924, Date of enlistment 08 Jun 1943, Swanbourne, Place of Enlistment Guildford, WA. Next of kin, Blechynden A. Rank gunner. Posting at Discharge, 67 Australian Infantry Battalion.

m.1 DAVID JOHN BLECHYNDEN (1924-2013) married **ROSALIE MAUDE THOMAS (1922-1971)** 4 Sep 1948, Perth, WA [Reg. 2038].

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 1 Oct 1948, pg 2**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article201841065.txt

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In the unavoidable absence of her father, the bride entered the Church on the arm of an old friend Mr. T. Gill, who gave her away.

The chief bridesmaid was Miss Maureen Blechynden, sister of the bridegroom, and the second bridesmaid was Miss Irene Grenville, friend of the bride. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. Keith Mulligan, and that of groomsman by Mr. Douglas Sorenson.

After the ceremony at which the Bev. P. Dunne officiated a few friends and relatives adjourned to the home of Miss Fitzpatrick where the cake was cut, congratulatory telegrams read, and good wishes bestowed on the happy couple who later left per the express for Kalgoorlie where they now live.

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Wedding Photo: David John and Rosalie Maude Thomas,1903. Courtesy Maureen Morris

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THOMAS, ROSALIE MAUDE (1922-1971)
Rosalie Maude Thomas was born 29 Jan 1922, Boulder, WA [Reg. 32], daughter of **JAMES THOMAS (1881-1956)** and **ADELAIDE MAUDE BREWER (1880-1964)** who were married 19 Dec 1903, California Gully, VIC [Reg. 6497]. Rosalie Maude Blechynden (nee Thomas) died 1 Sep 1971, Dalwallinu, WA [Reg. 3249], aged 49 years.

SERVICE RECORD: THOMAS ROSALIE MAUDE: Service Number - 113495: Date of birth - 29 Jan 1922: Place of birth - TRAFALGAR WA: Place of enlistment - PERTH: Next of Kin - THOMAS JAMES

Rosalie Maude Thomas

Serving for their country was in the family

Ross Blechynden, a grandson of David "Bung" Blechynden and his grandmother Rosalie Maude Blechynden (nee Thomas), son of Stuart John Blechynden proudly commented that he and his father followed in his grandparents' footsteps serving for their country.

Ross commented: As a bit of a background:

My Dad Stuart was an Able Seaman, Marine Technical Propulsion from 1972 - 1978. His services number S113028. I myself was a Corporal in Army Intelligence Corps from 2013 - 2021. My service number is

8596873. I served overseas in Malaysia, Singapore and Papua New Guinea and completed an Operational tour in Iraq in 2017 which was War Service.

Stuart Blechynden (left) and his twin brother Murray Blechynden (right) at their Navy training circa 1972.

Ross Blechynden, David Blechynden 'Bung's' grandson. Official photo at Army Recruit training, Kapooka October 2013.

Ross Blechynden, Stuart Blechynden's son. Operational service in Northern Baghdad, Iraq June 2017.

The following three pages contain details of Rosalie Maude Thomas's parents James Thomas (1881-1956) and Adelaide Maude Brewer (1880-1964) and a brief history of her grandparents.

JAMES THOMAS (1881-1956) Rosalie Maude Thomas's father

James Thomas was born 20 Nov 1881, Daylesford, VIC [Reg.22759]. Parents: **JAMES THOMAS (1842-1905)** and **ELIZABETH JANE ELLIS (1842-1914)** who were married 8 Jan 1865, Penzance, Cornwall, England. James died 1956, Kalgoorlie, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 1800095]. Parents: James Thomas and Elizabeth Jane Ellis.

CHILDREN OF JAMES THOMAS (1842-1905) AND ELIZABETH JANE ELLIS (1842-1914) Rosalie Maude Thomas's grandparents.

1. ELIZABETH WHITE THOMAS (1868-1945) married **STEPHEN JAMES MATTHEWS** 1889, VIC [Reg. 2808]. Remained in VIC

2. BENJAMIN THOMAS (1871-1934) married **SARAH JANE BRAY (1872-1949)** 1898, VIC [Reg. 2187]. Remained in Vic

3. MARY JANE MILLIE THOMAS (1875-1937) married **GEORGE PERRIN (1972-1937)** 29 Jan 1902, Eaglehawk, VIC [Reg. 1229]. Came to WA

4. FLORENCE AMELIA CHRISTINA THOMAS (1878-1936) married **REGINALD ALLAN NANCARROW (1886-1973)** 1912, North Perth, WA Reg. 100560]. Came to WA

5. MAUD EVELYN THOMAS (1880-1964) married **ALBERT ESCORT TURNER (1880-1966)** 1908, Perth, WA [Reg. 100080]. Came to WA

6. JAMES THOMAS (1881-1956) married **ADELAIDE MAUD BREWER (1880-1964)** 19 Dec 1903, California Gully, VIC [Reg. 6497]. Came to WA

7. WILLIAM THOMAS (1883-1971) married **EMILY NORMA CHIVERS (1985-)** 1912, Perth, WA [Reg. 100346]. Came to WA, died in VIC.

8. GERTRUDE THOMAS (1886-1961) married **HENRY PENBERTHY TUCKER (1883-1950)** 1911, Perth, WA [Reg. 100856]. Came to WA

ADELAIDE MAUDE BREWER (1880-1964) Rosalie Maude Thomas's father mother

Adelaide Maude Brewer was born 13 Aug 1880, Eaglehawk, VIC. Parents: **MOSES PARSONS BREWER (1848-1888)** and **ELIZABETH ANN GAYLAND SARGENT (1846-1905)** who were married 1867, Liskeard, Cornwall, England. Adelaide died 1964, Kalgoorlie, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 1800145].

Arrival: Moses Brewer; 11 Mar 1873, Melbourne, VIC, Ship *Zemindar*, with brother in-law George Sargent.

Arrival: Elizabeth Brewer; May 1874, VIC on board the *Northumberland* with children. Rosa, John, Beatrice and Gertrude.

CHILDREN OF MOSES PARSONS BREWER (1848-1888) and **ELIZABETH ANN GAYLAND SARGENT (1846-1905), Rosalie Maude Thomas's Maternal Grandparents.**
The first four children were born in England. Sydney was born 1875, Eaglehawk, VIC, followed by the rest of the children also being born in VIC. Sadly, Leopold Garnett and Percy Albert Brewer died as babies in VIC.

1. ROSA BREWER (1867-1930) 2. JOHN BREWER (1869-1906) 'JACK' 3. BEATRICE BREWER (1870-1913) 4. GERTRUDE MARY BREWER (1873-1948) 5. SYDNEY GEORGE BREWER (1875-1949) 6. HARRY SARGEANT BREWER (1877-1937) 7. THEODORE BREWER (1878-1938) 8. ADELAIDE MAUD BREWER (1880-1964) 9. LEOPOLD GARNETT BREWER (1882-1885) 10. PERCY ALBERT BREWER (1884-1885) 11. MURIEL MAY BREWER (1886-1967).

Rosa, John 'Jack', Beatrice and Sydney and Gertrude remained in VIC. (Gertrude died in SA.)

These children moved to WA.

6. HARRY SARGEANT BREWER (1877-1937) married **ETHEL GREAVES (1885-1967)** 25 May 1904, Trafalgar, WA [Reg. 700166].

7. THEODORE BREWER (1878-1938) married **BEATRICE COCKS (1885-1969)** 10 Apr 1905, Trafalgar, Kalgoorlie, WA [Reg. 84].

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1. VIDA BERYL THOMAS (1904-1989) married **LESLIE JOHN WILLIAM TAYLOR (1899-1977)** 1927, VIC [Reg. 12504]. Must have come to WA with her sister Dorothy and parents. Appears to have moved back to VIC.

2. DOROTHY JEAN THOMAS (1907-1913) Died aged 6 years
Moved to WA.

Dorothy Jean Thomas was born 1907, Eaglehawk, VIC. She died 10 May 1913 Kalgoorlie, (Boulder), WA [Reg. 700044].

3. MAVIS EVERELD THOMAS (1911-1984) married **GEORGE ALBERT VINCENT (1904=1995)** 1935, East Coolgardie, WA.

4. REGINALD JAMES BREWER THOMAS (1914-1983)

Reginald James Brewer Thomas was born 1914, Boulder, WA [Reg. 18]. Parents: JAMES THOMAS and Adelaide Maud Brewer. Reginald died 1983, Nedlands, Perth, WA [Reg. 102782].

THOMAS REGINALD JAMES BREWER: Service Number - WX10334: Date of birth - 09 Jan 1914:
Place of birth - KALGOORLIE WA: Place of enlistment - CLAREMONT WA.

Electoral Roll:
1937 Reginald James Brewer Thomas, 13 Rhodes St, Kalgoorlie, engine driver, James Thomas, engine driver, Adelaide Maud, home duties, Rita May, shop assistant.

5. JOYCE ADELAIDE THOMAS (1916-2010) married **PETER CLAUDE MCNALLY** 1936, Kalgoorlie, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 1800030].

6. RITA MAY THOMAS (1916-) married **ARTHUR WILLIAM CLEMENT WINDOVER (1910-1993)** 21 Oct 1944, Kalgoorlie, WA [Reg. 1800039]. Moved to VIC.

7. ROSALIE MAUD THOMAS (1922-1971) married **DAVID JOHN BLECHYNDEN (1924-2013)** 1948, Perth, WA [Reg. 2038].

Electoral Roll:
1912, 1913, 1922 James Thomas, 201 Trafalgar St, Trafalgar, Brown Hill, engine driver, Adelaide Maude, married.
1931 James Thomas, 13 Rhodes St, Kalgoorlie, engine driver, Adelaide Maude, home duties.
1958 Adelaide Maude, 13 Rhodes St, Kalgoorlie, home duties.

CHILDREN OF DAVID JOHN BLECHYNDEN (1924-2013) AND ROSALIE MAUDE THOMAS (1922-1971):

Geoffrey, Donna, Maureen, twins: Murray and Stuart Blechynden.

Electoral Roll
1949 David John Blechynden, 15 Outridge Terrace, Kalgoorlie, miner.
1958 David John Blechynden, 23a Rhodes St, Kalgoorlie, miner, Rosalie Maude, home duties
1963 David John Blechynden, c/o W Hyde & Sons, Dalwallinu, farmhand. Rosalie Maude, home duties

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m.2 DAVID JOHN BLECHYNDEN (1924-2013) married **THELMA MARGARET CORNISH (1926-1993).**

THELMA MARGARET CORNISH (1926-1993)

Thelma Margaret Cornish was born 1926, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 87].
Thelma Margaret Blechynden (nee Cornish) died 30 Jun 1993, Mandurah, WA.

DAVID JOHN BLECHYNDEN (1924-2013) AND THELMA MARGARET CORNISH (1926-1993) HAD NO CHILDREN.

Electoral Roll

1963 David John Blechynden c/o W Hyde & Sons, Dalwallinu, farm hand, Rosalie Maude
1972 David John Blechynden, 2/57 Swan View Terrace, South Perth, driller
1977 David John Blechynden, 7 North St, Swanbourne, storeman, Thelma Margaret, clerk
1980 David John Blechynden, 56 Moreland way, Spearwood, storeman, Stuart John Blechynden (son), labourer, Thelma Margaret, personal off. All at the same address.

David Blechynden in Army, played hockey and played ice hockey in Japan in Occupation Forces

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Stephanie and Evan Dunstan, Pat Negus, Laurie Negus, David Blechynden, John Negus, Peter Negus, Ralph Dunstan, Eileen and Gregory Negus, John O'Shea.
Photos courtesy Maureen Morris

Murray and Stuart Blechynden, photos courtesy Maureen Morris

Maureen, Geoff and Donna, First Communion,

Geoff, Donna, Murray, Stuart, Maureen Blechynden and Dolly the horse. Roughly 1960

Christmas at Aunty Dorothy and Uncle Jack's farm in Quairading about 1978. Courtesy Maureen Morris.

Left: Back Row: Carmel and John O'Shea
Third Row: Geoffrey Blechynden, Michael O'Shea, Vincent O'Shea
Second Row: Donna Blechynden, Maureen Blechynden
Front row: Gregory St Jack, Murray Blechynden, Stuart Blechynden, Paul St Jack

m.3 DAVID JOHN BLECHYNDEN (1924-2013) AND PARTNER AMY THOMAS:

6th CHILD OF ARTHUR BLECHYNDEN & STELLA BERTILE FITZPATRICK

Rita, Maureen and Betty Blechynden, courtesy Maureen Morris

6. BLECHYNDEN, MAUREEN AGNES (1926-2004)
Maureen Agnes Blechynden was born 5 Aug 1926, Beverley, WA [Reg. 163]. Maureen died 1 Nov 2004, Menora, Perth, WA. Pinnaroo Memorial Park Cremation: MCB-335581-Y4J5T9 PC00002996 (historic).

BLECHYNDEN MAUREEN AGNES: Service Number - 113333: Date of birth - 05 Aug 1926: Place of birth - BEVERLEY WA: Place of enlistment - PERTH: Next of Kin - BLECHYNDEN ARTHUR

MAUREEN AGNES BLECHYNDEN (1926-2004) married **JOHN FRANCIS FITZPATRICK (1927-1966)**, 1957, Perth, WA [Reg. 2497].
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GERTRUDE M O'CONNOR (1864-1914) John Francis Fitzpatrick's paternal grandmother

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Gertrude Fitzpatrick (nee O'Connor) died 11 Jul 1914, Mayfield, NSW [Reg. 12442].

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***Sydney Morning Herald* (NSW: 1842 - 1954), Thu 4 Sep 1930, pg 6**
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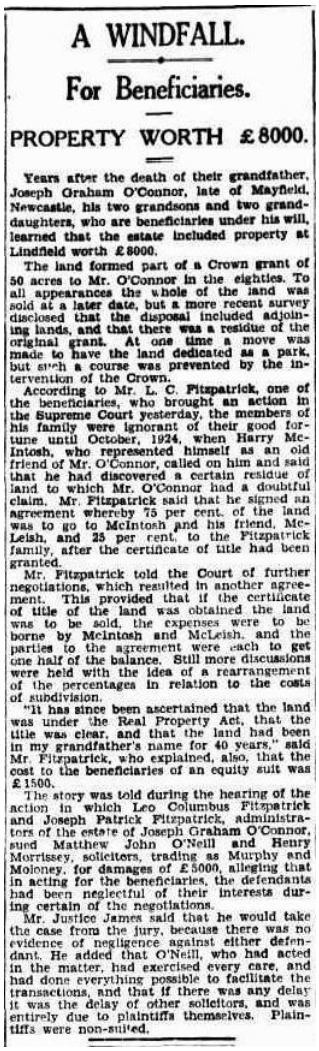

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***Freeman's Journal* (Sydney, NSW: 1850 - 1932), Thu 6 Aug 1925, pg 12**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article116761639.txt

THE LATE MR. FREDERICK BERNASCONI.

By the death of Mr. Frederick Bernasconi, which took place recently with suddenness, there is removed from the Hamilton parish a man of sterling character. The deceased gentleman was returning to his home at about 5 o'clock in the evening of the 8th July, when he was noticed to be seized with a weakness and to fall to the roadside. Although assistance was immediately forthcoming and medical aid summoned it was found that death had taken place. A native of the Manning River, where he was born sixty-three years ago, the late Mr. Bernasconi had resided for the past fifty years in the Newcastle district. Of a genial disposition, the deceased gentleman made many friendships and was most popular with all classes and creeds. Somewhat of a retiring disposition, he took little active interest in public matters. A husband and father, he devoted the major portion of his time to his wife and family, who were ever his first consideration. An exceptional type of Catholic he actively identified himself with all Church matters in Hamilton. As Warden of the Sacred Heart Parish for a considerable number of years, he was always to be relied upon to carry out his duties efficiently. He was appointed one of the prefects of the Sacred Heart Confraternity, which was recently re-formed in the parish. Also he was prominently associated with the Society of the Australian Holy Catholic Guild, in which he had occupied many official positions during a membership of forty-three years. For the last fourteen years Mr. Bernasconi had been in the employ of Messrs. Earp Woodcock and Beveridge, of Wickham, Newcastle, and prior to that was associated with the timber mills of Mr. Ellis.

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Electoral Roll:
1977 Bernard Patrick Fitzpatrick, 10 Ventura Av, Miranda, Cook, NSW. Salesman, Joan Mary, home duties.

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Mary Elizabeth Anne Fitzpatrick died 31 Jul 2020, buried Kemps Creek, Liverpool City, NSW.
https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/232255397/mary-elizabeth_anne-fitzpatrick

Electoral Roll:
1930, 1931 Leo Columbus Fitzpatrick, 40 Marion Street Cook, NSW, compositor, Kathleen Mary, home duties, Margaret Gertrude, home duties, Zeta Mary, home duties.

Leo Columbus Fitzpatrick died 6 Jun 1969, Buried Kemps Creek Cemetery, Liverpool City, NSW. Spouse, Kathleen Mary Fitzpatrick. Children: Mary Elizabeth Ann Fitzpatrick. Kathleen Mary Fitzpatrick (nee Bernasconi) died 24 Jan 1980, Enmore, Sydney, NSW, aged 86 years. Buried Kemps Creek Cemetery and Crematorium, Liverpool City, NSW.

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1958, 1963 John Francis Fitzpatrick, 10 Arang, Av, Kirawee, Sutherland, NSW, carpenter, Maureen Agnes, home duties.
1977 Maureen Agnes Fitzpatrick, 134 Normandy Rd, Inglewood, home duties.
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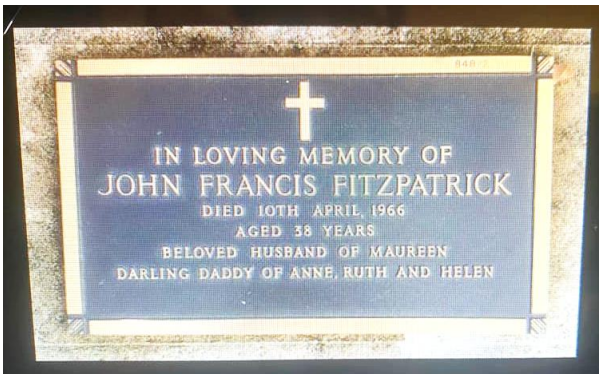
Via Maureen Morris in reply to a query as to whether Arthur and Stella's daughters were all nurses.

Yes, Arthur and Stella's daughters were all registered nurses, Rita was the Matron at Princes Margaret for quite a few years. I think Aunty Maureen may have been there as well but was a nurse in Melbourne. Mum (Rosalie – David's later to be wife) was her friend and they were in the Air Force together, that's how Mum met Dad. I have all Mums complete Air Force records. Applied for them, they are great, has all her application forms, discharge papers etc.



Plaque in memory of John Francis Fitzpatrick.
Courtesy Fiona Gilchrist Sassenfield.

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Kathleen Mary Blechynden

Kathleen Mary Blechynden was born 31 Dec 1888, at Beverley, WA. Registered in 1889 [Reg. 126]. Name written as Kathline Mary. She remained single. It appears 'Aunty Kit', was very family oriented and is portrayed in many family photos following. Kathleen was proud to be one of the bridesmaids at the wedding of Beatrice Edwards to her brother, Herbert Henry Blechynden, in 1905.

Eastern Districts Chronicle **(York, WA: 1877 - 1927), Sat 4 Mar 1905, pg 2**
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Kathleen, once again was delighted to act as a bridesmaid at the wedding of her brother Arthur Blechynden to Stella Bertile Fitzpatrick 29 Sept 1914. The complete article can be read in the chapter on Arthur and Stella.

Wedding of Arthur Blechynden and Stella Bertile Fitzpatrick, 29 Sep 1914: L-R: Dot Rosser, William 'Bill' Blechynden, Arthur and Stella, Joe McDonald and Kathleen 'Kit' Blechynden.. Courtesy Donna Logothetis.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Sat 31 Oct 1914, pg 3**
31 Oct 1914 - Wedding Bells. (nla.gov.au)

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Back: *Margaret Mary Ann holding Bernard 'Kevin', John 'Jack' Martin, Eileen Mary, Kathleen Mary (Aunt Kit), Stafford 'Staff' William Henry, Raymond 'RAY' Joseph Blechynden.*

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Electoral Roll:
Easy to mix her up with Kathleen Priscilla Blechynden (nee Simpson).
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1925 Kathleen Mary Blechynden, Harper Street, Beverley, Spinster, Henry George, retired farmer
1943, 1954 Kathleen Mary Blechynden, 6 Fraser Street, home duties, Arthur Blechynden, and Stella Bertile, home duties.
1954 Kathleen Mary Blechynden, 57 Sayer Street, Midland Junction, home duties. It appears she lived in Perth for a few years, before going back to Beverley.
1968, 1972 Kathleen Mary Blechynden, 69 Basinghall Street, East Victoria Park, home duties
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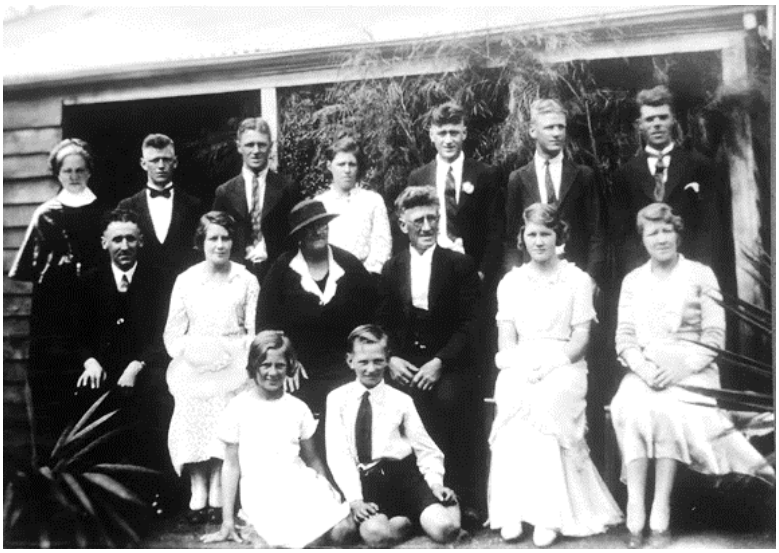

Kathleen 'Aunty Kit' attended many weddings of her nieces and nephews, among them the wedding of Laura Blechynden to Tom Ryan in 1935.

Herbert Henry Blechynden and family, at the home of the bride's parents. From back left: Veronica, Gerry, Merv, Mary Anne, Mal, Nat and Len Barley Middle row: Tom Ryan, Laura, Beatrice, Herbert, Margaret and ***Kath*** *Front: Gene and Terry*

While living for a few years in Perth, Kathleen took time out to visit her unwell brother 'Bill' in Beverley.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 21 Oct 1966, pg 11**
21 Oct 1966 - Mostly personal (nla.gov.au)

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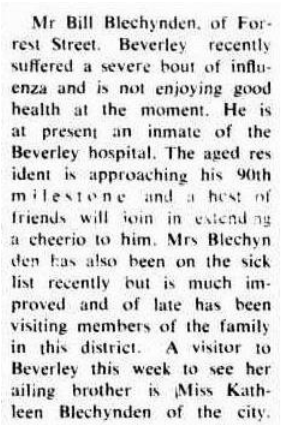
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Kathleen apparently cared for her elderly father Henry George Blechynden during his final years. This is confirmed in his obituary detailed earlier in the branch, see extract below:

His good wife predeceased him two or three years ago, but his daughter Kathleen continued to surround him with every care and attention, and to her and the three sons (Herbert, William and Arthur) who mourn the loss of a father our sympathies go out.

Kathleen Mary Blechynden, 1937.
Courtesy Lyn Barsh

Kathleen Mary Blechynden died 9 Aug 1979, Beverley, WA, aged 90 years.

Headstone of Kathleen Mary Blechynden (1888-1979), *Beverley Cemetery, WA.*

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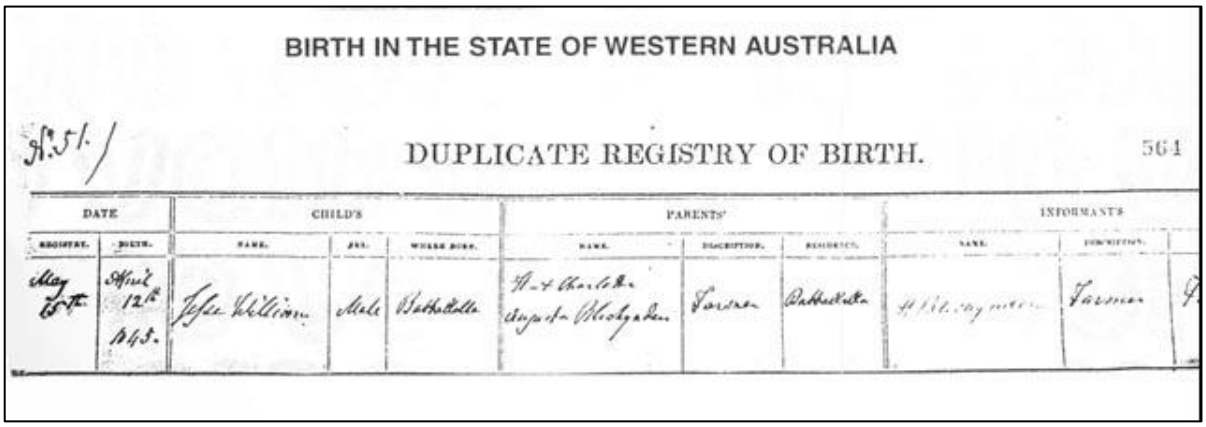
5. JESSE WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN (1845-1846)

Jesse William was Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden's fifth child. He was born 12 Apr 1845 at 'Babbyalla', East Beverley, Western Australia.

Tragically, Jesse was not to grow up with his brothers and sisters. He died from dysentery; 11 Dec 1846 aged 20 months at 'Babbyalla'.

5. BLECHYNDEN, JESSE WILLIAM (1845-1846) was born 12 Apr 1845 at Babballall (sic, 'Babbyalla'), East Beverley, WA. [Reg. 564]. Harrison and Charlotte were delighted to welcome their third son into the family. His oldest brother John was now aged 12 years and was already spending time helping his father on the farm. His sister Sarah was aged four years and Elizabeth three years and his brother, Henry George was just 18 months of age. The two girls enjoyed having another baby in the family. Jesse and Henry George were followed by another boy, Walter Edward who was born 16 Jun 1846.



BIRTH IN THE STATE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

DUPLICATE REGISTRY OF BIRTH. 564

DATE		CHILD'S			PARENTS'			INFORMANT'S	
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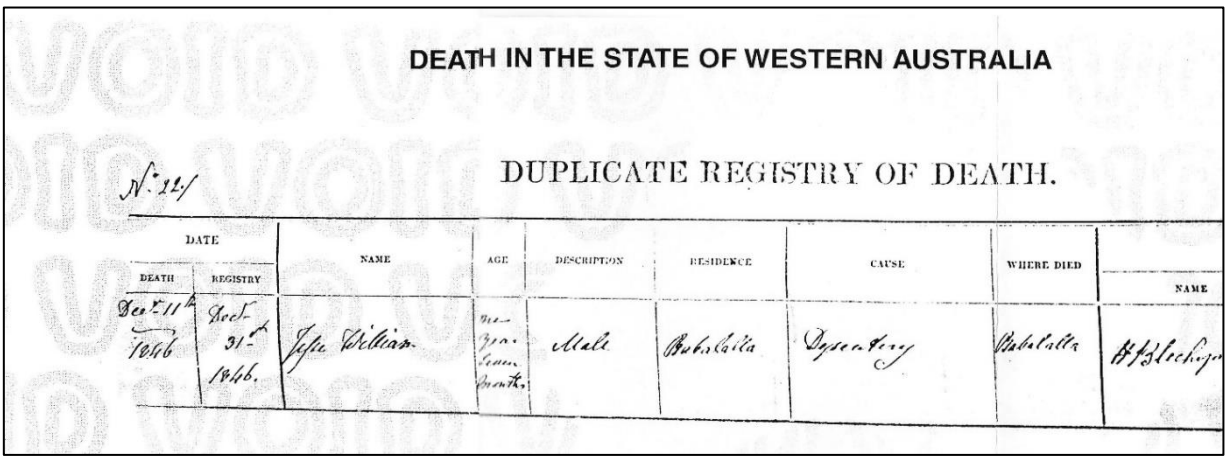
May 15th	April 12th 1845.	Jesse William	Male	Babballa	H. & Charlotte Blechynden	Farmer	Babballa	H. Blechynden	Farmer

Birth certificate of Jesse William Blechynden, 12 Apr 1845

Tragically, Jesse was not to grow up with his brothers and sisters. He died from dysentery, 11 Dec 1846 aged 20 months at his parents' homestead on Babbyalla farm, Beverley, WA [Reg. 233]. It was a sad time for the family.



DEATH IN THE STATE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

DUPLICATE REGISTRY OF DEATH.

DATE		NAME	AGE	DESCRIPTION	RESIDENCE	CAUSE	WHERE DIED	
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Death Certificate of Jesse William Blechynden, 11 Dec 1846

6. WALTER EDWARD BLECHYNDEN (1846-1940) & JANE NEEDS (1855-1938)

Walter was Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden's sixth child. He was born 16 Jun 1846 at 'Babbyalla', East Beverley.

On 27 Oct 1873, Walter married Jane Needs at the Picton Anglican Church in Bunbury.

The couple farmed 'Glenpennant' on the Upper Warren near Manjimup and had 11 children.

Jane passed away on 1 Jun 1938 at 'Glenpennant' at the age of 83. Walter passed away in Manjimup on 8 Apr 1940 at 93. They are buried together at Balbarrup Cemetery.

WALTER EDWARD BLECHYNDEN (1846-1940) was the sixth child born to Harrison Blechynden and Charlotte Robus. His parents, who were married in Perth on 3 Mar 1832, emigrated from Kent in England to the Swan River Colony, arriving on the ship *Minstrel* on 20 February 1830. Walter was born 16 June 1846 at Babalalla (sic, 'Babbyalla'), East Beverley, WA [Reg. 808].

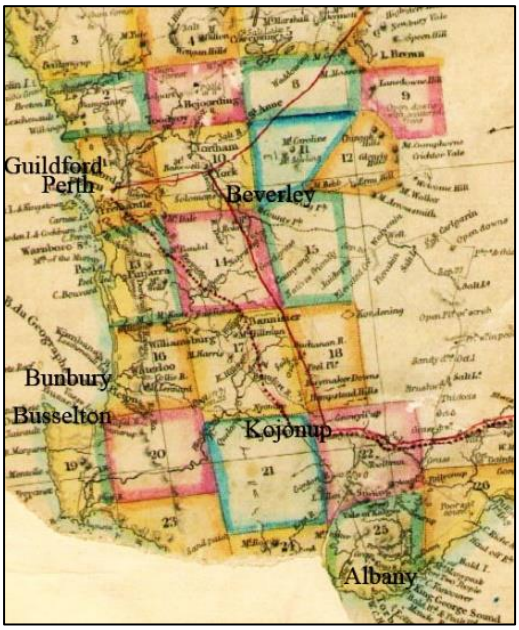
Walter Blechynden. Written on back of photo 'Son of Harrison B, brother of John'. From May's album.

His oldest brother John aged 13 years and sister Sarah aged five years, were born in Perth, prior to his parents moving to an unestablished property named 'St Aubyns' in the district of Beverley. This was where his sister Elizabeth, was born. His parents then moved to lease the property next door named 'Babbyalla', where his two brothers Henry George and Jesse were born. Sadly, almost six months later his brother Jesse died aged 20 months. By the time Walter turned seven years of age four more boys had been added to the family: Charles Edwin, Thomas Harrison, Jesse William and Joseph.

Walter grew up on 'Babbyalla', see the main story about 'Babbyalla' and Beverley in the Harrison Blechynden section. As the boys got older, they would have become responsible for chores around the home and yard. The district was still very new and there was very little infrastructure, and as yet no schools. Their mother and the girls would have been busy with the boys and helped to teach them how to basically read and write. As the boys grew older, they would also have had to learn to ride horses and begin to help their father with the farm. By 1852, a store made from mud bats and a wheelwright had been established at Edwards Crossing, just a few kilometres away. The family would have travelled by horse and cart to shop for goods at the store. A show was held every year at York, and this became a very important, social outing for the whole family.

When Walter was about eight years of age, his oldest brother John Blechynden walked to the Blackwood district in 1854 at the age of 21 guided by friendly Aboriginals and was so impressed with what he saw that he acquired two pastoral leases along the Blackwood River.

Walter was recorded as being 13 in the 1859 Census. (*Census 1859: Return of the Number of Persons who slept on the Premises of H Blechynden in the Beverley District on the night of the 31 Dec 1859*).



The farm had become a viable concern and Harrison and the boys would have been kept hard at work from dawn until dusk. Walter was aged 14 years when John Blechynden married Elizabeth Green on 23 Feb 1860, at St George's Cathedral in Perth. John took his bride to settle in the first home built in the newly established town that was to be named Bridgetown. See the section on John Blechynden for the interesting story of his house 'Bridgedale'.

AUSTRALIA FROM SURVEYS MADE BY ORDER OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT Item 094A - Australia from surveys made by Order of the British Government (et alia), John Arrowsmith, London, 1862 [Office record with explorer's routes marked to 1874]. (Bridgetown and Manjimup had not yet been surveyed).

Walter was aged almost 16 years when his sister Elizabeth 'Anne' Blechynden was married in York, at the Anglican Holy Trinity Church to Thomas Edwards on the 5 Mar 1862.

In 1864, now aged 18 years, Walter walked to Bridgetown with his brother Edwin and joined their eldest brother John at his home 'Bridgedale'. Walter stayed with John and Elizabeth and worked for them for three years before moving south to work for Charles Rose on his property 'Wilgarrup' for another three or so years. It appears Walter also managed 'Wilgarrup' with one of his brothers for a period of time while the Roses were overseas.

During his time working for his brother John, Walter would have found time when at 'Bridgedale' to spend time with John and Elizabeth's growing family of at that stage, four boys: John William, George, Edwin and James.

His sister, Sarah Harrison Blechynden was married 30 Nov 1867, in York, at the Anglican, Holy Trinity Church, to John Henry Markham Page. One can imagine Walter and his brother Edwin may have taken time out from their farming duties to ride to York for the wedding. Another wedding in the family took place when his brother Charles Edwin Blechynden was married at St Pauls Anglican Church Beverley on 24 Apr 1872 to Caroline Mary Davies.

Walter Blechynden.
Photo by Alfred Choppin.

Walter left 'Wilgarrup' in about 1870, when, looking to have his own farming property, he selected an acreage of land on the Upper Warren near Manjimup, which he named, 'Glenpennant'. This was a time of hard work as he cleared the land and began to establish his farm on virgin land. During this time Walter met and began to court a young woman, the one he was to marry in 1873, by the name of **Jane Needs**.

On 27 Oct 1873, **WALTER** married **JANE NEEDS (1855-1938)** at the Picton Anglican Church, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 3638]. The couple farmed 'Glenpennant' together and went on to have 11 children. Their story continues after details of Jane's birth and her family below.

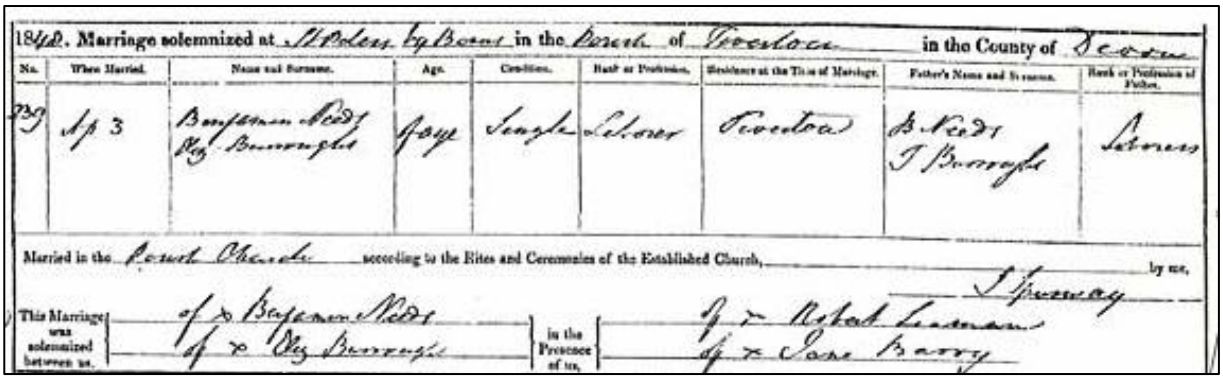
NEEDS, JANE (1855-1938) was born 3 Jun 1855, in Crendon (a few miles from Donnybrook), WA [Reg. 2838]. In WA BDM registration her name was recorded under Weedes (sic, Needs). She was the daughter of **BENJAMIN NEEDS (1817-1880)** and **ELIZABETH BURROUGHS (1823-1869)**. One her birth certificate Jane's parent's names were recorded as Benja Needs and Elizabeth Burrows. They were married 3 Apr 1848 Parish Church, Tiverton, Devon, England. England & Wales, Civil Registration Marriage Index, 1837-1915 for Benjamin Needs, 4th Quarter 1875, both were of age. Benjamin was recorded as being a labourer.

Note: **Needs** is frequently spelt **Needes** in many historical records. Benjamin's surname on his marriage certificate is recorded as Needs. Needes was recorded on most of his documentation prior to coming to WA. After the arrival of Benjamin and Elizabeth Needes to WA, the spelling of their children's birth and marriages varied. Some were registered in WA BDMs as Needs and others as Needes. Jane's birth was recorded as Weedes. Benjamin's wife Elizabeth Burroughs was recorded on her arrival in WA as Needes, on her headstone is recorded Needs.

The following section gives details on Jane's parents, Benjamin Needs (1817-1880) and Elizabeth Burroughs (1823-1869) and family.

Needham	William	Newport Sp	XVIII 223
Needs	Benjamin	Tiverton "	X 467
Needs	William Charles	Whitechapel	II 495

England & Wales, Civil Registration Marriage Index, 1837-1915 for Benjamin Needs



1848. Marriage solemnized at St Peter by Banns in the Parish of Tiverton in the County of Devon

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
239	Sep 3	Benjamin Needs Eliz Burroughs	Age	Single	Labourer	Tiverton	B Needs J Burroughs	Labourer

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by me, J Spurway

This Marriage was solemnized between us, of x Benjamin Needs, of x Eliz Burroughs, in the Presence of us, of x Robert Lemon, of x Jane Barry

Copy of marriage certificate of Benjamin Needs and Elizabeth Burrows. Note spelling of Needs.

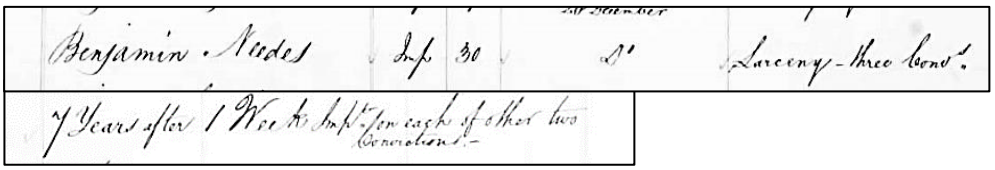
Jane's father, was born 1817, Burlescombe, Devon, England. His parents were **MARY QUANT (1776-1823)** and **BENJAMIN NEEDES (1778-1863)**. Her mother was born in 1823, Tiverton, Mid Devon District, Devonshire, England, the daughter of **JAMES BURROWS (1781-)** and **EMMA LEWINGTON (1786-1861)**.

Prior to their marriage, Jane's parents had a daughter, **AMELIA LUCE NEEDS** who was born 21 Mar 1844, Tiverton, Devon, England. Following their marriage, they had a son, **WILLIAM NEEDES** who was born 29 Sep 1848, Tiverton, Devonshire, England.

In England at this time with *"a rising population, rural unemployment, and migration to the towns, together with the horrendous conditions in which many people lived and worked, meant that the country's often archaic political system and ways of organising itself were coming under immense strain."*

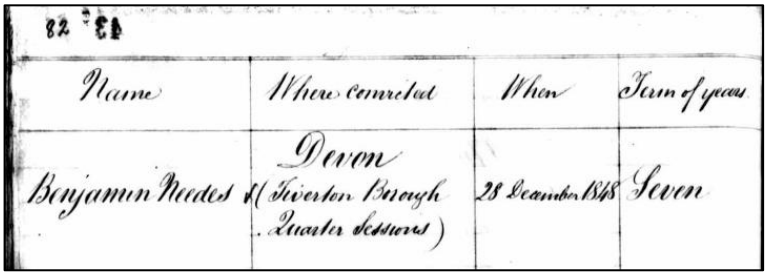
It appears that Benjamin Needs and his small family were experiencing hard times. Benjamin was convicted of larceny on three counts on 28 Dec 1848. See https://convictrecords.com.au/. At that time his daughter Amelia would have been four years of age and son William just three months old. He was sentenced for seven years and one week for each of the other two charges.

England & Wales, Criminal Registers, 1791-1892 for Benjamin Needes:



Benjamin Needes	Sep	30			Larceny - three Counts
7 Years after	1 Week Imprt for each of other two Convictions				

His records state: *NEEDES Benjamin, Age 30, Married 2 child, Read/write imperfect, Trade Labourer, Convicted 28 December 1848 Tiverton Sessions, Crime stealing a bag and wheat, Sentence 7 years, received 7 Aug 1849 from Tiverton, Previous conviction - two other indictments, Special remarks blank, Religion - Protestant, Removed 28 Jun 1850 to Stirling Castle Hulk – Portsmouth*



Name	Where convicted	When	Term of years
Benjamin Needes	Devon (Tiverton Borough Quarter Sessions)	28 December 1848	Seven

***Australian Convict Transportation Registers – Other Fleets & Ships*, 1791-1868 Devon**
Benjamin Needes
https://www.ancestry.com.au/search/collections/1180/?name=Benjamin_Needes&residence=_western+australia-australia_30100

Convicts to Australia: Pyrenees:
https://convictrecords.com.au/ships/pyrenees/1851

Needes Benjamin 663 7y 34 Tiverton 28 Dec 1848. Pyrenees – arrived in WA in 1851.

This 832-ton ship was built at Sunderland in 1851. It was employed twice as a convict transport for WA and left Torbay, England on Mar 30, 1851 bound for the Swan River Colony. On this voyage she carried the fourth of 37 shipments of male convicts destined for WA. The voyage took 90 days and the Pyrenees arrived in Fremantle on Jun 28, 1851 with 96 passengers and 293 convicts [Erickson]. Thomas Eagles and Alex C. Macleroy were the captain and surgeon respectively.

On arrival - Benjamin NEEDES Age 33, Hair brown, Eyes blue, Eyebrows and Lashes brown, Nose large, Mouth large, Visage fresh, Make stout, Married 2 children, Residence of the Prisoner's relatives or friends: Wife Tiverton. Benjamin was a labourer, at Bunbury 28 Jun 1851: TOL Ticket of Leave

Description 28 Jun 1851: Height 5 feet 9 inches. Hair brown. Eyes light. Visage round. Complexion fresh. Appearance very stout. Marks - scar under chin. Trade - labourer. Marital - married, children 2.

WA Convict records, Benjamin Needs, No. 663:

663	Benjamin Needes	34	5 9"	Brown	Light	Round	Fresh	Very stout	
Scar under chin ..			..	..	..	Labourer		married	2

Conditions as a transportee for such a very minor offence would have been difficult for Benjamin both in the Hulks in Portsmouth and on the journey to Australia on the Pyrenees crowded in with 293 convicts and 96 passengers. Convict laborers were generally treated harshly in the colony and he would have missed and worried about the welfare of his wife and children back in England.

Census 1851 shows Elizabeth and her two children living in number 80, Halberton, Devon, England, with her sister Sarah and husband John.

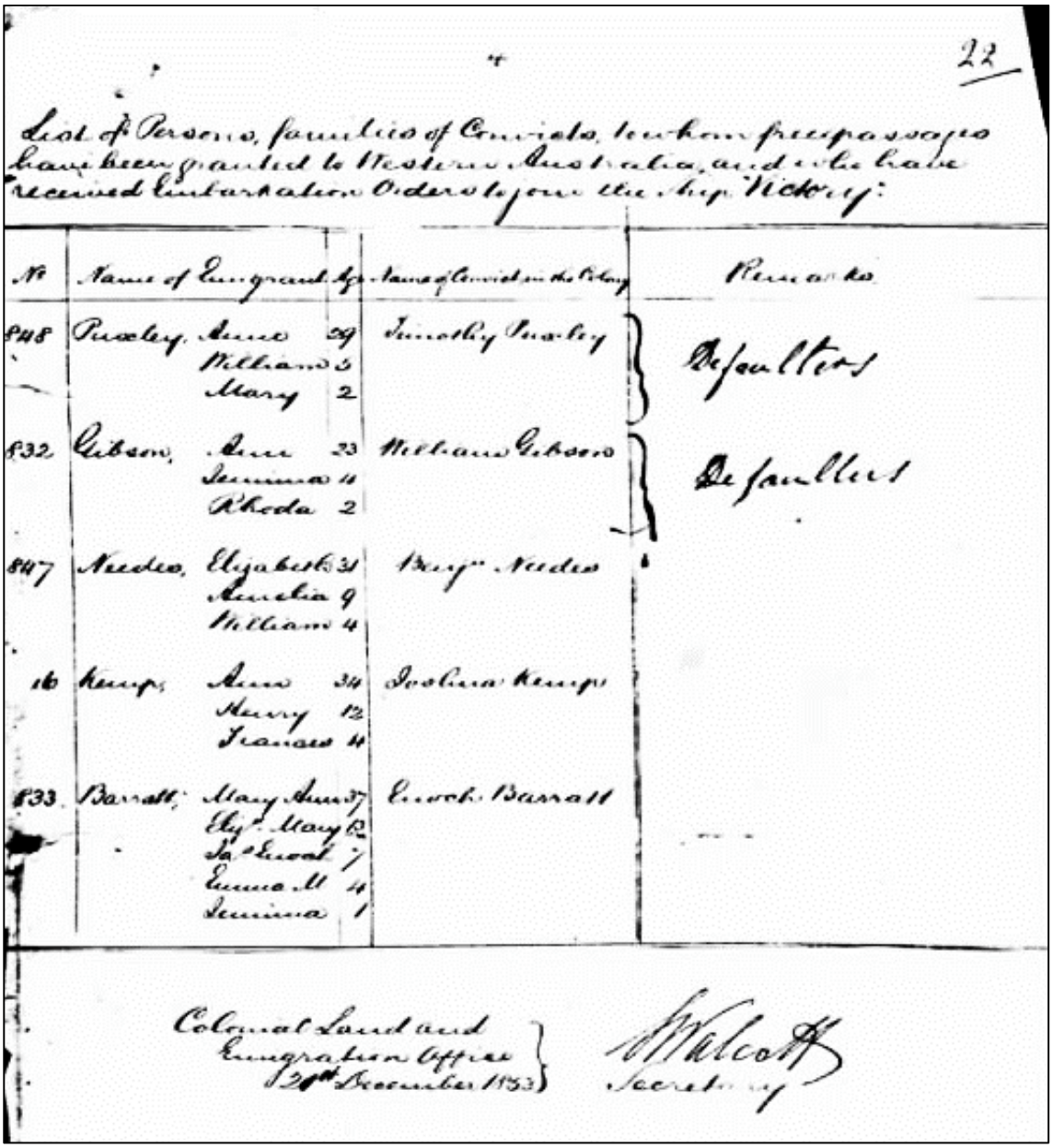
John Do	Head	Mar	38		Ag. Lab.	Do Do
Sarah Do	Wife	Do		30	Wife	Do Do
Elizabeth Needs	Sister Dau					Do Do
William Do	Do Son		2			Do Tiverton

CONVICT RECORDS: https://convictrecords.com.au/convicts/needes/benjamin/9964

Benjamin was granted a conditional pardon in 1853. The time that Elizabeth and the children endured while Benjamin was in Australia would have been difficult for them back in England without financial support. There was no welfare available in the mid 1800's. On 23 Apr 1853, Benjamin, now a free man, applied for his wife and children to come to Australia. In 1854 Elizabeth and their two children Amelia and William came out to Australia to join him.

ELIZABETH NEEDES emigrated to Perth on 28 Dec 1853 on the vessel *Victory,* arriving on 24 Mar 1854 to meet up with husband Benjamin Needs.

LIST OF ARRIVALS VIA THE SHIP VICTORY:



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List of Persons, families of Convicts, to whom free passages have been granted to Western Australia, and who have received Embarkation Orders to join the Ship Victory:

No	Name of Emigrant		Age	Name of Convict in the Colony	Remarks
848	Pusley	Anne	29	Timothy Pusley	Defaulters
		William	5		
		Mary	2		
832	Gibson	Anne	23	William Gibson	Defaulters
		Jemima	11		
		Rhoda	2		
847	Needes	Elizabeth	31	Benj. Needes	
		Amelia	9		
		William	4		
16	Kemp	Ann	34	Joshua Kemp	
		Henry	12		
		Frances	4		
833	Barratt	Mary Ann	37	Enoch Barratt	
		Eliz. Mary	13		
		Sarah	7		
		Emma M	4		
		Jemima	1		

Colonial Land and Emigration Office 28th December 1853

J. Walcott Secretary

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Needes Elizabeth 31, Amelia 9, William 4. Name of convict in the Colony: Benj Needes

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Perth Gazette and Independent Journal of Politics and News **(WA: 1848 - 1864), Fri 31 Mar 1854, pg 2** https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/3175128/719043#

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IMPORTS.

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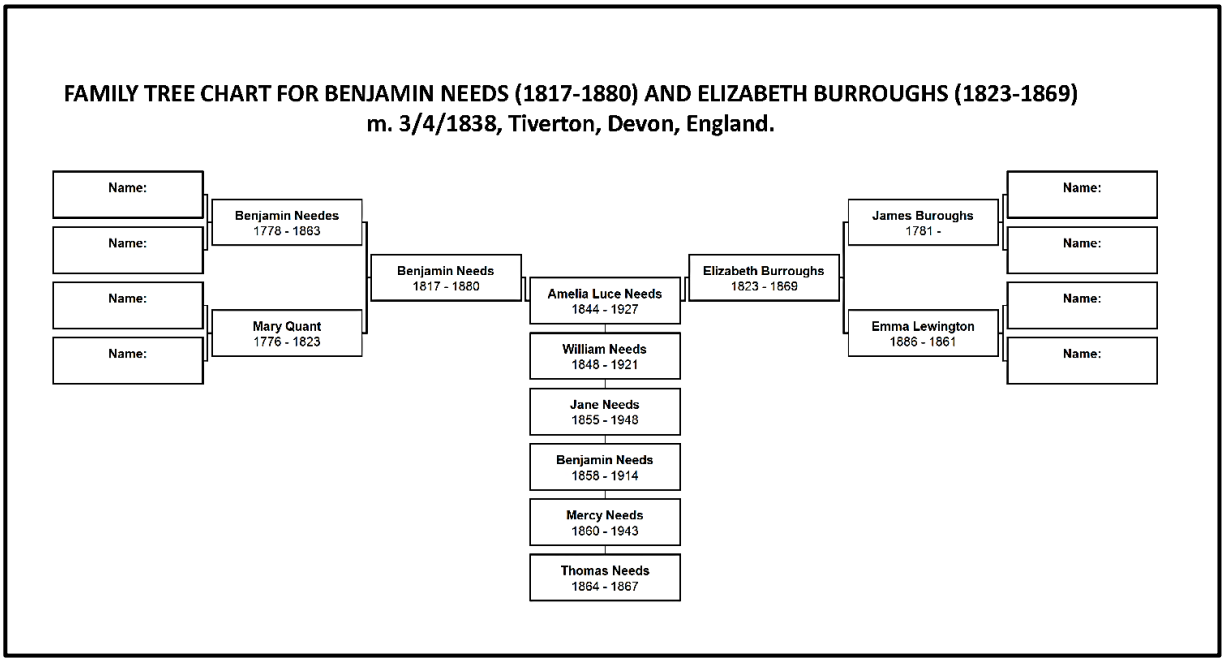
It would have been a joyful reunion for the family, Benjamin, now having served his sentence. Amelia was aged nine years and William four years. Benjamin and Elizabeth had four more children.

BENJAMIN NEEDS/NEEDES (1817-1880) and ELIZABETH BURROUGHS (1823-1869) had six children. Details of each are in their individual sections following.



Benjamin and Elizabeth's third child, their first born in Australian, was Jane was born 3 Jun 1855, Millerup, Capel, a few miles from Donnybrook. Benjamin, (named after his father and grandfather), was born 22 Aug 1858, followed by another daughter, Mercy who was born 6 Oct 1860, both registered at Capel River, WA. The older children were now aged as follows: Amelia 16, William 12 and Jane, five years.

Looking towards the future for himself and his family in 1860 Benjamin Needs successfully applied for 40 acres of land. Looking to improve this virgin land, between 1862 and 1871, he was recorded as employing eight Ticket of Leave men, who would have assisted in clearing land and erecting buildings and structures as he established his farm, which was one of the first in this area. He built his homestead on the property he named 'Springfield Farm' located at Lot 4617 Goldfields Road, Upper Capel.

Map showing the location of Upper Capel.

It was a momentous occasion when their eldest child Amelia, aged 17 years, married William Gibson on 8 Oct 1861 at Picton. Benjamin and Elizabeth's sixth child, Thomas, was born on their property, 'Springfield', in Sep 1864. It was a sad day for the family when he died at the age of two years on 8 Apr 1867, registered at Bunbury, WA.

'Springfield'/'Torridon'

Benjamin and Elizabeth welcomed their first grandchildren who were born to their eldest daughter, Amelia and William Gibson: Elizabeth Gibson born in 1862, Susan Gibson in 1864, Henry Gibson in 1866 and William Gibson in 1868.

The property, 'Springfield', was the home of Benjamin and Elizabeth Needs and their family until it was sold after Elizabeth's death. The property in the 1870's was renamed 'Torridon' Farm.

Elizabeth Needs (nee Burroughs) died 21 Nov 1869, Bunbury, WA, aged 47 years. One can imagine, the family was devastated. It was a sad day for the family when she was buried at the Picton Cemetery. Benjamin was now aged 52 years and the children were aged as follows: Amelia, 25; William, 21; Jane, 14; Ben, 11; and Mercy, 9. (In 1868, shortly before his mother's death, William Needs was recorded as working at Gawler River.) One can imagine that Jane would have been a great help to her father, assisting in looking after the younger children at 'Springfield.'

Headstone of Elizabeth Needs and of her son Thomas Needs, who died at the age of two years, Preston Cemetery, WA.

Benjamin Needs returned to England 28 Apr 1875, Tiverton, Devon, England, via SS *China*, six years after his wife Elizabeth died. Prior to leaving he sold his property 'Springfield'. It appears all his children, except for William, at this time, remained in WA. The youngest living child, Mercy, would have been 15 years of age when he left. One can surmise she may have stayed with her older sister Amelia.

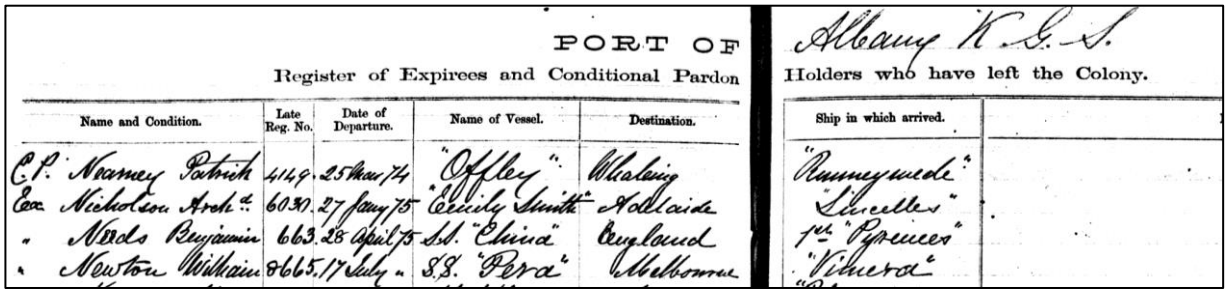
Heritage Council of WA website:
http://inherit.stateheritage.wa.gov.au/Public/Inventory/PrintSingleRecord/28e39bae-8407-4a23-b5a5-16de6ce3058a

Physical Description
Torridon is a single storey brick house with a hipped corrugated iron roof and a wrap -around verandah in the Victorian Georgian style. The bricks are red face, laid in English bond and appear to be handmade. Original 12 light Georgian sash windows are extant where they have been protected by the verandah.
The house is picturesquely sited on rising ground overlooking the head of the Capel River. The original plan comprised three adjoining rooms, typical of a number of early residential farm buildings of the mid -1800s. Some alterations occurred in 1951, possibly including verandah additions, and dated by an inscription in one of the cement quoins, "RESTORED WSLS 1951 SGYLL." A recent hipped roof extension on the north-west corner, clad with fibre cement boards, has altered the north (front) facade.
In October 1874, due to ill health, he advertised Springfield Farm for sale. It comprised 160 acres of freehold land (150 had been cultivated) and a good pastoral run of about 5,000 acres.
(Note: Elizabeth died in November 1869, so that would have had a bearing on that decision.)

There was a 'good substantial dwelling house' of three rooms, 'a good detached kitchen, cellar, storehouse, dairy, barn, and grainery, 45ft. by 18ft., stables, cart shed, stockyards, &c. … a good kitchen garden, with vineyard'. (Herald 7 Nov. 1874, p. 2). Lt. H. Douglas MacKenzie (also spelt McKenzie), of the McKenzies of Torridon, Scotland, purchased Springfield Farm and renamed it Torridon.

Follow the link for more details about the McKenzie's and subsequent owners on the Heritage Council of WA website.

Register of Expirees and Conditional pardon who have left the colony. It is interesting that Benjamin's surname is recorded here as Needs.



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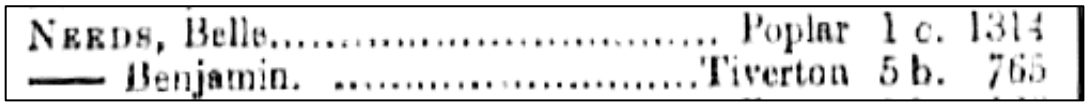
Register of Expirees and Conditional Pardon Holders who have left the Colony.

Name and Condition.	Late Reg. No.	Date of Departure.	Name of Vessel.	Destination.	Ship in which arrived.	
C.P. Nearney Patrick	4149.	25 Mar 74	"Offley"	Whaling	"Runnymede"	
Exc. Nicholson Arch.d	6030.	27 Jany 75	"Cecily Smith"	Adelaide	"Lancelles"	
" Needs Benjamin	663.	28 April 75	S.S. "China"	England	1st "Pyrenees"	
" Newton William	8665.	17 July "	S.S. "Peru"	Melbourne	"Victoria"	

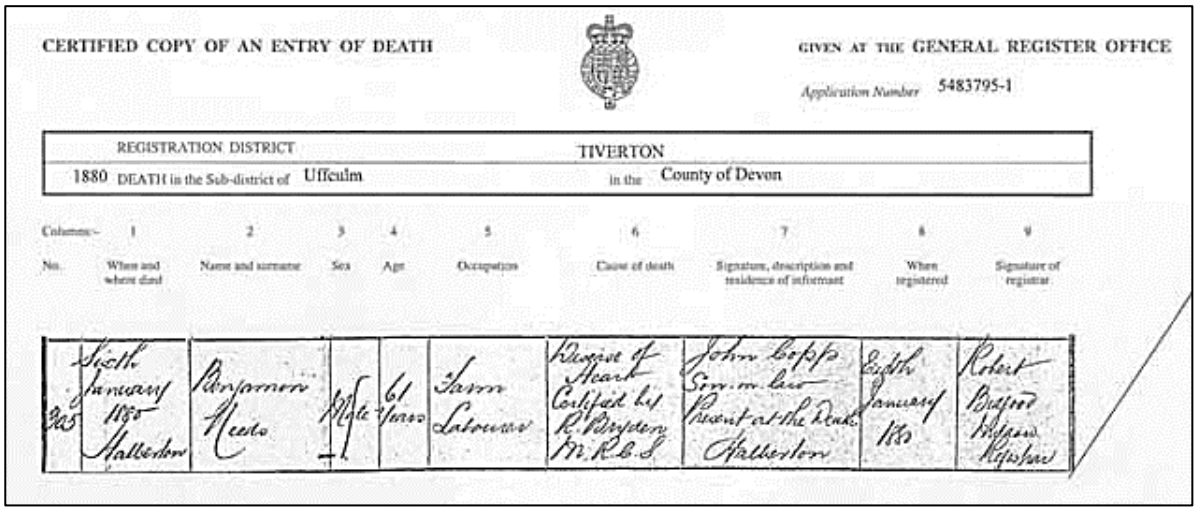
Following Benjamin Needs' arrival in England, he remarried.

m. 2 BENJAMIN NEEDS married **ANN COPP 1875**, Tiverton, Devon, England. Name recorded as Needs. England & Wales, Civil Registration Marriage Index, 1837-1915 for Benjamin Needs Q4-Oct-Nov-Dec 1875. Registration district Tiverton, Inferred County, Devon, Volume 5b, Page 765. Name: Ann Cobb, Benjamin Needs, James Smith and Elizabeth Webber.



NEEDS, Belle..... Poplar 1 c. 1314
—— Benjamin. .....Tiverton 5 b. 765

Benjamin Needs died 6 Jan 1880, Halberton, Sub District of Uffculm, Tiverton, Devon, England.



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Application Number 5483795-1

REGISTRATION DISTRICT TIVERTON

1880 DEATH in the Sub-district of Uffculm in the County of Devon

Columns:-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No.	When and where died	Name and surname	Sex	Age	Occupation	Cause of death	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar
205	Sixth January 1880 Halberton	Benjamin Needs	Male	61 years	Farm Labourer	Disease of Heart Certified by R. Burden M.R.C.S.	John Copp Son in law Present at the death Halberton	Eighth January 1880	Robert Buford Deputy Registrar

Copy of death certificate, Benjamin Needs

MORE DETAILS ON CHILDREN OF BENJAMIN NEEDS (1817-1880) & ELIZABETH BURROUGHS (1823-1869):

FIRST CHILD OF BENJAMIN NEEDS (1817-1880) AND ELIZABETH BURROUGHS (1823-1869):

1. NEEDS, AMELIA LUCE (1844-1927)

Amelia Luce Needs was born 21 Mar 1844, Tiverton, Devon, England. Emigration to Perth WA, 28 Dec 1853 with her mother Elizabeth Needs and brother William. Amelia Luce Gibson (nee Needs) died 27 Jan 1927, Bunbury, (Wellington), WA [Reg. 4].

William Gibson and Amelia Luce Needs

AMELIA LUCE NEEDS (1844-1927) married **WILLIAM GIBSON (1824-1915)** 8 Oct 1861, Picton, WA [Reg. 1689], recorded as Needs.

GIBSON, WILLIAM (1824-1915) Via Newman Family Tree, Ancestry. This is an excellent Family Tree.
William Gibson was born 11 Jul 1824, Gayton Thorpe, Norfolk, England. His parents were recorded as **WILLIAM GIBSON (1803-1862)** and **ELIZABETH LAKE (1802-1858)** who were married 19 Sep 1823, Gayton Thorpe, Norfolk, England. William and Elizabeth had seven children, William jnr being the eldest.

William Gibson died 5 May 1915, South Bunbury, (Wellington), WA [Reg. 60].
m.1 WILLIAM GIBSON (1824-1915) married to **ANNE HARRISON (1831-1911)** on 18 Sep 1848, East Walton, Norfolk, England.
William and Anne Gibson (nee Harrison) had two children: Jemima Gibson (1848-1930) and Rhoda Gibson (1851-1922).
William Gibson, Convict: convicted of Housebreaking and larceny, 10 years transportation. Convict No. 1281 Ship. *William Jardine*.
Arrival: 4 Aug 1852, Swan River Colony, WA.
On 14 May 1859, William applied for his wife and two children to emigrate, but they never arrived.
Census 1861: Pentney, Norfolk England. Ann Gibson.
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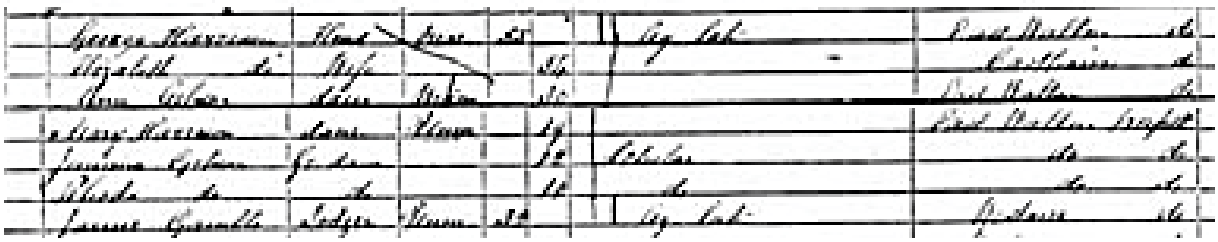

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WILLIAM GIBSON, TICKET OF LEAVE: 17 Oct 1853. WILLIAM GIBSON, CONDITIONAL PARDON: 17 Sep 1859.

AMELIA LUCE NEEDS and WILLIAM GIBSON had 14 children as below.

1. ELIZABETH GIBSON (1862-1938) married WILLIAM BULL (1857-1919), 1886, WA [Reg. 6110].
2. SUSAN GIBSON (1864-1956) married JOSHUA PICKERSGILL (1860-1935), 1886, WA [Reg. 6111].
3. HENRY GIBSON (1866-1965) married JESSIE ANN MCPHERSON (1864-1946), 1887, WA [Reg. 115].

4. WILLIAM GIBSON (1868-1960) married MARGARET REBECCA BULL (1867-1946), 1892, WA [Reg. 123].
5. BENJAMIN GIBSON (1870-1930) married MARTHA BUCK (1874-1937), 1892, WA [Reg. 243].
6. GEORGE GIBSON (1872-1946) married MATILDA WADDINGHAM (1871-1949), 1893, WA [Reg. 201].
7. AMELIA GIBSON (1874-1970) married ROBERT PROSSER (1869-1939), 1892, WA [Reg. 36].
8. WALTER GIBSON (1875-1965) married ESTHER AMELIA WENN (1878-1962), 1896, WA [Reg. 1035].
9. ERNEST GIBSON (1877-1916), KILLED IN ACTION, MOQUET FARM, FRANCE.
10. HORACE GIBSON (1879-1879), died aged 1 month. WA [Reg. 10157].
11. JESSE GIBSON (1880-1960) married MARGARET ELIZABETH HOUSE (1882-1949) 1905, WA [Reg. 2013].
12. OWEN GIBSON (1883-1884), died aged 1 year. WA [Reg. 12233].
13. HERBERT GIBSON (1885-1885), died aged 3 months. WA [Reg. 13154], reg. under Herbet.
14. CLARENCE GIBSON (1886-1966) married m.2 MAY MAUDE CRIMMINS (NEE STAPLETON), 1910, WA [Reg. 41].

m1. MAY MAUDE STAPLETON married DANIEL J CRIMMINS 1903, Sydney, NSW [Reg. 2427].

Electoral Roll:
1903, 1910, William Gibson, Constitution Rd, South Bunbury, market gardener, Amelia, married.
1917, 1922 Amelia Gibson, Constitution Rd, South Bunbury, married.

William Gibson died 5 May 1915, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 60]. A brief summary of William and Amelia's life can be read in their obituaries, following:

***Southern Times* (Bunbury, WA: 1888-1916), Thu 6 May 1915, pg 5.**
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The chief mourners were all the children, and many grand-children, besides a very large number of South West friends.

A large number of beautiful floral emblems were received, including those from the following:—Mrs Dixon, Mr Wenn and Pearl Griffin, Mrs Flaherty and daughters, Mr and Mrs Tredrea, Mr and Mrs T. Lockhart, Mrs Evans, Mr and Mrs Griffin, Mr and Mrs Siddoltz and family, Mr and Mrs Young, Mr and Mrs Reddy, Mr and Mrs T. Brittain, Mr and Mrs T. Delaporte and family, Mr and Mrs W. Newman, Mr and Mrs J. Scott, Mr and Mrs Cross and family, the Rev. Crane (England), Mr and Mrs Isard, Mr and Mrs Dunn, from A. and M. Hornsby, Mr and Mrs Paisley and family, Mr and Mrs H. Gibson, Mr and Mrs A. O. Delaporte Mrs J. J. Harris, and Mrs L. Hay, Mr and Mrs Chas Hanson and family, Mrs Margaret Gunsfield and family, Mr and Mrs Geo Upson, Mr and Mrs Foster and family, Mr and Mrs H. House and family, Mr and Mrs F. J. James and Mrs Higgins, Mr and Mrs C. Gibson, Mr and Mrs J. Gibson, Mr and Mrs Stapleton and family, Mr and Mrs Burnell, Mr and Mrs Woolnough, Mr and Mrs Rodwell and family, Mr and Mrs Metcalfe, Mr and Mrs J. King, Mr and Mrs Saunders, Mr and Mrs T. Wenn and family, Mr and Mrs A. Christie, Mr and Mrs F. Brittain and family, Mr and Mrs W. Lockhart, Mr and Mrs C. Johnston and family, and Mr and Mrs Watson.

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***Western Mail* (Perth, WA: 1885 - 1954), Thu 3 Feb 1927, pg 7**
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THE LATE MRS. AMELIA GIBSON.

One of Bunbury's oldest inhabitants, she died recently aged 83 years. She arrived in WA when she was 11 years of age. She left 10 children, 68 grandchildren and 93 great-grandchildren.

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***The Bunbury Herald and Blackwood Express* (WA: 1919-1929), Fri 14 Jan 1927, pg 6.**
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Headstone of William Gibson (1824-1915), aged 92 years and Amelia Luce Gibson (nee Needs) (1844-1927) aged 83 years, Picton Cemetery.

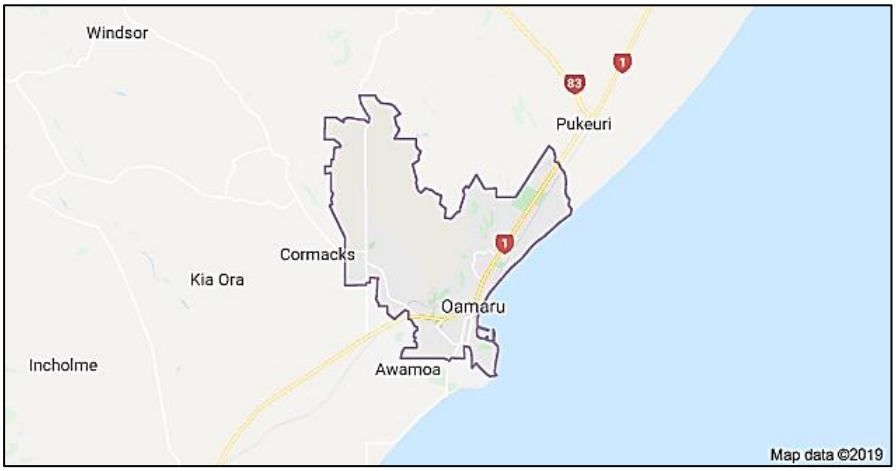
SECOND CHILD OF BENJAMIN NEEDS (1817-1880) AND ELIZABETH BURROUGHS (1823-1869):

2. NEEDS, WILLIAM (1848-1921) (via Lynn Mayo Family Tree, certificates in gallery) was born 29 Sep 1848, Halberton, Devon, England. Emigration to Perth WA 28 Dec 1853 with his mother Elizabeth Needs and sister Amelia. In 1880, he was recorded as being employed at Oamaru, Otago, New Zealand.

The story of William's early years can be read in his parent's chapter. One can surmise that as he grew up, William worked on his father's farm. He was aged 21 years when his mother died 21 Nov 1869. Shortly before his mother's death William Needs was recorded as working in 1868, Gawler River. His father William sold the farm and returned to England 28 Apr 1875, six years after his wife's death. It appears that William continued on his travels and records show he eventually ended up in New Zealand. In 1880-1881, he was in Waitaki, Otago, New Zealand.

WILLIAM NEEDS (1848-1921) married **SARAH JANE CAMPBELL (~1855-1943)**, 9 Feb 1881, New Zealand.
William Needs died 25 Mar 1921, Oamaru, Otago, New Zealand. We do not know any details at this stage about Sara Jane Campbell's family. William and Sarah Jane Campbell (~1855-1943) had five children: William Henry (1881-1971), Amelia Gibson (1883-1974), Gertrude Margaret (1886-1952), Robert Alexander (1892-1984) and Benjamin Robert Needs (1894-1916), KIA, 15 Nov 1916, Messines.

Oamaru, Town in the South Island, New Zealand



Oamaru is the largest town in North Otago, in the South Island of New Zealand, it is the main town in the Waitaki District. It is 80 kilometres south of Timaru and 120 kilometres north of Dunedin on the Pacific coast; State Highway 1 and the railway Main South Line connect it to both cities.

Records show William Need's residence at the following years and place: Employment: 1880, 1890, 1900 Oamaru, Otago, New Zealand, farm labourer. 1896,1900, 1905-1906 Oamaru, Otago, New Zealand. Described as a farmer on the 1905 electoral register.

William Needs died 25 Mar 1921, Oamaru, Otago, New Zealand. William and his wife Sarah together with their youngest son Benjamin Herbert, who died at Messines, are buried Oamaru, Otago Cemetery, New Zealand. Their daughter Gertrude Margaret and husband Donald Smith and baby son are also buried there.

Oamaru, Otago Cemetery:
https://www.waitaki.govt.nz/our-services/do-it-online/cemetery-search/Pages/default.aspx

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Plan: BLOCK 188 PLOTS 6-7
Stone: 1. I.L.M.O. Gertrude Margaret dearly beloved wife of Donald SMITH, who passed away Feb. 5th 1952. Donald Alexander SMITH, who passed away April 8th 1959. Also their infant son Alexander Campbell SMITH. Died Sept. 3th 1920.
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3. NEEDS, JANE (1855-1938). See details of Jane in the story of her parents above and her marriage to Walter Blechynden following.

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4. NEEDS, BENJAMIN (1858-1914) Via Giblett Family Tree

Benjamin Needes was born 22 Aug 1858, 'Springfield', Capel River, WA [Reg. 4268], recorded as Needes.
Benjamin Needs died 1914, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 47]. Recorded as Needs.

Benjamin grew up on 'Springfield'. He was nine years of age when his baby brother Thomas died on 8 Apr 1867 and 11 years of age when his mother Elizabeth died on 21 Nov 1869. A lot of sorrow for a young boy. He was aged 17 years when his father left on 28 Apr 1875 to return to England. Benjamin worked for the Muir's as a bullock driver taking crops to Albany and one can imagine this is where he met and courted Charlotte Muir.

BENJAMIN NEEDS (1858-1914) married **CHARLOTTE MUIR (1860-1927)** 26 Jul 1884, Busselton, WA [Reg. 5775]. Recorded as Needs.

MUIR, CHARLOTTE (1860-1927)

Charlotte Muir was born 4 Apr 1860, Forest Hill, WA [Reg. 5185]. Her parents **THOMAS MUIR (1833-1926)** and **CHARLOTTE AMELIA HERBERT (1838-1905)** were married 9 Oct 1858, St John's Church, Albany, WA [Reg. 1242]. Charlotte was the eldest child of the 'Deeside' Muir's.

THOMAS MUIR (1833-1926) AND CHARLOTTE AMELIA HERBERT (1838-1905) HAD NINE CHILDREN:

1. CHARLOTTE MUIR (1860-1927) married **BENJAMIN NEEDS (1858-1914),** 1884, WA [Reg. 5775].

2. ELIZABETH MUIR (1861-1940) married CHARLES KITCHING FOWLER (1853-1923), 1891, WA [Reg. 228].

3. MARY MUIR (1864-1864) Died aged 3 days.

4. AGNES MARY MUIR (1865-1938) married 'JACK' JOHN CHARLES MANE (1873-1913), 1903, WA [Reg. 19].

5. MARGARET MELVILLE MUIR (1868-1930) married m.1 THOMAS RICHARD SMITH (~1862-1892), 1891, WA [Reg. 19]. m.2 MARGARET MELVILLE MUIR (1868-1930) married ROBERT ALEXANDER SCARLETT (1865-1944), 1901, WA [Reg. 13].

6. ASENATH AMELIA MUIR (1870-1951) married CHARLES EDWARD DOUST (1877-1947), 1900, WA [Reg. 13].

7. MARY WHITE MUIR (1872-1944) married JAMES FOWLER (1867-1949), 1898, WA [Reg. No. 14].

8. ANDREW MUIR (1876-1966) married ETHEL UNA FORREST (1880-1961), 1902, WA [Reg. 24].

9. JOHN MUIR (1880-1950) married IDA BLANCHE DOUST (1881-1964), 1901, WA [Reg. 12].

Electoral Roll:

1903, Thomas Muir, Deeside, Charlotte.
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1903, 1913, 1931, 1958 Andrew Muir, Deeside, farmer, Ethel Una, married.

Benjamin Needes

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'Deeside', where Charlotte grew up as a girl.

Continuing with the story of **BENJAMIN NEEDS (1858-1914)** and **CHARLOTTE MUIR (1860-1927)**

Ben and Charlotte Needs had the first Perup property and built their home there. The property had intensive farming on 40 acres freehold plus a 10,000-acre lease.

Map showing Perup

WA Livestock Brands 1912-1962
https://www.carnamah.com.au/livestock-brands

Needs	B.	Perup, Balbarrup	1BN	1912
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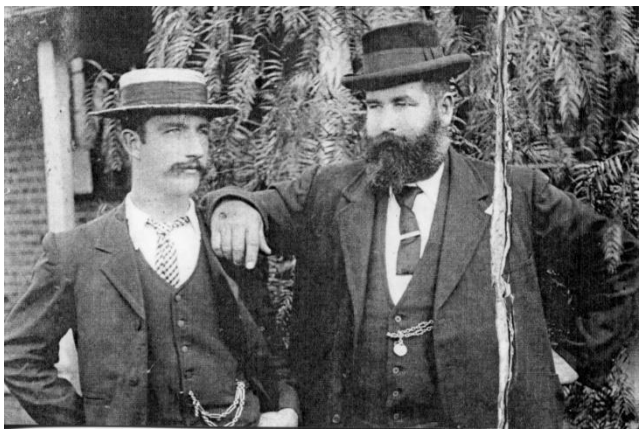

Electoral Roll:
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1903, 1910, 1914 Benjamin Needs, Perup River, farmer, Charlotte, married.
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L-R: Ben Blechynden - son of Ben's sister Jane Blechynden (nee Needs), and Ben Needs

BENJAMIN NEEDES (1858-1914) AND CHARLOTTE MUIR (1860-1927) HAD SEVEN CHILDREN:
Note: All spelt Needs not Needes.

1. THOMAS MUIR PERUP NEEDS (1885-1950) married **ADA MAUDE MARY WRIGHT (1893-1965)**, 1915, Wellington, WA [Reg. 16] - Via: Bluett Family Tree, Ancestry: Residence, 1918, Perup, Manjimup, WA. Ada Maud Needs died 1965, WA Reg. No. 64], father, Edward, mother, Mary.

2. CHARLOTTE ALICE MARY NEEDS (1890-1956) 'Olive' married **JAMES WILLIAM EMERY (1890-1961),** 1929, WA [Reg. 24]. Birth and marriage recorded under Needs.

3. HILDA NEEDS (1891-1966) married **ALEXANDER 'ALEC' MCDOUGAL RALSTON (1893-1980)**, 1921, WA [Reg. 29]. Birth and marriage recorded under Needs.

4. BENJAMIN NEEDS (1894-1894) Died aged 1 day.
Birth recorded under Needes, death under Needs.

5. JOHN PERUP NEEDS (1895-1972) married **m.1 IRENE M SWEETSER** 1914, WA [Reg. 57].

m.2 JOHN PERUP NEEDS (1895-1972) married **ADA WEBB (1900-1966),** 1929, WA [Reg. 29].
m.3 JOHN PERUP NEEDS (1895-1972) married **IVY DENNIS ALEXANDER**, 1954, WA [Reg. 397]. Birth and marriage recorded under Needs.

6. AGNES 'MARY' NEEDS (1896-1956) married **JOHN 'JACK' THOMAS WILLIAM SKINNER (1904-1981),** 1924, WA [Reg. 41]. Birth and marriage recorded under Needs.

7. JANE NEEDS (1901-1996) married **CECIL LEONARD WARD (1899-1966),** 1925, WA [Reg. 17]. Birth and marriage recorded under Needs.

Electoral Roll:
Recorded as Needs. Family on Perup property, Manjimup.
1918 Thomas Muir Perup Needs, Perup, farmer, Ada Maude Mary, Housewife, Charlotte Olive Mary, spinster. John Needs, Perup, Manjimup, farmer, Hilda, Home duties. Charlotte Needs, Perup, Balbarrup, married.
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1922 Thomas Muir Perup Needs, Rivervale, Manjimup, farmer.
1968 John Perup Needs, Perup, Manjimup, farmer, Ivy Dennis, Home duties.
Benjamin Needs died age 56 on 21 Sep 1914, Perup, (Blackwood), WA [Reg. 47].
Charlotte Needs (nee Muir) died 23 Oct 1927. Aged 67 years.

Benjamin and Charlotte are buried at the Balbarrup, Cemetery, WA.

Left: *Grave of Benjamin Needs*

Right: *Charlotte Needs (nee Muir'), Balbarrup Cemetery. Photos by Ken Blechynden*

FIFTH CHILD OF BENJAMIN NEEDS (1817-1880) AND ELIZABETH BURROUGHS (1823-1869):

5. NEEDS, MERCY (1860-1943)
Via Halligan Family Tree

Mercy Needs was born 6 Oct 1860, Capel River, WA [Reg. 5421]. Surname recorded as Needes. Mercy grew up on 'Springfield'. She was aged seven years of age when her baby brother died on 8 Apr 1867 and 9 years of age when her mother Elizabeth died on 21 Nov 1869. What a sad time for a little girl. Her older sister Jane helped look after her while her father worked 'Springfield'. Her sister Jane was married 27 Oct 1873 to Walter Edward Blechynden at the Picton Anglican Church, Bunbury. Mercy was aged 15 years when her father sold their property and left to return to England 28 Apr

1875. It is possible she went to live with Jane and Walter Blechynden. Almost ten years later she married Clarence Doust. Clarence worked as a Stockman on his brother's property Geegelup, Bridgetown.

MERCY NEEDS (1860-1943) married **ABRAHAM BENJAMIN 'CLARENCE' DOUST (1858-1937)**, 1885, Albany, WA [Reg. 5984], surname recorded as Needs.

DOUST, ABRAHAM BENJAMIN 'CLARENCE' (1858-1937)

Abraham Benjamin Clarence Doust was born 24 Aug 1858, Toodyay, WA [Reg. 4354]. Parents: **ISAAC DOUST (1813-1903)** and **FRANCES 'FANNY' ELIZABETH FELLOWS (1815-1899)** who were married 9 Oct 1836, Icklesham, East Sussex, England.
Abraham was the last of ten children born to Isaac Doust and Frances Fellows, who migrated from Sussex, England, to the Swan River Colony on the *Simon Taylor* 20 Aug 1842.They were accompanied by their two children, Emily and Alice who were born in Rye, Sussex, England. Following their arrival in WA, they had another eight children.

The following pages have details of Abraham Benjamin 'Clarence' Doust's parents Isaac Doust (1813-1903) and Frances 'Fanny' Elizabeth Fellows (1815-1899) and family:

DOUST, ISAAC (1813-1903) 'Clarence' Doust's father

Isaac Doust was born 20 Feb 1813, Udimore, Rye, East Sussex, England. Isaac Doust died 21 Jun 1903, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 31].

FELLOWS, FRANCES 'FANNY' ELIZABETH (1815-1899) 'Clarence' Doust's mother, was born 2 Feb 1815, Sussex, England. Parents: **HENRY FELLOWS (1783-1862)** and **FRANCES FREDERICK (1793-1874).** Fanny died 18 Oct 1899, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 2299], aged 85 years

CHILDREN OF ISAAC DOUST (1813-1903) AND FRANCES 'FANNY' ELIZABETH FELLOWS (1816-1899):

1. EMILY DOUST (1838-1929) married **SIMON MARTIN (1823-1886),** 30 Nov 1854, Toodyay, WA [Reg No. 747].

2. ALICE LOUISA DOUST (1840-1927) married **HENRY GREEN (1831-1867)**, 15 Dec 1859, Toodyay, WA [Reg. 1402], registered under Louisa Alice Doust.

3. ISAAC DOUST (1843-1884) Builder and owner of pearling vessel. Murdered 2 Apr 1884, Stewart Island, WA.

***Evening Journal* (Adelaide, SA: 1869 - 1912), Sat 10 May 1884, pg 5**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/197794758

Western Australia, Perth, May 9. *Governor Broome has published a long report of his impressions of the colony during his visit to the country districts. The Otway arrived at Geraldton from Cossack today. She reports that Isaac Doust has been murdered by the natives of Thursday Island. (ed. They were his crew. The murder was in the north of WA – see below)*

***West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Thu 19 Mar 1885, pg 3**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article2996395.txt

The wreck of a small vessel supposed to be the Swan had been found by the Black Hawk on the coast reef off Cape Londonderry abreast of Stewart Island. Assuming it to be the wreck of the Swan, the

unfortunate master, Mr. Isaac Doust, must have made a voyage of about three hundred miles in his dingy to the mouth of King Sound before being murdered by his native crew.

Note: Cape Londonderry is the northernmost point of mainland Western Australia, as well as the southwestern corner of the Timor Sea. It lies east of Cape Talbot and northeast of Kalumburu (the nearest settlement), in the Kimberley region.

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4. HENRY JAMES DOUST (1846-1912) married **ELIZABETH CHAPMAN (1850-1939),** 1872, Bunbury, WA Reg No. 3425].

5. URIAH DOUST (1848-1929) married **ELIZABETH MARY ANN GALE (1857-1940)** 26 Dec 1873, Fremantle, WA [Reg No. 3664].

6. MATTHEW DOUST (1851-1940) married **m.1 MARY BULL (1851-1878),** 9 Nov 1872, Newcastle (Toodyay), WA [Reg. 3496]. **m.2 MARGARET ANN KEEFE (1857-1919), 24 Nov 1878**, Newcastle (Toodyay), WA [Reg. 4583]. **m.3 ELIZA DHU (1851-1943),** 10 May 1922, Toodyay, WA.

7. FREDERICK DOUST (1852-1853) Born 1852, Toodyay, WA [Reg. 2112]. Died, 1853, WA [Reg. 549], registered under Fedk, aged six months**.**

8. ALFRED FREDERICK DOUST (1853-1943) married **SUSAN RUMMER (1859-1938),** 1879, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 4770].

9. CHARLES THEODORE DOUST (1856-1885) In records in the Doust book it states that Charles Theodore Doust (also known as Tom - Isaac's brother) drowned in a storm at Point Torment on Jan 13th 1885, aged 29. (From J.S. Library- Card Index Collection and publication Moondyne Joe written by I. Elliot (1978) published by UWA Press)

10. ABRAHAM BENJAMIN CLARENCE DOUST (1858-1937) married **MERCY NEEDS (1860-1943)**, 1885, Albany, WA [Reg. 5984].

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2. FRANK WALTER DOUST (1887-1971) married REBECCA COOK (1889-1963), 1924, WA [Reg. 123].

3. FRANCES AGNES DOUST (1888-1982) married ERIC HARTLEY BRADSHAW (1888-1954), 1919, WA [Reg. 15].

4. ALICE JANE DOUST (1889-1977) married ROBERT FORREST MUIR (1880-1961), 1910, WA [Reg. 24].

5. MATTHEW JAMES DOUST (1891-1975) married **HILDA BLANCHE BLECHYNDEN (1888-1986)**, 1934, WA [Reg. 23].

6. ALFRED EDWARD DOUST (1894-1939) married CHARLOTTE JESSIE MUIR (1896-1994), 1930, WA [Reg. 23].

7. CLARICE MAY DOUST (1896-) married BERTRAM YOUNG (1895-1971), 1920, WA [Reg. 4].

8. CLARA LOUISE DOUST (1898-1977) married HERBERT JAMES GIBLETT (1877-1951), 1923, WA [Reg. 27].

9. HERBERT LEONARD DOUST (1900-1941)

10. VIOLET LILA DOUST (1901-1989) married WILLIAM CLEMENT BEARD (1884-1972), 1924, WA [Reg. 9]. Herbert and Violet Doust

Herbert and Violet Doust. Via Isaac & James Doust and descendants.

11. LINDA MABEL DOUST (1904-1904), died 1904, Warren, WA [Reg. 41], aged 5 weeks.

The following article by Colin Svanberg gives us some idea about Clarence Doust and his wife Mercy and children. Via the Newman family tree, Ancestry, on a history of the Doust family.

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On one occasion a family was left without a father, with the Dousts doing everything possible to make the situation easier for them. They also accommodated one sick woman, even taking her to the Bridgetown doctor and paying the doctor's bills.

Clarence's father came down to "Riverside" after his wife died in 1899 aged 84. He was cared for by his son for several years before he went to "Geegeelup". Isaac died aged 90 and was buried at Bridgetown.

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On Isaac's death "Riverside" was inherited by Henry, who in turn passed the property on to Clarence.

By 1928 the "Riverside" dairy had a herd of 90 milking cows. A petrol-driven milking machine was installed which saved an enormous amount of time.

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Just eight years later, Alf died suddenly, leaving his wife and no children. "Riverside" was sold and bought by the present owner, Tom Muir, where he today runs beef cattle and sheep.

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Every second Sunday the Doust children attended the church service held at Deeside. The minister was Mr Hart, with the Muir and Needs families also attending to make up the congregation.

Clarence and Mercy became known as a kindly couple, never failing to render assistance to those in need, a trait which arose from their firm religious upbringing. On one occasion a family was left without a father, with the Dousts doing everything possible to make the situation easier for them. They also accommodated one sick woman even taking her to the Bridgetown doctor and paying the doctor's bills.

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By 1928 the "Riverside" dairy had a herd of 90 milking cows. A petrol-driven milking machine was installed which saved an enormous amount of time.

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Note: * Violet Beard: **VIOLET LILA DOUST (1901-1989)** married **WILLIAM CLEMENT BEARD (1884-1972),** 1924, [Reg. 9]. She died 16 Oct 1989, aged 88. She is buried in the Busselton Cemetery.

Clarence and Mercy Doust, photo. Via Newman Family Tree, Ancestry.

Mercy Doust (nee Needs)

•• Three generations of the Doust family. Clarence and Mercy are seated.

The Doust family - part of the article,
***Initiative, foresight bring the Dousts to Bridgetown* by Colin Svanberg.**
P120 in the book by Bradley Brooksby, Margaret P. Doust & Michael Doust, Express Print, Bunbury "Isaac & James Doust" ISBN: 978-0-646-94851-5.
Seated centre Clarence & Mercy Doust but the children & grandchildren are not named.

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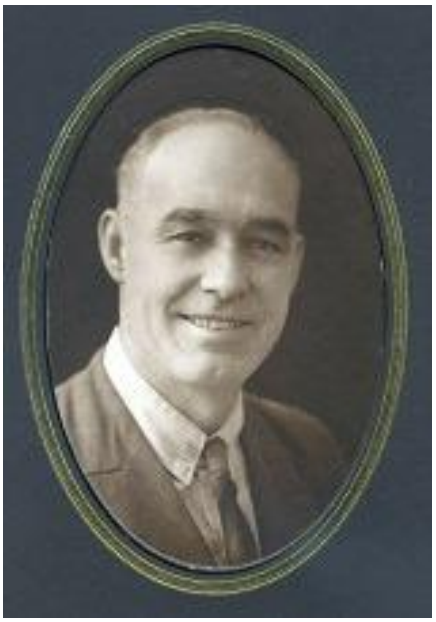

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Photo Clarence Isaac Doust, from the article following.

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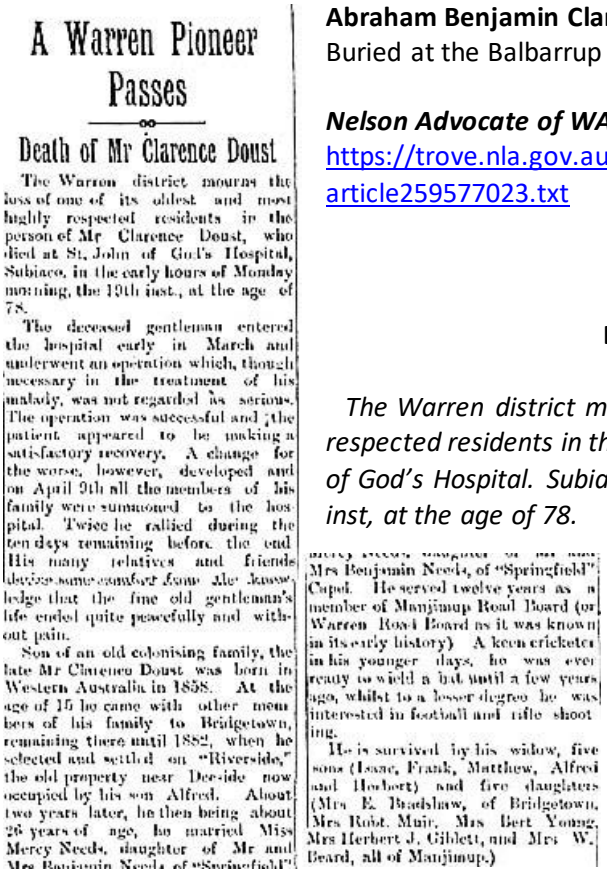

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Obituary

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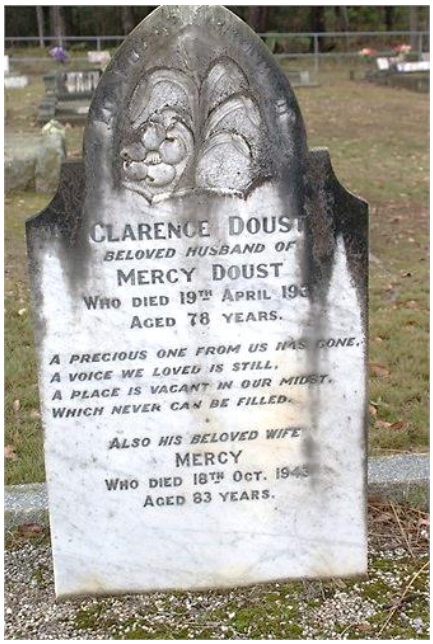

Headstone, Clarence Doust and Mercy (nee Needs). Balbarrup Cemetery.

SIXTH CHILD OF BENJAMIN NEEDS (1817-1880) AND ELIZABETH BURROUGHS (1823-1869):

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Continuing the story of WALTER EDWARD BLECHYNDEN (1846-1940) AND JANE NEEDS (1855-1938)

Three months prior to Walter and Jane's wedding, Walter Blechynden's father, Harrison Blechynden, died on the 17 Jul 1873 at Beverley, WA, aged 71 years. The funeral was held at St Paul's Church, Edwards Crossing and he was laid to rest at the Edwards Crossing Cemetery. One can imagine Walter would have travelled to Beverley to be with his mother and family for the funeral.

WALTER EDWARD BLECHYNDEN was married 27 Oct 1873 to **JANE NEEDS** at the Picton Anglican Church, Bunbury, WA. It is highly likely that the whole Blechynden family, together with the Need's family would have helped celebrate the marriage of this couple.

Old Picton Church where Walter Edward Blechynden and Jane Needs were married.

Walter Blechynden was recorded as being a farmer and grazier, in Bridgetown and Manjimup in the 1870's. He and his family established 'Glenpennant', which is located near Dingup, at the end of Glenpennant Road, about 20 kilometres east of Manjimup, WA, along the Muir Highway.

Map showing Balbarrup and Dingup

Provisions were obtained from Albany where Walter traded fruit and potatoes in return for flour, tea and other essentials. Cattle were taken to the neighbouring coastal leases of the Roses, between Doggerup and Malimup, from Windy Harbour. As well as bringing up her family and taking part in the community, Jane acted as a local midwife.

MANJIMUP:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manjimup,_Western_Australia

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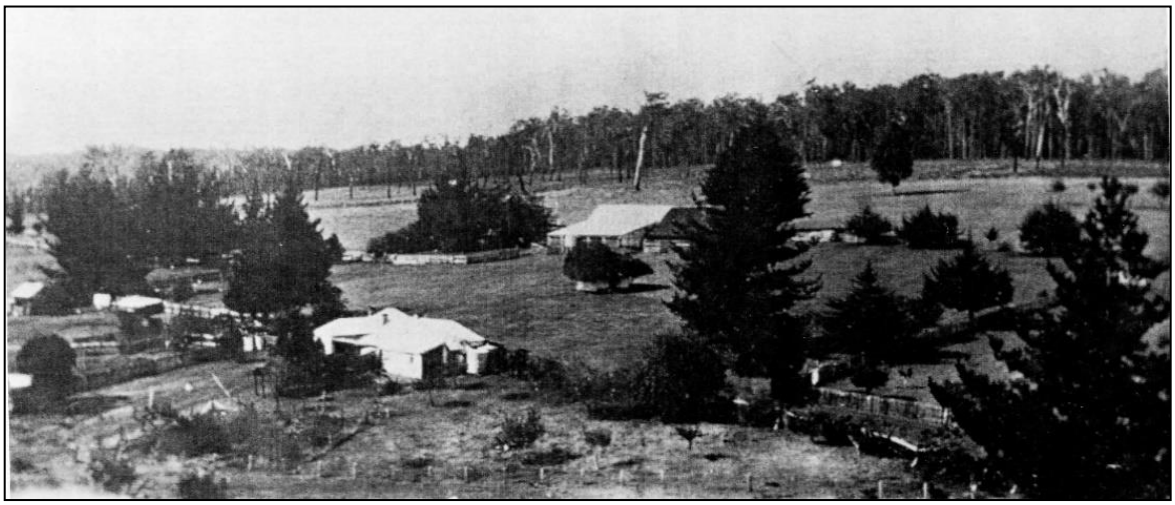
Walter and Jane, 'Glenpennant'. Courtesy Cheryl Hay Hendry



Glenpennant', Manjimup, Courtesy Cheryl Hay Hendry

'Glenpennant', cow shed, white building, house just behind the car. Courtesy Cheryl Hay Hendry

Christmas lunch 1930s. 'Glenpennant', small boy on left thought to be Clayton Blechynden. Courtesy Cheryl Hay Hendry

'Glenpennant'

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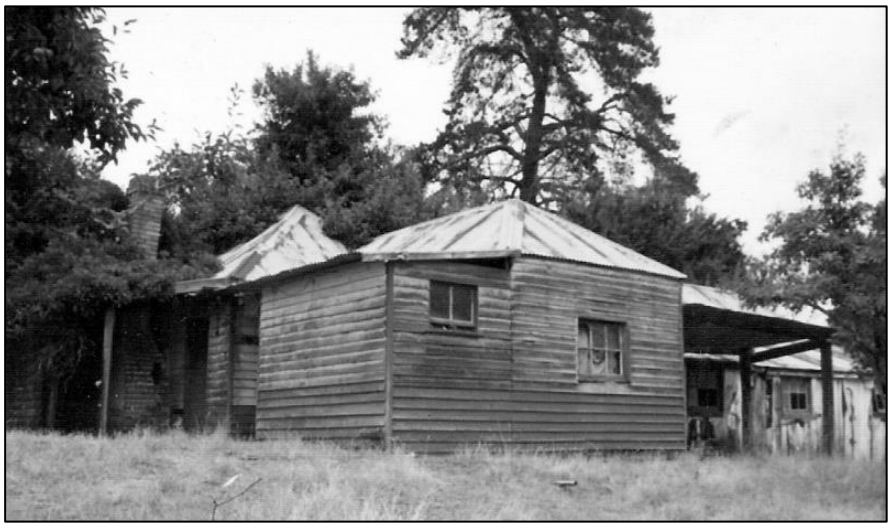
'Glenpennant', Manjimup, Western Australia, surrounded by bush

Glenpennant from the air, 2017



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Walter Edward Blechynden. Courtesy Cheryl Hay Hendry

Glenpennant', the newer house.
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Glenpennant', the newer house. Vernon Blechynden lived in it, then moved into town. His son now has it.
Courtesy Raylene Kanny

BALBARRUP POSTAL SERVICES:
https://www.abc.net.au/local/stories/2008/09/15/2365349.htm

For the scattered settlers of the Warren area the Balbarrup property of John Giblett, Nelson Location 32, a Crown Grant, settled in 1861, became a central point for meeting and the collection and distribution of mail. It became the Post Office for the area in 1864, John Giblett as the Postmaster, with the office being part of his family home. It was named 'The Blackwood Post Office' with John receiving the sum of Five Pounds per annum as a salary! The mail came by horseback monthly from Bunbury with a pack horse used if the mail was heavy. A three day stop over was made to enable letters to be answered. In 1870 the name was changed to Balbarrup Post Office.

DINGUP is a small town located near the Muir Highway in the South West region of WA. Thomas and Maria Giblett married in 1868 and moved to Dingup. The land had been purchased for Thomas the oldest son of the Giblett family who had settled in the Balbarrup area in 1861.

CHILDREN OF WALTER EDWARD BLECHYNDEN (1846-1940) AND JANE NEEDS (1855-1938)

Photos courtesy Jane Muir

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2. CLARA ANNE BLECHYNDEN (1876-1972)
2nd child of Walter Edward and Jane Blechynden
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3. CHARLOTTE J BLECHYNDEN (1878-1943)

3rd child of Walter Edward and Jane Blechynden
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4. LILA RUBUS BLECHYNDEN (1881-1970)

4th child of Walter Edward and Jane Blechynden
Married WILLIAM Pointz Muir (1869-1950)

5. ELENA 'EVELYN' BLECHYNDEN (1883-1962) Lina/Lina/Everline

5th child of Walter Edward and Jane Blechynden
Married FRANK THOMAS GIBLETT (1881-1963)

6. ALMA MERCY BLECHYNDEN (1884-1978)

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It is worth noting here that four of Walter Edward Blechynden and Jane Needs' children, married descendants from the pioneering Giblett family.

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Clara Annie married **Robert Forrest Muir**
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Almost a year after their father's death, Walter's brother, Henry George Blechynden, was married in York to Mary Ann Reilly on 7 May 1874. Five months later, Walter and Jane Blechynden's first child Benjamin Harrison, (Benjamin after Jane's father and grandfather and Harrison after Walter's father), was born 8 Sep 1874 at 'Glenpennant'. Their second child Clara Anne Blechynden was born 23 Apr

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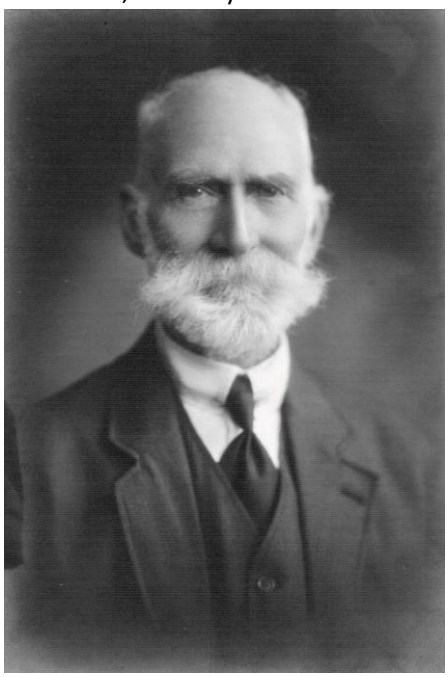
Walter Blechynden

Jane Blechynden (nee Needs)

The whole family would have been concerned to hear that Bevan Hamersley who had inherited the property of 'Babbyalla' Estate was to take residence there in 1888. They must have been relieved to hear that their mother Charlotte had moved to live with her son, Charles and his wife Caroline Blechynden, at 'Roesland'. A year later, Charlotte Blechynden (nee Robus) died on 13 Sep 1889 at 'Roesland', Beverley.



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Walter Edward Blechynden

Walter and Jane's tenth child, Clayton Ashley Blechynden was born 19 Jun 1893, Blackwood, WA. Walter's youngest brother, Joseph Blechynden (the last of his siblings to wed), was married, 4 Oct 1893, at St Mary's Anglican Church Beverley, to Grace Bridget Emma Hancock.

The children grew up on 'Glenpennant'. They all received schooling, married and had families of their own. It was a time of celebration when at the age of 20 years, their eldest son Benjamin Harrison

Blechynden married Bertha Mary Giblett at the Dingup School, on 27 Jul 1904. Their eleventh and last child Enid Maud Blechynden was born 21 Feb 1896. Jane was now aged 41 and Walter 50 years. Life was a busy one for the family.

Over the next 20 years another ten weddings took place and Jane and Walter enjoyed becoming grandparents as each couple were blessed with children. Weddings in order of date: Clara Anne married Robert Forest Muir, 10 Apr 1900. Lila Robus Blechynden married William Pointz Muir 27 Jun 1900. Elena Evelyn Blechynden married Frank Thomas Giblett 23 Apr 1906. Charlotte Blechynden married Reece George Spencer 25 Apr 1911. Alma Mercy Blechynden married Ernest John Giblett 23 Oct 1812. Laura Jane Blechynden married Harold Arthur McKenney, 1916. Hazel Minna Blechynden married Charles Colin Lister, 1919. Enid Maud Blechynden married Walter John Giblett, 28 Apr 1920. Clayton Ashley Blechynden married Louisa Adeline Blythe, 27 Feb 1932. Hilda Blanche Blechynden married Matthew James Doust, 1934.

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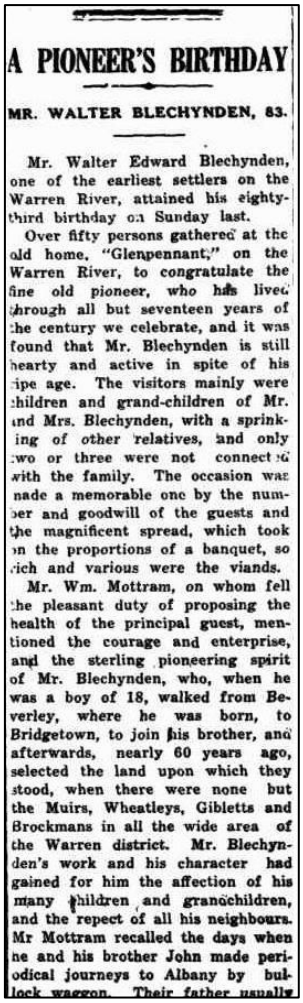

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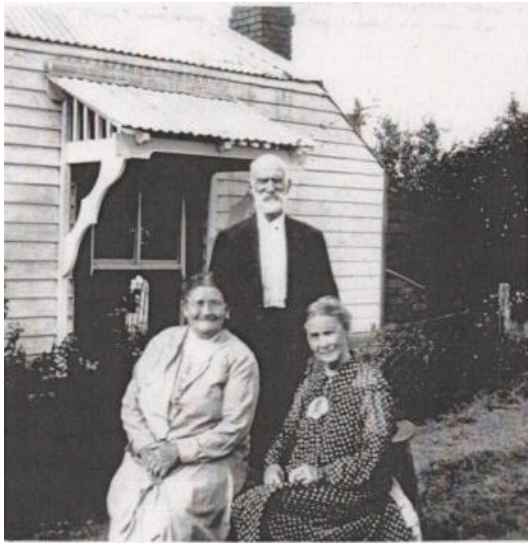
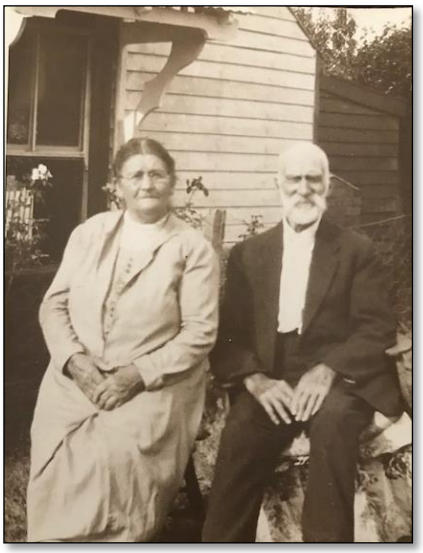


Left: *Walter and Jane Blechynden with Jane's sister, Mercy. Courtesy Lyn Barsh.*

Right: *Jane and Walter Blechynden, 1919. Courtesy Lyn Barsh*



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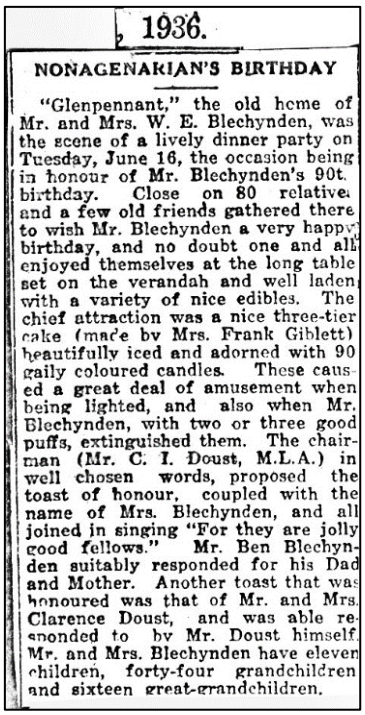

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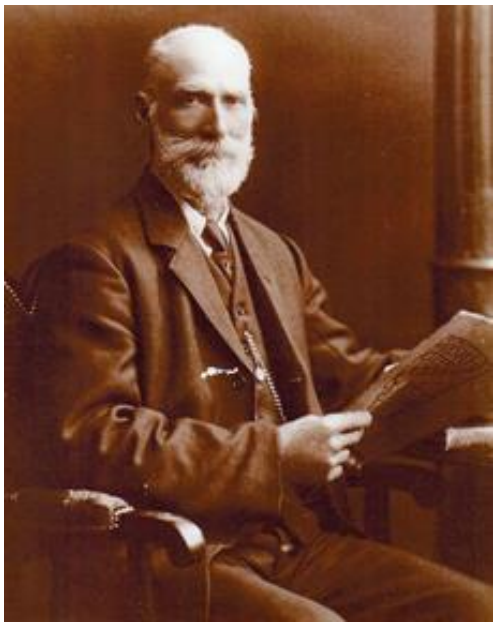

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In 1894 and 1895, Postal records show Walter Blechynden as a grazier, 'Glenpennant.'

From 1897-1940 he was recorded as a farmer and as a farmer at Balbarrup. Walter Blechynden died in 1940.

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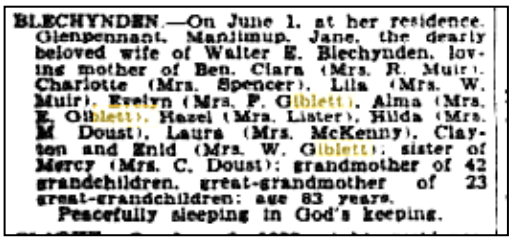
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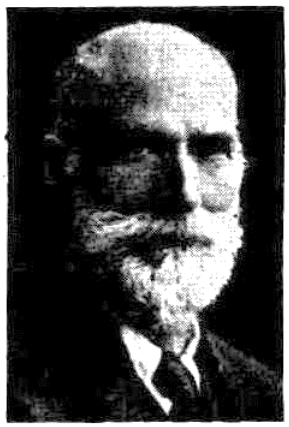

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Bridgetown Advocate **(WA: 1938 - 1950), Thu 11 Apr 1940, pg. 4**
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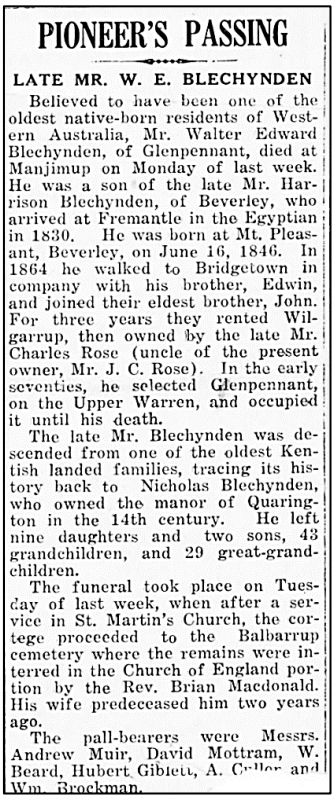

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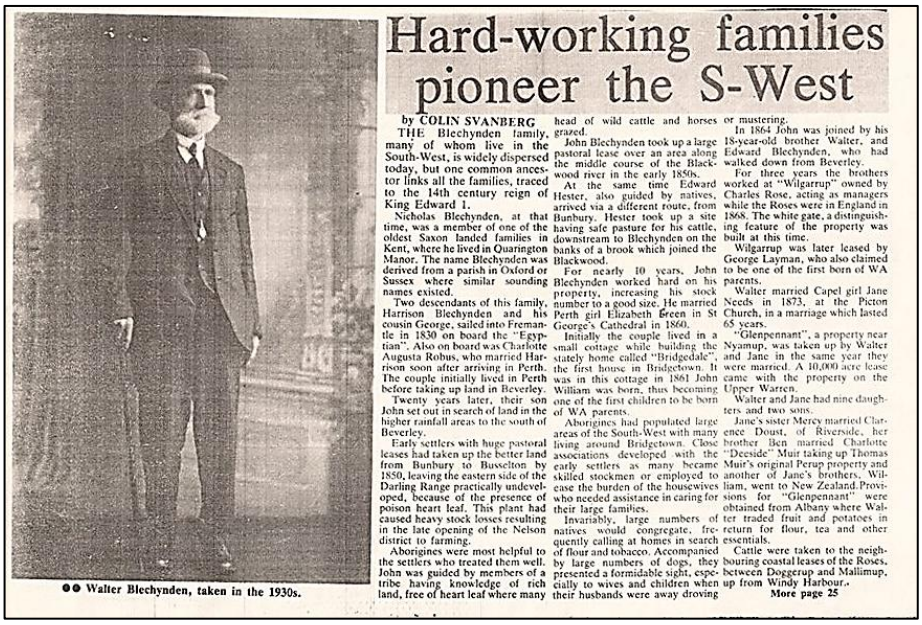

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FIRST CHILD OF WALTER BLECHYNDEN & JANE NEEDS

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Benjamin grew up in a family of two boys and nine girls in the Warren district in the old home 'Glenpennant', which his father had selected, having walked from Beverley looking for good land.

Benjamin Harrison Blechynden

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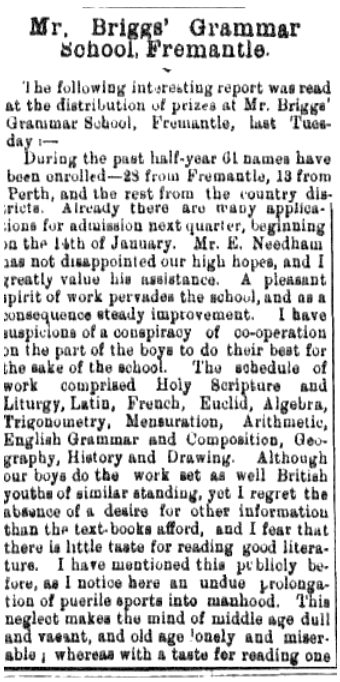
The Government Boy's School was constructed in 1886 to a George Temple Poole plan dated November 1885, designed in the Victorian Rustic Gothic style comprising a school hall, and a wing containing classrooms. Paisley Centre is typical of many schools built in WA between 1850 and 1900.



Mr. Briggs' Grammar School, Fremantle.

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During the past half-year 61 names have been enrolled—28 from Fremantle, 13 from Perth, and the rest from the country districts. Already there are many applications for admission next quarter, beginning on the 14th of January. Mr. E. Needham has not disappointed our high hopes, and I greatly value his assistance. A pleasant spirit of work pervades the school, and as a consequence steady improvement. I have suspicions of a conspiracy of co-operation on the part of the boys to do their best for the sake of the school. The schedule of work comprised Holy Scripture and Liturgy, Latin, French, Euclid, Algebra, Trigonometry, Mensuration, Arithmetic, English Grammar and Composition, Geography, History and Drawing. Although our boys do the work set as well British youths of similar standing, yet I regret the absence of a desire for other information than the text-books afford, and I fear that there is little taste for reading good literature. I have mentioned this publicly before, as I notice here an undue prolongation of puerile sports into manhood. This neglect makes the mind of middle age dull and vacant, and old age lonely and miserable; whereas with a taste for reading one

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He also attended the **Brigg's Boys Grammar School in Fremantle**.

Daily News **(Perth, WA: 1882 - 1950), Tue 18 Dec 1888, pg 3**
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BENJAMIN HARRISON BLECHYNDEN married to **BERTHA MARY GIBLETT (1879-1838)** 27 Jul 1904 at the Dingup School, WA [Reg. 19]. **BERTHA** was born 20 Jun 1879, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 20113]. She was the fourth child of **THOMAS GIBLETT (1842-1897)** and **MARIA MOULTON (1845-1930)** who were

married 9 Dec 1869, Picton Church, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 20113]. Bertha Blechynden (nee Giblett) died 20 Jan 1938, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 5].

The following two pages have details of Mary Berth Giblett's parents, Thomas Giblett (1842-1897) and Maria Moulton (1845-1930) and family:

GIBLETT, THOMAS (1842-1897), Bertha's father, was born 24 Nov 1842, Burswood Island, Perth, WA [Reg. 128], son of **JOHN GIBLETT (1809-1882)** and **ANNE WELLS (1818-1896)**, who were married 22 Mar 1842, The Parish Church, St Mary, Lambeth, Surrey, England. Thomas Giblett died 12 May 1897, Dingup House, Nelson District, WA [Reg. 30].

MOULTON, MARIA AGNES (1845-1930), Bertha's mother, via the Abe Family Tree, Ancestry, was born 4 Sep 1845, Guildford, WA [Reg.642]. Her parents **JAMES ABRAHAM MATHEWS MOULTON (1798-1846)** and **MARY JONES (1814-1863)** were married 25 Apr 1838, Guildford, WA [Reg. 1273]. Maria Agnes Giblett (nee Moulton) died 11 Mar 1930, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 27].

James Abraham Mathews Moulton was born 1 Jan 1798, Southampton, England. James died Oct 1846, at sea on the *Paul Jones*. Mary Jones was born 1814 Llandefaelog, Carmarthenshire, Wales. Her parents were **WALTER LLEWYLN JONES (1777-1868)** and **TABITHA CHAPLAIN (1781-1872)** who married 27 Jun 1807, Llandefaelog, Carmarthenshire, Wales. Mary Moulton (nee Jones) died 15 Apr 1863, Guildford, WA [Reg. 2205].

THOMAS and **MARIA** had nine children as follows:

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5. FRANK THOMAS GIBLETT (1881-1963) married **ELENA EVELINE BLECHYNDEN (1882-1962)**, 1906, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 13].

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Continuing with the lives of Benjamin Harrison Blechynden and Bertha Mary Giblett:

Benjamin Harrison Blechynden

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BENJAMIN and **BERTHA** had five children as follows. More can be read about each individual child further on.

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3. WALTER STANWELL BLECHYNDEN (1910-1972),
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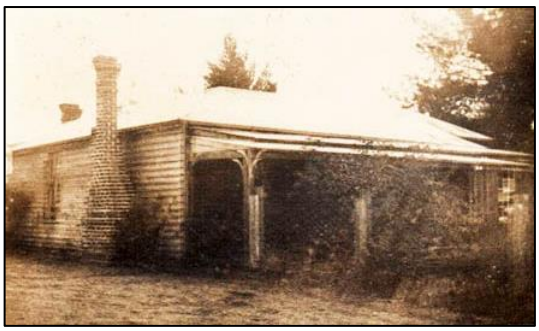
Benjamin Blechynden is recorded as residing and farming at 'Glentulloch', Bridgetown, from 1903-1952.

'Glentulloch'. Courtesy Jane Muir



'Glentulloch'

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES, GLENTULLOCH SCHOOL, pg.6.
http://inherit.stateheritage.wa.gov.au/Admin/api/file/67f4cfca-8193-1e09-b4e9-8b9828dbc2e4

Electoral Roll:
1903, 1906 Benjamin Harrison Blechynden, Glentullock, farmer, Bertha Mary, Bridgetown, Home duties.
1910 Benjamin Harrison Blechynden, Glentullock, farmer, Bertha Mary, Upper Blackwood, Home duties
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1943 Benjamin Harrison Blechynden, Glentullock, farmer.

WA Livestock Brands 1912-1962. https://www.carnamah.com.au/livestock-brands?search=Blechynden

Blechynden	B. H.	Glentulloch, Bridgetown	B4B	1912
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Glentulloch. Courtesy Cheryl Hay Hendry

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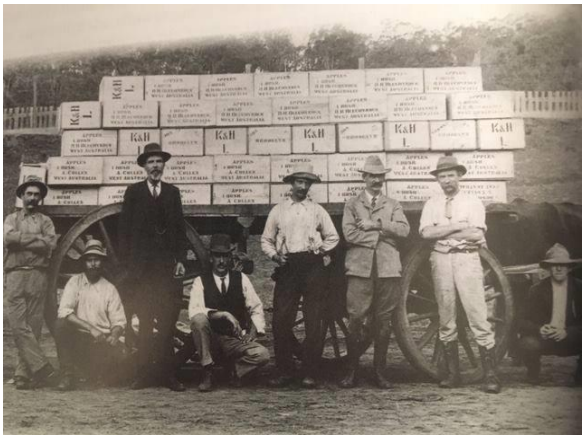
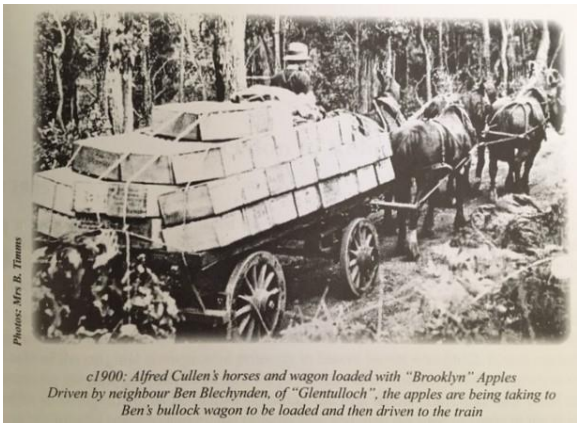


Ben Blechynden bullock wagon. Courtesy Gwen Wheatley. Coleen Russell's book "Showing The Way" has the photos via Mrs. B Timms and this large, well-researched book provides an extensive history of the apple industry in the Bridgetown area.



C1900: Alfred Cullen's horses and wagon loaded with "Brooklyn" Apples. Driven by neighbour Ben Blechynden of "Glentulloch", the apples are being taken to Ben's bullock wagon to be loaded and then driven to the train.

Bertha Blechynden (nee Giblett) died, 20 Jan 1938, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 5], aged 58 years. She is buried near her husband Benjamin in the Balbarrup cemetery, 6 km east of Manjimup.

The Obituaries, from newspaper articles collected by family and via *Trove*, give a good summary of Benjamin and Bertha's lives.

Manjimup and Warren Times **(WA: 1927 - 1954), Thu 27 Jan 1938, pg 3**
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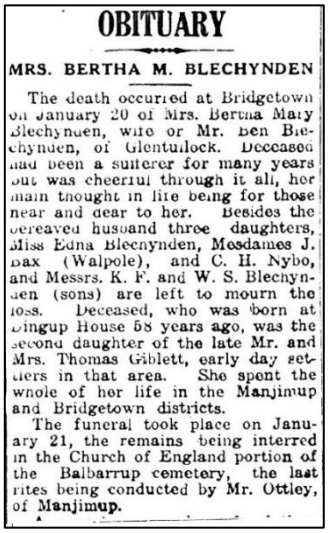
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Manjimup Mail and Jardee-Pemberton-Northcliffe Press **(WA: 1927 - 1950), Fri 28 Jan 1938, pg 1**
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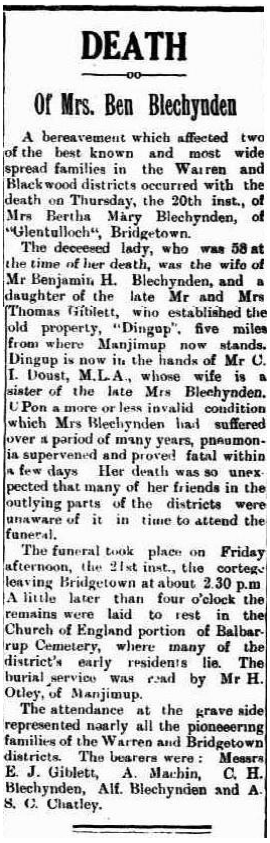
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***Pemberton Post* (WA: 1937 - 1950), Fri 4 Feb 1938, pg 8**
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Benjamin Harrison Blechynden died 19 May 1952, 'Glentulloch', Bridgetown, WA, [Reg No. 42]. He is buried at the Balbarup Cemetery, Anglican section.

***Blackwood Times* (Bunbury, WA), Fri 30 May 1952, pg 3**
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Blackwood-Warren Sentinel **(Bridgetown, WA: 1950 - 1954), Thu 29 May 1952, pg 1**
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Both Bertha Mary Blechynden and Benjamin Harrison Blechynden are buried at Balbarrup Cemetery. The two headstones shown here indicate Bertha has her own grave and when Benjamin died 14 years after Bertha it appears the combined headstone was made for them both.

Grave and headstone, Benjamin Harrison and Bertha Mary Blechynden (nee Giblett), Balbarrup Cemetery

Bertha's name is also included with the Benjamin Harrison Blechynden headstone - same years of birth and death and age of death, in fact she is put first on that headstone. An obituary for Benjamin in the project says Benjamin is laid to rest alongside his wife - *The funeral took place on Wednesday last, when the remains were interred in the Anglican portion of the Balbarrup Cemetery, near Manjimup, alongside those of his wife.* Note: Balbarrup spelt as Balbarrup in the notice.

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1st CHILD OF BENJAMIN HARRISON BLECHYNDEN & BERTHA MARY GIBLETT

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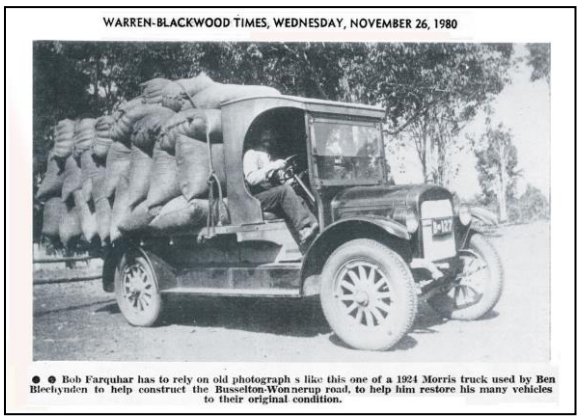
FARQUHAR, GORDON LINDSAY (1902-1974) was born 22 May 1902, Grangemouth, Stirlingshire, Scotland, parents, **WILLIAM DALZIEL FARQUHAR (1872-1946)** and **CATHERINE LINDSAY (1902-1974)**. He arrived in Albany, WA, 5 Oct 1905, via the SS *Africa,* accompanying his mother Catherine 'Kate' and brother, Stuart to join their father, William and William's brother John, who had arrived 6 Jun 1905 via the *Omrah.* Ena and Gordon Farquhar had a daughter, Peggy who later married John Flynn.


WARREN-BLACKWOOD TIMES, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1980

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1924 Morris truck used by Ena's father Ben Blechynden.

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Robert 'Bob' Farquhar, (Peggy's cousin), the son of Gordon's brother Stewart, over many years, accumulated a large collection of restored old trucks, vehicles and farm machinery at Yornup.

Gordon and Edna had a farm 'Karlashay' where Gordon established a Corriedale sheep stud. The farm was near the railway line just west of Yornup and included land where the mill is located now. They also bought a property in Bridgetown and called it 'Sunnyhill'. They set up an apple orchard and home there. It is located on the west side of the highway at the top of the first hill heading South out of Bridgetown. Locals call it Farquhar's Hill. There are great views from the house over Suttons Lookout, Bridgetown and up the Blackwood Valley towards Kangaroo Gully and Sunnyside. Gordon was a champion golfer and cricketer. He was in the first group of 10 students to attend Springside School at Yornup. There is a detailed history of the Farquhar history written by Ena and Gordon's daughter Peggy Flynn, (nee Farquhar), in the excellent book *Yornup From The Heart, pg. 281*.

***Blackwood Times* (Bunbury, WA: 1905 - 1920; 1945 - 1955), Fri 7 Apr 1950, pg 1**
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Heavy Bridgetown Damage

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—Ed.) 2019: These birds are now a protected species

Electoral Roll:

1931 Gordon Lindsay Farquhar, Balbarrup Rd, Bridgetown, Parents: William Dalziel Farquhar, Balbarrup Rd, Bridgetown Catherine, married.

1931 Ena Edna Blechynden, Glentulloch, Bridgetown, home duties.

1949 Gordon Lindsay Farquhar, Balbarrup Rd, Bridgetown, farmer, Ena Edna, Yornup, home duties.

1968 Gordon Lindsay Farquhar, Balbarrup Rd, Bridgetown, farmer, Ena Edna, home duties.

Ena Edna Farquhar (nee Blechynden) died 7 Nov 1970, Blackwood, WA. **Gordon Lindsay Farquhar died 1 Oct 1974**. Both are buried in the Bridgetown Cemetery.

Headstone of Ena Edna Farquhar (nee Blechynden), Bridgetown Cemetery. Courtesy Ken Blechynden.

Headstone of Gordon Lindsay Farquhar, Bridgetown Cemetery. Courtesy Ken Blechynden.

2nd CHILD OF BENJAMIN HARRISON BLECHYNDEN & BERTHA MARY GIBLETT

2. BLECHYNDEN, KELVIN THOMAS (1908-1980)

Kelvin Thomas Blechynden was born 4 Sep 1908, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 127]. He remained a bachelor and had a home in Mount Street Bridgetown. Kelvin worked in many capacities around Bridgetown including being the school gardener/handyman at Bridgetown High School and various farmhand positions including working for Ray and Joan Blechynden at 'LERL CRAIG', Yornup.

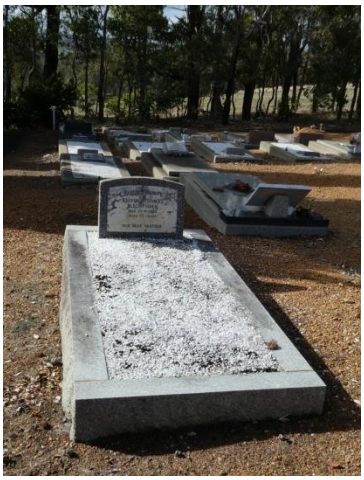
Robert Farquhar of Yornup has this recollection of brothers Walter and Kelvin Blechynden, written in his interview with Peggy Campbell for the book, *Yornup From The Heart,* p. 292:

"Walter Blechynden, Kelvin Blechynden and Fred Heath had a contract with their 3 trucks and they gravelled the road from Wonnerup to Busselton using shovels to spread the gravel. Fred Heath's job was to keep the billy fire going in the gravel pit."

Electoral Roll*:*

1931, 1937, 1943 Kelvin Thomas Blechynden, "Glentulloch", Bridgetown, farm hand.
1958, 1972 Kelvin Thomas Blechynden, Mount Street, Bridgetown, farm hand.

Kelvin Thomas Blechynden died 23 Sep 1980 and was buried in the Bridgetown Cemetery.



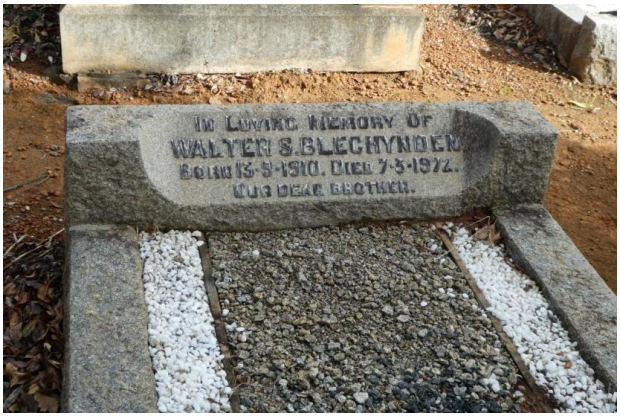
Grave and headstone of Kelvin Thomas Blechynden, Bridgetown Cemetery. Courtesy Ken Blechynden.

3rd CHILD OF BENJAMIN HARRISON BLECHYNDEN & BERTHA MARY GIBLETT

3. BLECHYNDEN, WALTER STANWELL (1910-1972)
Walter Stanwell Blechynden was born 13 Sep 1910, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 117].
Bachelor farmer of 'Glentulloch', 1910-1968. From 1931- 1968, address, Nelson, Forest, WA.

Electoral Roll
1931, 1937, 1943 Walter Stanwell Blechynden, "Glentulloch", Bridgetown, farmer.

Walter Stanwell Blechynden died 7 Mar 1972, Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Nedlands, WA, aged 62 years. Buried in the Bridgetown Cemetery.



Grave and headstone of Walter Stanwell Blechynden.
Courtesy Ken Blechynden, Bridgetown Cemetery

4th CHILD OF BENJAMIN HARRISON BLECHYNDEN & BERTHA MARY GIBLETT

4. BLECHYNDEN, ETHEL MAUDE (1912-1990)
Ethel Maude Blechynden was born 13 Oct 1912, Blackwood, WA [Reg No. 134]. Ethel Maude Bax (nee Blechynden) died 3 Jun 1990, (aged 77 years), Royal Perth Hospital, Perth, WA. She is buried at the Yalyalup Cemetery, Busselton, WA.

ETHEL MAUDE BLECHYNDEN (1912-1990) married **JOSEPH THOMAS BAX (1917-2016)**, 21 Dec 1936 at St Paul's Church, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 85].

BAX, JOSEPH THOMAS (1917-2016)
Via Paull-Bishop-Teag Family Tree, Ancestry.

Joseph Thomas Bax was born 25 Feb 1917, Subiaco, WA [Reg. 122], son of **JAMES EDWIN BAX (1888-1952)** and **ELIZABETH CLARE ELVERY (1891-1917)** who were married 5 Oct 1912, Eastry, Woodnesborough, Kent, England.

The following three pages contain details of Joseph Thomas Bax's parents, James Edwin Bax (1888-1952) and Elizabeth Clare Elvery (1891-1917):
JAMES EDWIN BAX (1888-1952) Joseph Thomas Bax's father

James Edwin Bax was born 2 Sep 1888, Deal, Eastry, England. Parents: **JAMES BAX (1854-)** and **EMMA COUCHMAN (1858-)** who were married in 1881.

James Edwin Bax died 11 Aug 1952, Perth, WA [Reg. 1962].
Census 1911: Woodnesborough, Kent, England, Bax:

James Edwin Bax was aged 20 years in the 1911 Census, Woodnesborough, Kent, England.
Note: ages over 15 were rounded to the nearest 5 years.

1	James Bax	Head	54		Married	30	7	5	2	Farm Labour 140
2	Emma Bax	Wife		55	Married	30	7	5	2	
3	James Edwin Bax	Son	20		Single					Carter On Farm 130
4	Ellen Francis Mag. Bax	Daughter		12	School					390
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m.1 JAMES EDWIN BAX (1888-1952) married **ELIZABETH CLARA ELVERY (1891-1917)** 5 Oct 1912, Eastry, Woodnesborough, Kent, Eng.

ELIZABETH CLARE ELVERY (1891-1917) Joseph Thomas Bax's mother

Elizabeth Clare Elvery was born 11 Apr 1891, Ash, Eastry, Kent, England. Bap. 7 Jun 1891, Ash-next-Sandwich, Kent, England, parents, **JOHN ELVERY (1864-1926)** and **SARAH TRICE (1865-)** who were married 1887, Eastry, Kent, England.
Elizabeth Clare Bax (nee Elvery) died 18 Aug 1917, Fremantle, WA [Reg No 180].

1912 Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of Woodnesborough in the County of Kent

Columns. No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
424	October 5th	James Edwin Bax	24	Bachelor	Labourer	Woodnesborough	James Bax.	Labourer
	1912	Elizabeth Clara Elvery	23	Spinster	–	Woodnesborough	John Elvery	Labourer

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by – or after Banns by me, Francis Savage Rector

This Marriage was solemnized between us, James E. Bax, Elizabeth Clara Elvery. In the Presence of us, John Elvery, Sarah Elvery.

Copy Marriage Certificate, James Edwin Bax and Elizabeth Clara Elvery. Via Dyer Family Tree, Ancestry

Following their marriage James Edwin Bax and his wife Elizabeth emigrated to WA.

EMIGRATION: Is this them? James Box (could be Bax), aged 27 years, farm hand and Elizabeth Box aged 23 years, housewife, *Zealandic*, Arrival Fremantle, 8 Nov 1913. Written as Box.

No. 11.

IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION ACT 1901-1910.

REGULATION 12.

REPORT OF PASSENGERS for the Port of Fremantle **from Parts beyond the Commonwealth.**

Ship Zealandic Master J. Brown from Liverpool (4)
Agents Dalgety & Co Arrived 8th day of November 1913

Name.	Nationality.	Race.	Adults. (Years and upwards) M.	Adults. F.	Children. (Under 12 years) M.	Children. F.	Place of Shipment.	Calling or Occupation.	Remarks.
Box James	British	English	27				Liverpool	Farm Hand	
" Eliz	"	"		23			"	Housewife	

With the commencement of WW1, James Edwin Bax who previously had served five years in the Oxfordshire Light Infantry, signed up to serve in the Australian Imperial Forces. On 19 Oct 14, at the age of 26, he joined the 10th Light Horse as a trooper with serial number 37, giving his occupation as a teamster. Embarked for Gallipoli on 16 May 15 but experienced medical issues at Anzac Cove that required him to return to Australia on 29 Aug 15 on the *Euripides*. He was discharged in Perth on 14

Dec 1915. Of note, James' brother, Joseph Thomas Bax (1884-1915), who was serving with the British Army, Plymouth Battalion, Royal Navy Division, Service No: PLY/11753, died on 21 May 1915. He is buried at the Chatby Military Cemetery, Alexandria, Egypt.

JAMES EDWIN BAX (1888-1952) and **ELIZABETH CLARA ELVERY (1891-1917)** had one child, **Joseph Thomas Bax** who was born 25 Feb 1917, Subiaco, WA [Reg. 122]: More details following in this chapter.

Electoral Roll:
1911 James Edwin Bax,
1916, 1917 James Edwin Bax, 10 Howard St, South Fremantle, soldier, Elizabeth Clara, married.

Tragically, Elizabeth Clara Bax (nee Elvery) died 18 Aug 1917, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 180]. This left James Edwin Bax with 5–6-month-old baby Joseph Thomas Bax.

Following his wife Elizabeth's death, James Bax married again.

m.2 JAMES EDWIN BAX (1888-1952) married **m.2 ALICE MAY STRAUSS (nee Norman) (1879-1951)**, 1918, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 57]. Recorded as Alice M Strauss.

Alice May Strauss had been married before.

ALICE MAY NORMAN (1879-1951)

Alice May Norman was born 1879, Paddington, Middlesex, England. Parents: **ALFRED C NORMAN (1848-)** and **MARTHA SMITH (1854-)**.

m.1 ALICE MAY NORMAN 1879-1951) married **KARL LUDWIG STRAUSS (1869-1913)** 1899, Coolgardie, WA [Reg No. 111]. Recorded as Karl Ludwig.

ALICE MAY NORMAN (1879-1951) and KARL LUDWIG STRAUSS (1869-1913) had four children:

Ida May Strauss (1900-1970), Maud Rebecca Strauss (1905-1979), Karl Joseph Strauss (1908-1971) and Thelma Veronica Strouss (1912-1999).

Electoral Roll:
Karl Ludwig Strauss and Alice May Strauss (nee Norman) - note spelling of Carl.
1903, 1906, 1910 Carl Ludwig Strauss, Menzies, engine driver, Alice May, home duties.
1913 Carl Ludwig Strauss,4 Barnett St, East Fremantle, council foreman, Alice May, housekeeper.
1916 Alice May Strauss, 36 Hubble St, East Fremantle, housewife.

Alice May's husband Karl Ludwig Strauss died 16 Aug 1913, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 193]. His death left Alice with four children: Ida aged 13 years. Maud, 8 years, Karl 5 years and baby, Thelma. Following the death of her husband Karl Ludwig Strauss, Alice May married again.

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m.2 JAMES EDWIN BAX (1888-1952) married **m.2 ALICE STRAUSS (nee Norman) (1879-1951)**, 1918, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 57].

Electoral Roll:

James Edwin Bax and Alice May Bax (Strauss, nee Norman) and family.
1919 James Edwin Bax, 36 Barnett St, East Fremantle, Alice May, married.
No mention of James Edwin Bax with Alice May after 1919. See James Edward Bax, Beverley- below.
1925 Alice May Bax, Nalya, home duties, James Edward Bax, Nalya, teamster. Is this them? Note name change, James Edward.
1931, 1934 Alice May Bax, 35 Alma St, South Fremantle, home duties, Carl Joseph, son, waterside worker, Maude Rebecca, home duties.
1935 Alice May Bax, 35 Alma St, South Fremantle, home duties, Carl Joseph, son, lumper.
1937 Alice May Bax, 258 High St, Fremantle, home duties, Carl Joseph, son, waterside worker.
Maude Rebecca, Fremantle Hospital, home duties, Thelma Veronica, home duties.
1943 Alice May Bax, 162 High St, Fremantle, home duties.
1949 Alice May Bax, 211 High St, Fremantle, home duties.

Continuing with the story of Ethel Maud Blechynden and Joseph Thomas Bax:

BAX JOSEPH THOMAS**:** Service Number - W85563: Date of birth - 25 Feb 1917: Place of birth - SUBIACO WA: Place of enlistment - NYAMUP WA: Next of Kin - BAX ETHEL Enlisted 1942. To Reserve 21 Jul 1944.

ETHEL MAUDE BLECHYNDEN (1912-1990) AND JOSEPH THOMAS BAX (1917-2016) HAD THREE CHILDREN: William 'Billy', Diane and James 'Jim' Bax.

Electoral Roll:

1936 Ethel Maude Blechynden, Glentulloch, Bridgetown, home duties.
1943 Joseph Thomas Bax, Bunnings Mill, Manjimup, farmer, Ethel Maude, home duties.
1949 Joseph Thomas Bax, Nyamup, timber worker, Ethel Maude, home duties.
1954, 1958 Joseph Thomas Bax, Whittaker's Mill, Denmark, timber worker, Ethel Maude, home duties.
1977 Joseph Thomas Bax, 58 Avon St, Katanning, postal officer, Ethel Maude, home duties.

Ethel Maude Bax (nee Blechynden) daughter of Benjamin Harrison and Bertha Blechynden

Katanning artist, Mrs Ethel Bax gained second place for the most popular painting in an exhibition at Albany over Easter.

Mrs Bax of Avon Street has been painting only a year and gained second place out of more than 200 paintings entered by about 90 artists, with 1500 people voting on the decision.

The exhibition was a competition run by the Albany Shire Council and each artist was permitted to enter two paintings.

Mrs Bax's successful painting was an oil called "The Burn" and it featured fire burning up a tree.

The painting was sold to an Albany resident.

Mrs Bax expressed her desire to put on an exhibition of paintings, along with other local artists in Katanning.

"I think there would be enough artists and enough people interested to hold a successful exhibition," she said.

Article: Katanning Artist, Mrs Ethel Bax

Ethel Maude Bax (nee Blechynden) died 3 Jun 1990, (aged 77 years), Royal Perth Hospital, Perth, WA. She is buried at the Yalyalup Cemetery, Busselton, WA.

Joseph Thomas Bax died 13 Mar 2016, Albany, WA. He is buried in the Yalyalup Cemetery, Busselton, WA.

Grave and headstone of Ethel Maude Bax (nee Blechynden), Yalyalup Cemetery, Busselton Find A Grave. Via Diane Bax-Blechynden

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5th CHILD OF BENJAMIN HARRISON BLECHYNDEN & BERTHA MARY GIBLETT

5. BLECHYNDEN, BERTHA JANE (1914-2006) was born 29 Nov 1914, Manjimup, (Blackwood), WA [Reg. 201].

m.1. BERTHA married **CHRISTIAN 'CHRIS' HERMAN NYBO (1914-1982) ,** in 1931, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 48] at the age of 16 years. **CHRIS** was born 7 Jul 1914, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 331], twin to Paul. His parents were **VICTOR HERMAN NYBO (1888-1924)** and **IVY ELIZABETH PAYNE (1893-1955)** who were married 1914, Wellington, WA [Reg. 9]. **BERTHA** and **CHRIS** had one child: Charles Victor Nybo, born in 1932. They divorced on 4 Mar 1940, Perth, WA.

m. 2 CHRIS married **KATHLEEN ELIZABETH CHADWICK (1920-1998)** 1941, Mount Margaret, WA [Reg No. 4]. He died 1 Nov 1982, Mount Helena, WA. Buried Guildford Cemetery, WA.

m.2 BERTHA married **GEORGE TIMMS (1918-1971),** 23 Aug 1941, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 300].

George and Bertha Timms. Courtesy Cheryl Hay Hendry

GEORGE was born 1918, (discrepancy with service records which give his DOB as 12 Jul 1916) Wellington, WA [Reg. 293]. His parents were **WILLIAM ERNEST TIMMS (1882-1963)** and **EVELYN MAY CASSIDY (1891-1965)**, who were married 1909, Murray, WA [Reg. 5]. George enlisted to serve in WW2 on 6 May 1941 at Claremont, Service Number – WX12439 giving his occupation as a timber worker. He was promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal on 27 Jul 1941 but was discharged on 18 Oct 41 as 'Medically Unfit not occasioned by own default.'

BERTHA and **GEORGE** had two sons: Gary George and Wayne Ernest Timms. Bertha's child from her first marriage, changed his name to Charles Victor Timms.

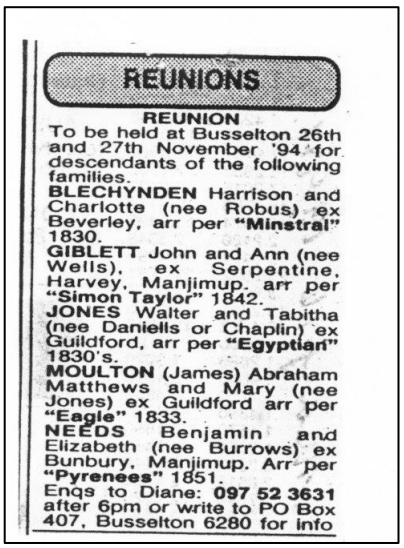
Electoral Rolls:
1936, 1937: Bertha Jane Nybo, 'Glentulloch', Bridgetown, home duties.
1943 Bertha and George Timms, 44 Money St, Leederville, home duties & truck driver

1949 Bertha and George Timms, 100 Banksia Terrace, South Perth, Swan, WA. Listed as a Truck driver, (wife Bertha Jane / home duties).
1972, 1980 Bertha Jane Timms 100 Banksia Terrace, Kensington, 6151

George Timms died 2 Aug 1971, aged 53 years, Perth, WA [Reg. 2843]. Cremated Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth, WA. Garden 21, 0034. **Bertha died 16 Nov 2006,** Perth, WA. She was cremated at the Karrakatta Cemetery. Garden 21, 0034.

Children of Benjamin Blechynden and Bertha Mary Blechynden (nee Giblett):
Walter Stanwell Blechynden, Bertha Jane Timms (nee Blechynden), Ena Edna Farquhar (nee Blechynden), Ethel Maude Bax (nee Blechynden) and Kelvin Thomas Blechynden.
Courtesy Cheryl Hay Hendry

BLECHYNDEN / GIBLETT / JONES / MOULTON / NEEDS REUNION 1994

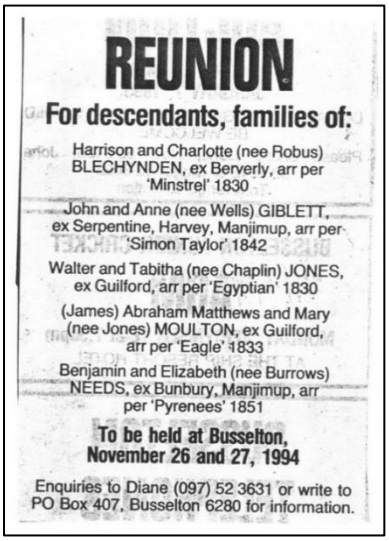


REUNIONS

REUNION
To be held at Busselton 26th and 27th November '94 for descendants of the following families.
BLECHYNDEN Harrison and Charlotte (nee Robus) ex Beverley, arr per **"Minstral"** 1830.
GIBLETT John and Ann (nee Wells), ex Serpentine, Harvey, Manjimup. arr per **"Simon Taylor"** 1842.
JONES Walter and Tabitha (nee Daniells or Chaplin) ex Guildford, arr per **"Egyptian"** 1830's.
MOULTON (James) Abraham Matthews and Mary (nee Jones) ex Guildford arr per **"Eagle"** 1833.
NEEDS Benjamin and Elizabeth (nee Burrows) ex Bunbury, Manjimup. Arr per **"Pyrenees"** 1851.
Enqs to Diane: **097 52 3631** after 6pm or write to PO Box 407, Busselton 6280 for info

To be held at Busselton 26 and 27 November 1994

This very succesful reunion held on 26 and 27th Nov 1994 in Busselton was organised by Diane Marshall, the daughter of Ethel Bax (nee Blechynden) in honour of her mother.



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For descendants, families of:

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Walter and Tabitha (nee Chaplin) JONES, ex Guilford, arr per 'Egyptian' 1830

(James) Abraham Matthews and Mary (nee Jones) MOULTON, ex Guilford, arr per 'Eagle' 1833

Benjamin and Elizabeth (nee Burrows) NEEDS, ex Bunbury, Manjimup, arr per 'Pyrenees' 1851

To be held at Busselton, November 26 and 27, 1994

Enquiries to Diane (097) 52 3631 or write to PO Box 407, Busselton 6280 for information.

A large and diverse range of people attended from all the above mentioned families. They came from far and wide and the Busselton Civic Centre was full each day. An extra highlight of the reunion was that Jill Blechynden, a New Zealand Blechynden cousin representing that side of the family, was able to travel all the way to Busselton from New Zealand to attend the reunion. To commemorate the occasion Jill Blechynden was presented with a framed picture of St Mary's Church of England Busselton by Diane,organizer of the reunion.

Jill Blechynden (left), from New Zealand and Diane Marshall, 1994

George Blechynden, cousin of Harrison Blechynden arriving on the same ship, did the carpentry work on the church. George was the brother of John Blechynden who settled in New Zealand and Jill is a direct descendant from that line.

Jill Feutrill (nee Blechynden) and Jill Blechynden, New Zealand, 1994

This is a just a few of the people from the Blechynden side of the family who were at the reunion.

SECOND CHILD OF WALTER BLECHYNDEN & JANE NEEDS

2. BLECHYNDEN, CLARA ANNE (1876-1972) & MUIR, ROBERT FORREST (1872-1930)

Clara Anne Blechynden was born 23 Apr 1876, The Warren, WA [Reg. 17164]. Clara Anne Muir (nee Blechynden) died 12 Dec 1972, Manjimup, WA. She is buried in the Manjimup Old cemetery.

CLARA ANNE BLECHYNDEN (1876-1972) was married in 1900 to **ROBERT FORREST MUIR (1872-1930)**, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 9].

Clara Blechynden and Robert Forrest Muir wedding. Courtesy Jane Muir

The following pages outline the Muir history in WA. Many thanks to Jane Muir for sharing her photos and knowledge and to Alison Muir allowing numerous extractions from her marvellous book – see below, copies of which are still available.

MUIR, ROBERT FORREST (1872-1930)

Robert Forrest Muir was born in 1872, Albany, WA, (no WA birth registration on index), the son of **ANDREW MUIR (1841-1897) Junior** and **MARY ANN (POLLY) BAKER (1843-1903)**, who were married 26 Apr 1865, Albany, WA [Reg. 2298]. Robert Forrest Muir died 1930, Perth WA [Reg. 1232].

The five following pages contain details of Robert Forrest Muir's parents, Andrew Muir (1841-1897) and Mary Ann (Polly) Baker (1843-1903) and family:

ANDREW MUIR (1801-1874) AND ELIZABETH TRAIL (1799-1883):

One of their sons, **Andrew Muir Jnr**, married **Mary Ann (Polly) Baker** and two descendants of that marriage, **Robert Forrest Muir** and **William Pointz Muir** are the two who married into Walter Edward and Jane Blechynden's family. **Robert Forrest Muir** married **Clara Anne Blechynden** and **William Pointz Muir** married **Lila Rubus Blechynden**.

MARY ANN (POLLY) BAKER (1843-1903) Robert Forrest Muir's mother

Mary Ann (Polly) Baker was born 10 May 1843, Swan River Colony, Perth, WA.
Mary Ann (Polly) Muir (nee Baker) died 7 Jul 1903, Mordalup, WA [Reg. 32], aged 60 years, recorded as daughter of **SAMUEL BAKER** and **SOPHIA SPRITZ**.

ANDREW MUIR (1841-1897) Junior Robert Forrest Muir's father
Via Sarah Mason Family Tree, Ancestry.

Andrew Muir was born 1 Oct 1841, Fife, Scotland. Parents: **ANDREW MUIR (1801-1874) senior** and **ELIZABETH TRAIL (1800-1883)** who were married 1819, Fifeshire, Scotland.
Andrew Muir died 13 Jan 1897, Manjimup, WA [Reg. 28].

ANDREW MUIR (1801-1874) Senior Robert Forrest Muir's paternal grandfather

Andrew Muir was born 10 Sep 1801, Markinch, Fife, Scotland. Andrew Muir, senior, died 26 Aug 1874, Albany, WA [Reg. 8163].

ELIZABETH TRAIL (1800-1883) Robert Forrest Muir's paternal grandmother

Elizabeth Trail was born 1800, Fife, Scotland.
Elizabeth Muir (nee Trail) died 22 Sep 1883, Albany, WA [Reg. 12010].

Emigration: 18 Jan 1844, via the ship *Ganges*, Andrew Muir (senior), wife, six children and mother of Mrs Muir.

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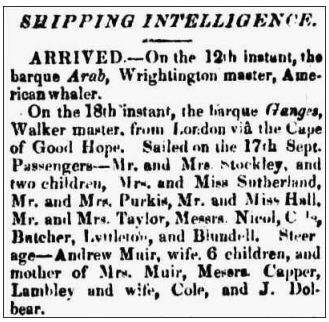

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVED.—On the 12th instant, the barque *Arab*, Wrightington master, American whaler.

On the 18th instant, the barque *Ganges*, Walker master, from London viâ the Cape of Good Hope. Sailed on the 17th Sept. Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. Stockley, and two children, Mrs. and Miss Sutherland, Mr. and Mrs. Purkis, Mr. and Miss Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Messrs. Nicol, C[illegible], Butcher, Lyttleton, and Blundell. Steerage—Andrew Muir, wife, 6 children, and mother of Mrs. Muir, Messrs. Capper, Lambley and wife, Cole, and J. Dolbear.

ANDREW MUIR (1841-1897) AND MARY ANN BAKER (1843-1903) HAD SIX CHILDREN:

1. SOPHIE ELIZABETH LOWE MUIR (1866-1946) married **ANDREW MUIR (1855-1945)**, 1884, Albany, WA [Reg. 5740], her cousin.

2. ANDREW GORDON MUIR (1867-1942) married **ANN REBECCA MARTIN (1876-1955)**, 1897, Lake Muir, WA [Reg. 11].
Andrew Gordon and Rebecca Muir farmed 'MORDALUP' and two of their sons, Mervyn and Norman, continued with the farm.

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William and Lila Muir farmed 'Lake Muir' and their story continues in a few pages.

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6. THOMAS MUIR (1878-1880), Died aged 2 years, WA [Reg. 10267]. Swallowed Carbolic acid.

The car is an International Harvester Buggy. Driving it is Andrew Muir of Forest Hill, Passenger in front is a Mr Price and in the back seat are a Mr McKenzie and a Mr McCallum, members of parliament, The occasion was opening the new Forest Hill Hall in 1911

Settler Footprints from Star – Muir Family Pioneers of the South West and Eucla 1844-2995 by Alison Muir

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The Family of Andrew and Elizabeth Muir of Forest Hill, Mount Barker, Western Australia.

In January 1844
two years after their second son, James, had sailed to Hobart Town, Van Diemen's Land
Andrew and Elizabeth arrived in Albany to settle in Western Australia.
In Scotland, Andrew Muir had no wish to follow his father and brothers into mining.
His uncle, George Cheyne of Cape Riche,
sent a request from Western Australia for experienced farmers to work his land.
Andrew and Elizabeth sailed to the colony to begin their new life,
bringing with them a wide range of hand tools and much practical knowledge.
Travelling with them on the ship *Ganges* was Elizabeth's seventy two year old mother
and their six children aged from two to twenty two years of age.
Two of their babies had been buried in the parish of Markinch, Fife.
Their son, James, joined the family from the Victorian goldfields
eighteen years after their arrival in Western Australia.

ANDREW MUIR JNR.
b 1.10.1841
Star Markinch Scotland
d 21.1.1897
Lake Muir

MARY ANN (Polly) MUIR
b 10.5.1843
Albany
d 7.7.1903
Lake Muir

M 26.4.1865 Albany

Andrew was two years old when he arrived in Western Australia and like his brother John, was educated at home. He became a renowned horseman and enjoyed hunting wild cattle and breaking in wild horses. As he grew, he accompanied his older brothers in their search for good grazing land for their growing flocks of sheep.

In 1856 he took up land at NABAGUP (place of the cobbler) where he built a two-roomed paperbark hut. He cleared land to grow wheat, which he carted to FOREST HILL to be ground into flour. By 1861 he had moved to the present LAKE MUIR farm on the western side of the lake. The brick homestead, overlooking the lake, is lived in today by a 4th generation Muir family. It was built by ticket-of-leave men who then went on to build the brick homestead at DEESIDE. The LAKE MUIR house was built in 1865, the year that Andrew and Mary Ann were married.

Mary Ann was the daughter of Sgt. Phillip Baker, a sergeant in the 21st regiment, who arrived in Sydney in 1833 as an escort for convicts. He came from Sydney to King George Sound in 1835. Her mother, Sophia Points, came to Albany as a companion to Mrs Smith, the wife of a merchant. Mary Ann was the youngest of six children. Her three brothers died young; her sister Eliza married George Chester and sister Emma Amelia married William Lowe. Mary Ann was only one month old when her father died in Perth. Her mother later returned to Albany where she married George Uglow, a store-keeper. Mary Ann's mother and George had two sons. One son from this marriage died as an infant and the remaining son, George Uglow (Jnr), married Marion Ellen Earnshaw. The name Points in some family names is spelled Pointz, but certificates from England and Willie Muir's birth certificate from Albany show the spelling as Points.

Background: Shirley Muir standing on rocks in front of WOODGREEN house at the southern end of Lake Muir.
Right: NABAGUP, first settled by Andrew Muir and later farmed by AFH (Forrie) Muir.

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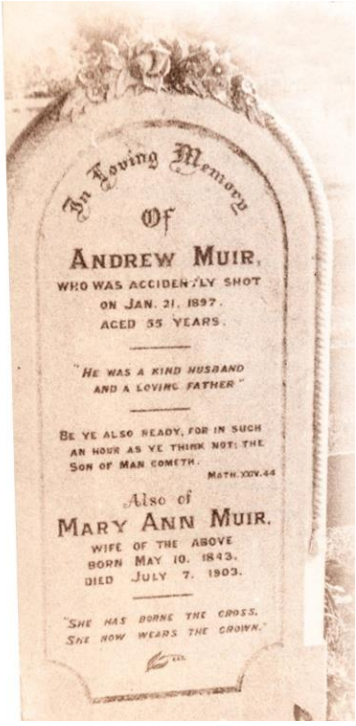

"Andrew was only 59 when he died in a shooting accident on the Nornalup coast that he loved. This took place "between Banksia camp and the first long bog on the side of a hill covered with thick Sheoak trees." The wooden cross placed there by the family may still be there, but would be very difficult to find as lack of regular fires has made the area almost impenetrable. Andrew was buried at Lake Muir where the inscription on his tombstone reads

"Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the son of man cometh." Matthew xx1v:44

As well as Andrew's grave, the small family graveyard near the homestead holds three other graves. Andrew's wife Mary Ann, who suffered from ill health, went to live with her eldest son (Andrew Gordon Muir) and his wife Rebecca at MORDALUP soon after Andrew's accident. She was buried alongside her husband when she died only six and a half years later, at the age of 60. Andrew and Mary Ann's two-year-old son, who swallowed carbolic acid, was buried there in 1880; the other grave is that of their granddaughter Enid who was fatally burned in 1916."

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4. RAYMOND ROBERT MUIR (1907-2010) was born 20 May 1907, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 47]. Raymond died 3 Sep 2010, Busselton, WA, Crematorium Rose Garden.

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6. WINNIFRED GRACE MUIR (1912-2007) (via the Ross Haynes Family Tree) was born 5 May 1912, Bridgetown, (Blackwood), WA [Reg. 70]. Winnifred Grace Black (nee Muir) died 8 Dec 2007, East Fremantle, WA.

ROBERT AND CLARA MUIR (NEE BLECHYNDEN) FAMILY:

Back – Melville Shirley, Sylvia and Walter
Front- Raymond, (parents Robert and Clara) and Winifred. Photo courtesy Jane Muir

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Alison Muir on pg 171 in her book **Settler Footprints from Star Muir Family**, gives a good summary of Robert's life, which includes Clara:

Robert Forest Muir, the third son of Andrew and Mary Ann, was a great horseman whose riding skills were renowned in and South Australia. First, he settled at Seaton Ross, north of Mordalup and then moved to Manjimup where he became a foundation member of the Warren Roads Board and started a livery stable. Under the management of his (and Clara's) eldest son Ron, this business eventually grew into the Muir Ford business. The business was later managed by Ron's two sons John and Bill, and then by Bill's son Colin. After 78 years of trading, Muir Ford was sold in May 2004. Ron's second son Gary (Clara and Roberts grandson) runs a very successful tour business on the Walpole-Nornalup inlets.

*Robert and Clara's second son, Melville Shirley, joined the local Post Office staff when he first left school in Manjimup. He and his wife Edith later farmed at **WOODGREEN**, near **Lake Muir** for many years. He had met Edith when she came home for school holidays with her friend Ethel Muir from DEESIDE. Shirley, as he was always known, followed his father's interest in local government and spent 38 years as a Manjimup Shire councillor. He was chairman for three of those years. A month after Shirley's death in 1984, his wife Edith received two letters from the Governor General's Department. One to say that he had been nominated for a British Empire Medal for his 38 years of service to local government and his numerous community activities. The next, to apologise that it could not be presented - there being no provision for posthumous presentation.*

Ray, Robert and Clara's youngest son, was sent to board at Hale school in Perth after which he joined the staff of the National Bank. He later served as manager and auditor at several branches throughout the state.

Robert and Clara's daughters Sylvia and Win both attended Girls High School in Claremont which later became St Hilda's. Sylvia worked in her brother Ron's business in Manjimup and Win in other offices in Manjimup.

Lake Muir. Courtesy Alison Muir, p. 171

'Seaton Ross', p. 185, *Settler Footprints from Star Muir Family*

Electoral Roll:
Registered as Clara Annie.
1903, 1910, 1913 Robert Forrest Muir, Seaton Ross, farmer, Clara Annie, home duties.
1916, 1925 Robert Forrest Muir, Manjimup, livery stables, proprietor, Clara Annie, married.
1931, 1949, 1954 Clara Annie Muir, Manjimup, married.

Clara Anne Muir (nee Blechynden) died 12 Dec 1972, Manjimup, WA. **Robert Forrest Muir died 1930**, Perth, WA [Reg. 1232]. They are both buried side by side in the Manjimup Cemetery.

Grave and headstone, Robert Forrest Muir and Clara Anne Muir (nee Blechynden), Manjimup, Cemetery.

1st CHILD OF CLARA ANNE BLECHYNDEN & ROBERT FORREST MUIR

1. MUIR, WALTER RONALD (1901-1983)
Walter Ronald Muir was born 15 Jul 1901, Warren, WA [Reg. 78].
Walter Ronald Muir died 29 May 1983, Manjimup, WA. Buried Manjimup Cemetery.

WALTER RONALD MUIR (1901-1983) was married 1928 to **DOROTHY LILLIAN MAZZOLETTI (1902-1993)** Blackwood, WA [Reg. 1].

MAZZOLETTI, DOROTHY LILLIAN (1902-1993) via Airey Family Tree, Ancestry, was born 21 May 1902, St Arnaud, VIC [Reg. 13950]. Parents: **JOHN MAZZOLETTI (1877-1930)** and **MARIA WILSON (1877-1913)**.

Dorothy Lillian Mazzoletti.
Shared by Megan 1968, 12 Apr 2019, Ancestry

Walter Ronald Muir.
Courtesy Alison Muir

The following three pages contain details of Dorothy Lillian Mazzoletti's parents John Mazzoletti (1877-1930) and Maria Wilson (1877-1913):

JOHN MAZZOLETTI (1877-1930) 'Jack' Dorothy Mazzoletti's father
Via, Connor / McNamara Family Tree, Ancestry.

John Mazzoletti was born 14 Oct 1877, Maryborough, VIC [Reg. 23555]. Parents: **GIOVANNI MAZZOLETTI (1851-1942)** and **SARAH FRANCE (1855-1940)** who were married 2 May 1876, Maryborough, VIC [Reg.1335], registered as Sarah France.
m.1 JOHN MAZZOLETTI (1877-1930) married **MARIA WILSON (1877-1913)** who were married 1899, Boulder, WA [Reg. 397].

Following Maria's death in 1913, John Mazzoletti was left with four young children. He was married again to his housekeeper, Eva.

m.2 JOHN MAZZOLETTI (1877-1930) married **EVA ELIZA MILLWARD HOPSON (1885-1972)** 1914, Plantagenet, WA [Reg. 14].

MARIA WILSON (1877-1913), Dorothy Mazzoletti's mother, was born 31 Aug 1877, Sandhurst, VIC [Reg. 18517], father recorded as Jno Wilson, Mother, Diania Lippiatt. **JOHN WILSON (1839-1894)** and **DIANA LIPPIATT (1842-1914)** were married 1862, Vic [Ref. 2973].
Maria Mazzoletti (nee Wilson died 29 Apr 1913, Denmark, (Plantagenet), WA [Reg. 21].

CHILDREN OF JOHN MAZZOLETTI (1877-1930) AND MARIA WILSON (1877-1913):

1. GLADYS FRANCES MAZZOLETTI (1900-1993)
2. DOROTHY LILLIAN MAZZOLETTI (1902-1993) married WALTER RONALD MUIR (1901-1983), Blackwood, WA [Reg. 1].
3. VIOLET MAY MAZZOLETTI (1904-1997) married CHARLES A ONIONS, Plantagenet, WA [Reg. 46].
4. JOHN LESLIE MAZZOLETTI (1906-1984) Jack married MELVA MARGARET KARUTZ (1916-1970). Can't find marriage. Possibly married overseas.

Jack Mazzoletti – Denmark's man of many talents.
Article shared by Megan 1968, 12 Apr 2019, Ancestry.

Jack Mazzoletti – Denmark's man of many talents

ANNE SIMPSON

DENMARK'S pioneers were a tough breed of people, with Jack Mazzoletti (1877-1930) remembered as one of the district's most prominent settlers.

Millars Brothers had moved their milling operations out of Denmark in 1904 and later sold the deserted townsite in 1908 to the state government. By 1911, land was being opened in the karri forest east of Denmark, and Jack, his wife Maria and four children took up a block on Scotsdale Road.

The plan was to grow vegetables, and although the land may have been previously selected, it was still covered with heavy forest.

Jack hated waste and discovered a lucrative sideline in making charcoal from the burnt trees and scrub. There was a ready market in Albany and Kalgoorlie, and being an experienced sleeper hewer, Jack could also judge the value of the high quality jarrah and karri trees that had been felled and discarded.

The early pioneers faced huge challenges. Following Millars' departure three years before, the town had become almost uninhabitable when new settlers started trickling in.

■ Denmark pioneer Jack Mazzoletti and one of his daughters making charcoal from burnt timber. **Photo: Courtesy Denmark Historical Society.**

They struggled in the high rainfall district, milking cows and growing what they could. Like most of the pioneers, Jack was quick to supply his neighbours with milk and vegetables.

Many settlers were crushed by the hardships, but for Jack, each challenge was invigorating, and he faced numerous tasks with energy, including felling giant trees, some nearly two metres in diameter, so he could build a house and sheds.

He had invested limited capital and relied on growing vegetables, including potatoes, to survive. It was not a successful venture and in summer 1913 disaster struck. Jack expected an excellent harvest, but the entire crop was washed into the Denmark River by devastating floods.

It was a disaster in more ways than one. Shattered by this event, Maria became very ill and died suddenly at the age of 35.

Jack was left to raise his young family, and later married his housekeeper, who produced another four children.

He soon looked for other ways to make money, including bacon and cream production. The milk was separated for cream and pigs were fed on skim milk.

Over the years Jack put his diverse skills into practice, including his blacksmith experience to make farm implements. He was active in the community and was appointed to a government advisory committee in 1927 to look into the Group Settlement Scheme problems.

This kept him away from his farm and put the family in debt. On his return, he went to mount a horse to check on the farm when he collapsed from a brain tumour and died a few days later. His family were forced off the land two years later because of the unpaid debt and their inability to cope with the hardships.

Ref: The Jack Mazzoletti Saga by The Mazzoletti family, research by Mr John Thompson.

John Mazzoletti (1877-1930) and Eva Eliza Millward Hopson (1885-1972) had four children: Elsie, Ernest James, Frank Alfred and Ivy Millward Mazzoletti.

Electoral Roll:

1903, 1906 John Mazzoletti, Outrim St, Kalgoorlie, blacksmith, Maria, home duties, Joseph Mazzoletti, labourer.
1910 John Mazzoletti, 29g lease, Brown Hill, Kalgoorlie, gardener, Maria, home duties
1916, 1925 John Mazzoletti, Denmark, farmer, Eva Eliza Milward, married.
1931 Eva Eliza Milward Mazzoletti, Denmark, married.
1954 Eva Eliza Milward Mazzoletti, Wogelin Rd, Wickepin, widow.
1968 Eva Eliza Milward Mazzoletti, Mt Henry Home, Manning, home duties.

John and Maria Mazzoletti, Glad, Doris, Vi and Jack Megan 1968 Originally shared this on 10 Apr 2019, Sue's Family Tree, Ancestry.

Maria Mazzoletti (nee Wilson) died 1 May 1913, Denmark, WA [Reg. 21]. Burial, Denmark, WA.
John Mazzoletti died 4 Dec 1930, Perth, WA [Reg. 1928]. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery

Headstone Maria Mazzoletti (nee Wilson), Denmark Cemetery, WA.

Headstone of John Mazzoletti and Maria Mazzoletti (nee Wilson), Denmark Cemetery, WA.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MARIA MAZZOLETTI
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LOVED PARENTS OF GLADYS,
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Continuing with the story of WALTER RONALD MUIR (1901-1983) and **DOROTHY LILLIAN MAZZOLETTI (1902-1993)**:

South Western Times **(Bunbury, WA: 1917 - 1929), Tue 10 Jan 1928, pg 3**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article210783138.txt

WEDDING

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Electoral Roll:
1925 Dorothy Lillian Mazzoletti, York St, Albany, waitress.
1926 Walter Ronald Muir, Hostel, Denmark, Ten Mark. motor driver.
1949, 1954, 1980 Nelson Walter Ronald Muir and Dorothy Lillian, 24 Mottram St, Manjimup, garage proprietor.

Walter Ronald Muir died 20 May 1983, Manjimup, WA. Dorothy Lillian Muir (nee Mazzoletti) died 3 Nov 1993, Manjimup, WA. Both are buried at the Manjimup Cemetery.

2nd CHILD OF CLARA ANNE BLECHYNDEN & ROBERT FORREST MUIR

2. MUIR, MELVILLE SHIRLEY (1903-1982)

Melville Shirley Muir was born 1903, Warren, WA [Reg. 83].

Ron and Shirley Muir aged 9 & 11. Courtesy Alison Muir

Melville Shirley Muir in Post Office uniform, aged 16. Courtesy Alison Muir

MELVILLE SHIRLEY MUIR (1903-1982) married **EDITH MAY NEIL (1902-1984)** 1930, Perth, WA [Reg. 570]. 'Woodgreen'.

NEIL, EDITH MAY (1902-1984)

Edith May Neil was born 1 May 1902, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 2261]. Parents: **WILLIAM NEIL (1874-)** and **SARAH ALICE WRIGHT (1877-1923)** who were married 1899, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 674].

Following are details of Edith May Neil's parents, William Neil (1874-) and Sarah Alice Wright (1877-1923):
WILLIAM NEIL (1874-) Edith May Neil's father

William Neil was born 1874, death unknown.

SARAH ALICE WRIGHT (1877-1923) Edith May Neil's mother
Via Ross@ Sue Family Tree, Ancestry.

Sarah Alice Wright was born 1 May 1877, Monaghan, Ireland. She died 23 Jun 1923, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 142].

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM NEIL (1874-) AND SARAH ALICE WRIGHT (1877-1923):

1. ALICE EMILY NEIL (1899-) was born 1899, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 1954].

2. WILLIAM JOHN NEIL (1900-) was born 1900, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 2317]. Baptised 23 Dec 1900.

3. EDITH MAY NEIL (1902-1984) was born 1902, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 2261].

EDITH MAY NEIL (1902-1984) married **MELVILLE S MUIR (1903-1982)**, 1930, Perth, WA [Reg. 570].

4. ANNIE JANE NEIL (1904-) was born 1904, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 2876].

Electoral Roll:
1903,1910, 1914, 1922 William Neil, 143 King St, East Fremantle, warder, Sarah Alice, married.

MELVILLE SHIRLEY MUIR (1903-1982) AND EDITH MAY NEIL (1902-1984) HAD TWO CHILDREN:
Yvonne and Pamela.

Electoral Roll:
1925, 1929 Edith May Neil, W. Y. C. A. 16 St George's Terrace, civil servant.
1925 Melville Shirley Muir, "Seaton Villa", Manjimup, not married.
1936, 1937 Melville Shirley Muir, "Seaton Villa", Manjimup, nil, Edith May Muir, Wood Green, Manjimup, Home duties.
1949, 1954, 1963, 1972, 1980 Melville Shirley Muir, Wood Green, Manjimup, farmer, Edith May, Home duties.

Melville Shirley Muir died 24 Oct 1982, Manjimup, WA.

Edith May Muir (nee Neil) died 2 Mar 1984, Manjimup, WA.
Both are buried in the Manjimup Cemetery.

3rd CHILD OF CLARA ANNE BLECHYNDEN & ROBERT FORREST MUIR

3. MUIR, SYLVIA CLARA (1905-2004) was born in 1905 in Warren, WA [Reg. 140]. In 1935 she married **WILLIAM SAMUEL TURNER (1902-1974)**, Perth, WA [Reg. 1619]. Via the Walton/Menzies Family Tree, Ancestry, William was born 1902, Colac, VIC [Reg. 9509]. Parents: **JOHN TURNER (1858-1931)** and **AGNES WHITE (1861-1935)** who were married 1890, VIC [Reg. 1112].

Sylvia Clara Muir.
Courtesy Alison Muir

CHILDREN OF JOHN TURNER (1858-1931) and **AGNES WHITE (1861-1935):** All of John and Agnes Turner's children were born in Colac, VIC. Except for Miles Neul Turner who died in Gallipoli, all of John and Agnes Turner's other children died in VIC.

1. MILES NEUL TURNER (1891-1915) KIA Gallipoli. Burial Gallipoli, Canakkale, Turkey.
2. JAMES FELLOW TURNER (1892-1989)
3. MARGARET EMILY TURNER (1894-1966)
4. ANNA ROSE TURNER (1896-1958)
5. JOHN REID TURNER (1901-1959)
6. **WILLIAM SAMUEL TURNER (1902-1974).**
7. FREDERICK WHITE TURNER (1905-)

SYLVIA and **WILLIAM** had two children **-** Shirley Rae and Heather Turner.

Electoral Rolls: There was another William Samuel Turner and junior, based at Maryborough, VIC, but these below, tally with Sylvia and William having the same address. It does appear that William and Sylvia moved from WA to VIC and visa-versa over a period of time. Both died in VIC.

Electoral Roll:

1924, William Samuel Turner, Jennings St, Colac, Bank Clerk, Married
1931, Sylvia Muir, Manjimup, Home duties.
1936, 1937 William Samuel Turner, Henderson Pl., Mildura, VIC, bank clerk, Sylvia Clara Turner, home duties.
1949, 1954 William Samuel Turner, 3 Nelson Parade, St Arnaud, VIC, bank clerk, Sylvia Clara Turner, home duties.
1963, William Samuel Turner, 34 Cambridge St, Belmont, WA, bank officer, Sylvia Clara Turner, home duties; Shirley Rae Turner, teacher. (It appears they came back to WA for a time).
1968, William Samuel Turner, 10 Brain St, Manjimup, WA, Sylvia Clara, home duties, married.
1972, William Samuel Turner and Sylvia Clara Turner, 1 Timbertop Drive, Vermont, VIC.
1977, 1980 Sylvia Clara Turner, 1 Timbertop Drive, Vermont, VIC.

Sylvia Clara Turner nee **Muir** died 9 Oct 2004, Melbourne, VIC. **William Samuel Turner** died 27 Aug 1974, Vermont, VIC.

4th CHILD OF CLARA ANNE BLECHYNDEN & ROBERT FORREST MUIR

4. MUIR, RAYMOND ROBERT (1907-2010)
Raymond Robert Muir was born 20 May 1907, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 47]. Raymond Robert Muir died 3 Sep 2010, Busselton, WA. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery, Crematorium Rose Garden.

Raymond Robert Muir.
Courtesy Alison Muir.

m.1 RAYMOND ROBERT MUIR (1907-2010) married **MINNIE LUCAS (1910-1959)**, 7 Jan 1937, Northam, WA [Reg. 83].

Engagement in *Sunday Times* 27 Sep 1936, p. 27

Wedding in *Manjimup and Warren Times* (WA: 1927 - 1954), Thu 24 Jun 1937, p. 3
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article257276956.txt

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LUCAS MINNIE (1910-1959)

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Census 1911: Lucas

1	Arthur Lucas	Head	31		Married					Carpenter & Joiner 210		Builder	Worker
2	Daisy Lucas	Wife		32	Married	7	2	2	0				
3	Dora Lucas	Daughter		6									
4	Minnie Lucas	Daughter		2									
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The following pg contains details of Minnie Lucas's parents, Arthur Lucas (1880-) and Daisy Emma Jane Slade (1878-):

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Arthur Lucas was born about 1880, Cortfe Mullen, Dorset, England.

DAISY EMMA JANE SLADE (1878-) Minnie Lucas's mother

Daisy Emma Jane Slade was born 1879, Fordingbridge, Hampshire, England.

CHILDREN OF ARTHUR LUCAS (1880-) AND DAISY EMMA JANE SLADE (1878-):

1. DORA LUCAS (1905-)

2. MINNIE LUCAS (1909-1959)

Emigration: Via *Australind*, departure from London, England, arrival, 18 May 1912, Fremantle, WA. Arthur, Daisy. Dora and Minnie Lucas.

Electoral Roll:
1916, Arthur Lucas, Sanatorium, Wooroloo, carpenter, married, Daisy Emma Jane Lucas, Sanatorium, Wooroloo, married.
1925, 1931, 1943, 1949, Arthur Lucas, Tammin, carpenter, Daisy Emma Jane, Lucas, Tammin, married.
1954, 1958, 1972, Daisy Emma Jane Lucas, 23 Rudwick St, Mosman Park, home duties.

Continuing the story of Raymond Robert Muir (1907-2010) and Minnie Lucas (1909-1959):

RAYMOND ROBERT MUIR (1907-2010) AND MINNIE LUCAS (1909-1959) HAD ONE CHILD:
Patricia Muir.

Following the death of his wife Minnie, Robert married again. **m.2 RAYMOND ROBERT MUIR (1907-2010)** married **m.2 SHIRLEY KYFFIN KERR (NEE STANES) (1913-1995)** 1961, Perth, WA [Reg. 2648]. Shirley had been married before.

SHIRLEY KYFFIN STANES (1913-1995) was born 1913, Northam, WA [Reg. 94]. Name recorded under Stanes. Parents: **HARRY ARTHUR STANES (1880-1958)** and **ESTELLA BERNICE SKIPPER (1881-1980)** who were married 1910, Beverley, WA [Reg. 14]. Name recorded as Stanes. Shirley Muir, Kerr (nee Stanes) died 15 Jul 1995, Lesmurdie, WA. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery.

Electoral Rolls:
Records of Shirley Kyffin Stanes and her parents: Harry Arthur and Estella Bernice Stanes
1916 Harry Arthur Stanes, Hammond St, Kellerberrin, agent Estella Bernice Stanes, married.
1931, 1936, 1937 Harry Arthur Stanes, Augusta Hotel, Augusta, hotel keeper Estella Bernice housewife.
1937 Shirley Kyffin Stanes, Augusta, home duties
1958 Harry Arthur Stanes, Suburban Rd, Augusta, farmer Estella Bernice, housewife.

Shirley Kyffin Stane was married twice. m.1 SHIRLEY KYFFIN STANES (1913-1995) married **m.1 GEORGE MERTON KERR (1911-1980)**, 1938, Perth, WA [Reg. 202]. **Divorced.**

***West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Mon 24 Jan 1938, pg 14**
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Electoral Rolls:
1943, George Merton Kerr, 55 Stirling highway, traveller. Shirley Kyffin Kerr, home duties.

Following his divorce from Shirley Kyffin Stanes, George Merton Kerr married Betty Campbell who also had been married previously.

m.2 GEORGE MERTON KERR (1911-1980) married **m.2 BETTY IRENE CAMPBELL (NEE EVANS) (1918-2010)**, 1950, Perth District, WA [Reg. 1711].

m.1 BETTY IRENE EVANS (nee CAMPBELL) married to **VICTOR ROBERT CAMPBELL (1914-1945)**, 1940, Perth Dist. WA [Reg. 2248]. Victor Robert Campbell, Pilot Officer RAAF, WW2. was Killed in Action, 21.3.1945.

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Electoral Rolls:
1963, 1968, Raymond Robert Muir, 201 Marmion St, Bank Officer. Shirley Kyffin Muir, home duties.
1972 Raymond Robert Muir,201 Curtin Av, Cottesloe. Shirley Kyffin Muir, home duties.
1980 Raymond Robert Muir, 6 Stanton St, Safety Bay, 6169. Shirley Kyffin Muir, home duties.

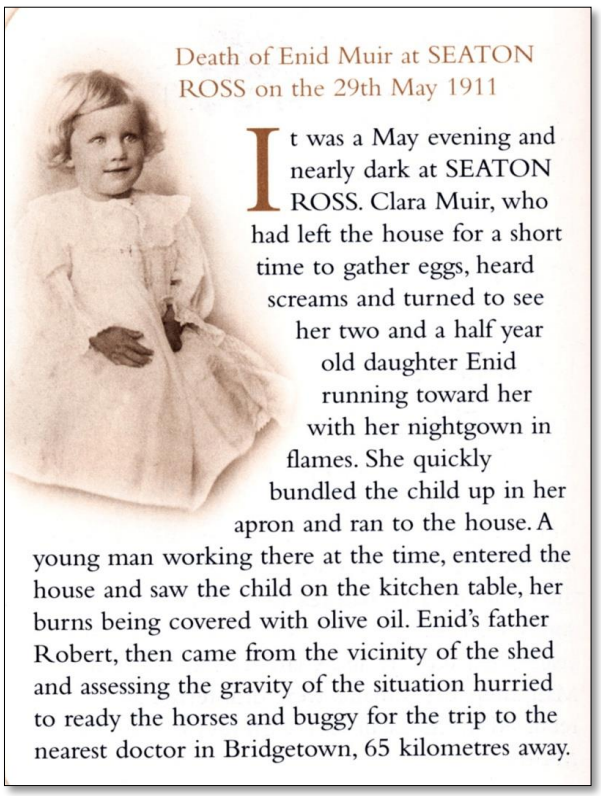
5th CHILD OF CLARA ANNE BLECHYNDEN & ROBERT FORREST MUIR

5. MUIR, ENID JANE (1908-1911) was born 1908, Blackwood, WA [Reg No. 146]. Jane spent her short time on earth living with her family at Seaton Ross.

At the age of "two and a half", her clothes caught on fire and as a result she died.

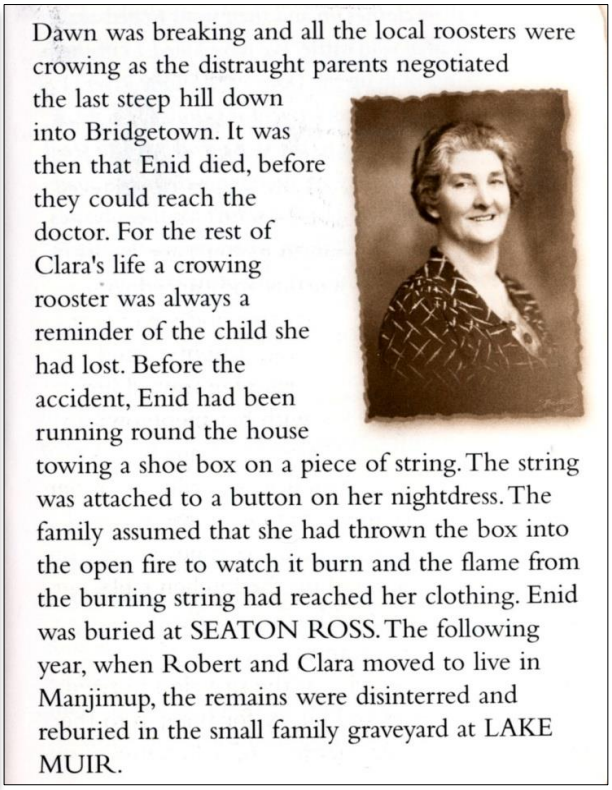
Enid J Muir died 29 May 1911, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 9], aged 3 years.
Note: *WA records show her birth was registered in 1908 and her death in 1911.*

The following pages, courtesy Alison Muir



Death of Enid Muir at SEATON ROSS on the 29th May 1911

It was a May evening and nearly dark at SEATON ROSS. Clara Muir, who had left the house for a short time to gather eggs, heard screams and turned to see her two and a half year old daughter Enid running toward her with her nightgown in flames. She quickly bundled the child up in her apron and ran to the house. A young man working there at the time, entered the house and saw the child on the kitchen table, her burns being covered with olive oil. Enid's father Robert, then came from the vicinity of the shed and assessing the gravity of the situation hurried to ready the horses and buggy for the trip to the nearest doctor in Bridgetown, 65 kilometres away.



Dawn was breaking and all the local roosters were crowing as the distraught parents negotiated the last steep hill down into Bridgetown. It was then that Enid died, before they could reach the doctor. For the rest of Clara's life a crowing rooster was always a reminder of the child she had lost. Before the accident, Enid had been running round the house towing a shoe box on a piece of string. The string was attached to a button on her nightdress. The family assumed that she had thrown the box into the open fire to watch it burn and the flame from the burning string had reached her clothing. Enid was buried at SEATON ROSS. The following year, when Robert and Clara moved to live in Manjimup, the remains were disinterred and reburied in the small family graveyard at LAKE MUIR.

Her parents must have been devastated. When Jane died the other children were aged as follow: Walter Ronald was almost 10 years, Melville Shirley was 8 years, Sylvia Clara was 6 years and Raymond Robert was 4 years.

6th CHILD OF CLARA ANNE BLECHYNDEN & ROBERT FORREST MUIR

6. MUIR, WINNIFRED GRACE (1912-2007)
Ross Haynes Family Tree

Winnifred Grace Muir was born 5 May 1912, Bridgetown, (Blackwood), WA [Reg. 70]. Winnifred Grace Black (nee Muir) died 8 Dec 2007, East Fremantle, WA.

Winnifred Grace Muir

WINNIFRED GRACE MUIR (1912-2007) married **ALLAN TASMAN BLACK (1912-2006)**, 1939, Perth, WA [Reg. 652].

BLACK, ALLAN TASMAN (1912-2006)

Allan Tasman Black was born 8 Jul 1912, Boulder, WA [Reg. 390], son of **THOMAS HENRY GILBERT BLACK (1878-1924)** and **ANNIE COOKE (1877-1964)** who were married Sep 1909, Perth, WA [Reg. 382].
Allan Tasman Black died 10 Oct 2006, East Fremantle, WA.

BLACK ALLAN TASMAN: Service Number - 415855: Date of birth - 08 Jul 1912: Place of birth - BOULDER WA: Place of enlistment - PERTH WA: Next of Kin - BLACK WINIFRED

The following pages contain details of Allan Tasman Black's parents, Thomas Henry Gilbert Black (1878-1924) and Annie Cooke (1877-1964).

THOMAS HENRY GILBERT BLACK (1878-1924) Allan Tasman Black's father
Via Trudy Tuckey family Tree, Ancestry.

Thomas Henry Gilbert Black was born Oct 1878, Karamea, New Zealand. Parents: **JAMES BLACK (1839-1908)** and **MARION MCCONNON (1843-1913)** who were married Jan 1870, Hokitika, West Coast, New Zealand. Thomas died 21 Aug 1924, Perth, WA [Reg. 1076].

ANNIE COOKE (1877-1964) Allan Tasman Black's mother
Via Somerville Family Tree, Ancestry.

Annie Cooke was born about 1877, parents: **ROBINSON COOKE (1855-1941)** and **MERCY HULL (1855-1926)** who were married 1876, Lanchester, Durham, England.
Annie Black (nee Cooke) died 27 Apr 1964, Mt Lawley, WA [Reg. 1127]. Father recorded as Robinson, mother Mercy.

CHILDREN OF THOMAS HENRY GILBERT BLACK (1878-1924) AND ANNIE COOKE (1877-1964):

1. GILBERT EDWARD BLACK (1910-1968)
Gilbert Edward Black was born 17 Oct 1910, Boulder, WA [Reg. 532]. 1964, residing in TAS. Gilbert Edward Black died 14 Aug 1968, TAS, aged 57 years. Memorial, Find a grave, Bunbury Cemetery, WA.

GILBERT EDWARD BLACK (1910-1968) married **ENA EMILY LEWIN (1918-2013)**, 1940, VIC [Reg. 8639].

2. ALLAN TASMAN BLACK (1912-2006)
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ALLAN TASMAN BLACK (1912-2006) married **WINNIFRED GRACE MUIR (1912-2007)**, 1939, Perth, WA [Reg. 652]. They had one child: Beverley.

3. MARION ALWYN BLACK (1918-1987)
Marion Alwyn Black was born 1918, Northam District, WA [Reg. 89]. Marion Alwyn Daniel (nee Black) died 14 Oct 1987, Mt Lawley, WA.
MARION ALWYN BLACK (1918-1987) married **WILLIAM HERBERT DANIEL (1916-1997)**, 1946, Wellington district, WA [Reg. 93].

Electoral Roll:
1910 Thomas Henry Gilbert Black, 137 Hopkins St, grocer's assistant, Annie, married.
1913 Thomas Henry Gilbert Black, Selby St, Northam, traveller, Annie, home duties.
1916, 1917 Thomas Henry Gilbert Black, Hampton Street, Northam, grocer's traveller, Annie, home duties.
1922 Thomas Henry Gilbert Black, Gwalia, Leonora, grocer's traveller, Annie, housewife.
1925 Thomas Henry Gilbert Black, 296 Railway Terrace, Maylands, grocer, Annie, home duties.

Electoral Roll:
1936 Allan Tasman Black, Rose St, Manjimup, manager, Gilbert Edward Black, brother, Manjimup, clerk. Annie, mother, Manjimup, home duties.
1943 Allan Tasman Black, 1064, Hay St, West Perth, store manager
1949 Allan Tasman Black, Carnamah, storekeeper, Winnifred Grace, home duties.
1958, 1968 Alan Tasman Black, 30 Mottram St, Manjimup, newsagent, Winnifred Grace, home duties.
1980 Allan Tasman Black, Lot / 162 Walpole St, Walpole, Winnifred Grace, home duties.

THIRD CHILD OF WALTER BLECHYNDEN & JANE NEEDS

3. BLECHYNDEN, CHARLOTTE (1878-1943) & SPENCER, REECE 'GEORGE' (1873-1946)

Charlotte Blechynden was born 19 Jul 1878, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 19239]. Registered as Charlotte Blechynden. Some family Trees, Ancestry have her as Charlotte J. WA birth, marriage and death registration has her as just Charlotte. On the Electoral Roll she has registered herself as Charlotte. It is possible she may have been named Charlotte Jane after her mother. With the name Charlotte she appears to have been named after her grandmother. Charlotte Spencer (nee Blechynden) died 3 Mar 1943, Busselton, (Sussex), WA [Reg. 8]. Registered as Charlotte Blechynden.

Charlotte Jane Blechynden. Courtesy Jane Muir, 10 Jul 1902

CHARLOTTE BLECHYNDEN (1878-1943) married **REECE GEORGE SPENCER (1873-1946)** 25 Apr 1911, Boyanup, (Blackwood), WA [Reg No. 10]. Registered as Charlotte Blechynden.

SPENCER, REECE 'GEORGE' (1873-1946)
Bob's South Australian Family Tree. Via Ancestry.

Reece George Spencer was born 29 Nov 1873, Prospect Hill, SA [Pg. 41, Vol. 132]. Parents: **GEORGE RUSSELL 'GEORGE' SPENCER (1845-1915)** and **MARY PIGGOTT (1848-1926)** who were married 26 Nov 1868, Clarendon, SA [Pg. 496, Vol. 77]. Reece George Spencer died 1946, Dunsborough, (Sussex), WA [Reg. 39]. Buried Dunsborough Cemetery, WA.

The following pages contain details about Reece George Spencer's parents, George Russell Spencer (1845-1915) and Mary Piggott (1848-1926).

SPENCER, GEORGE RUSSELL (1845-1915)
Via Cheryl Day Family Tree, Ancestry.

George Russell Spencer was born 21 Dec 1845, Hurtlevale (Reynella), Fleuieu, SA. His Parents **JOHN SPENCER (1817-1894)** and **DINAH RUSSELL (1819-1867)** were married 26 Nov 1868, at the residence of Mr and Mrs Spencer, Clarendon, SA. George Russell Spencer died 24 Oct 1915, Clarendon, SA [Pg. 337, Vol. No. 396], registration place, Morphett Vale, SA.

PIGGOTT, MARY (1848-1926)
Via Cheryl Day Family Tree, Ancestry.

Mary Piggott was born in 1848, Headley, Hampshire, England. Her parents: **CHARLES PIGGOTT (1818-1887)** and **ANN BIDWELL (1824-1892)** were married 1842, Headley, Hampshire, England. Mary Spencer (nee Piggott) died 26 Apr 1926, Clarendon, Fleurieu, SA [Pg. 175, Vol. 486]. She arrived at Port Phillip Bay, NSW, from Deptford, England, on 25 Oct 1852.

Blackwood Times **(Bunbury, WA: 1905 - 1920; 1945 - 1955),** Fri 5 May 1911, pg 3
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WEDDINGS.

SPENCER—BLECHYNDEN.

A very pretty and popular wedding was celebrated in the Dingup Church on April 25th, the contracting parties being Mr R. G. Spencer of Upper Blackwood, and Miss Charlot. te Blechynden, second eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Blechynden of the Upper Warren. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. Mr. Devlin (Rector of Bridgetown). The bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. R. F. Muir, was gracefully attired in a pretty cream satin striped silk, with a slight semi-Empire effect, the bodice being trimmed with silk applique, with yoke and sleeves of tucked net, finished with plaited silk braid. The skirt was slightly trained and was trimmed prettily with braid to match; the usual wreath and veil were worn, and also a spray on the corsage. The bridal bouquet consisted of white carnations, chrysanthemums and asparagus fern. The bride was attended by her youngest sister Enid, who wore a pretty cream silk dress tucked and trimmed with fine lace and insertion, with white velvet hat to match. The best man was Mr. Powell of South Australia. After the wedding ceremony was over the bridal party and friends proceeded to the Warren Agricultural Hall where about 150 guests partook of breakfast, all being friends of the bride and bridegroom. After the usual toasts were honoured the happy couple left for Greenbushes en route for Perth and Adelaide, where they intend spending a few weeks with the bridegroom's relatives. The bride's going-away dress was a navy blue silk Bengaline, coat and skirt costume, with velvet hat to match.

The wedding presents were as follows :—

Bride to bridegroom, gold locket set with ruby.

Bridegroom to bride, gold brooch and keeper ring

Bridegroom to bridesmaid, gold brooch.

Father of bride, cheque.

Mother of bride, house linen.

Mr.and Mrs. W. P. Muir, silver dinner cruet.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Muir, silver-plated bread board and knife.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Blechynden, cheque.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Giblett, cheque.

Miss Alma Blechynden, four photo frames.

Miss Hazel Blechynden, photo album.

Miss Hilda Blechynden silver and tinted glass saltcellars.

Miss Laura Blechynden, pair of hand painted pictures.

Miss Enid Blechynden, embossed and hand-worked cushion.

Mr. Clayton Blechynden, cheque.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Doust and family, silver egg cruet and spoons.

Miss Wavency Giblett, pair of sweet dishes.

Nieces and Nephews of Seaton Ross set of cannisters.

Mr. B. Needs, cheque.

Mrs. B. Needs, silver-plated hot water jug.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Doust, cheque.

Mrs. T. Giblett, cheque.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Giblett, cheque.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Giblett, teapot, jug, and little cups and saucers.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Muir, lamp.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Muir (Mordalup), cheque.

Mr. J. W. Blechynden, cheque.

Mr. and Mrs. Alt Blechynden, mincing machine.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Blechynden, fruit dishes.

Miss Lila Blechynden, sauce bottle.

Mr. D. Bovell, set of jugs.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheatley, pair of vases:

Mr. and Mrs. Crowd, glass dish.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Mottram, cheque.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Mottram, cheque.

Miss Stella Giblett, hand-worked table centre.

Misses Ethel and Hilda Giblett vegetable dishes.

Miss B. Wheatley, pail of glass dishes.

Misses Amy and May Blechynden, afternoon tea cups.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Spencer, clock.

Mr. C. Spencer (South Australia), cheque.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Wheatley, cheque.

Mrs. J. Muir and Son, cheque.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Muir, cheque.

Mr. H. J. Giblett, cheque.

Mr. Harold McKenney, silver teapot.

Mr. and Mrs. Piggott, clock.

Mr. and Mrs. John Muir, silver-plated rose vases and hat pin stands.

Mr. Powell, pair of silver plated serviette rings.

Mr. L. L. Spencer, crockery.

Messrs. E. J. and H. J. Giblett, cheque.

Mr. A. Scott, cheque.

Mr. A. F. H. Muir, cheque.

Mr. G. Giblett, jun., cheque.

Mr. and Mrs. Cullen, cheque.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Wheatley, cheque.

Mr. A. Muir (Deeside), cheque.

Messrs. W. and A. Scott (Up Blackwood), cheque.

Rev. G. H. Devlin, Bible.

Mr. A. H. McKenny, silver and tinted jam dish and spoon.

Mr. W. J. Budden, silver and ruby glass butter dish

Mr. H. M. Spencer, pair of butter knives in case.

Mr. I. Young, set of carvers in case.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawson, pair of vases

Mr. and Mrs. Young, table centre.

Misses Ida and Lily Young, pair of silver serviette rings.

Mrs. Clarke, Bible.

Miss J. Giblett, table centre.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Doust, crockery.

Miss Pearce and Brothers, lamp.

Mr. A. S. C. Chatley, silver pepper and salt pot.

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Miss Lila Blechynden., sauce bottle.
Mr. D. Bovell, set of jugs.
Mr. and Mrs. Wheatley, pair of vases.
Mr and Mrs. Crowd, glass dish.
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Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Giblett, cheque.
Miss Alma Blechynden, four photo frames.
Miss Hazel Blechynden, photo album.
Miss Hilda Blechynden, silver and tinted glass saltcellars.
Miss Laura Blechynden, pair of hand painted pictures.
Miss Enid Blechynden, embossed and hand-worked cushion.
Mr. Clayton Blechynden, cheque.
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Miss Waveney Giblett, pair of sweet dishes.
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Mrs. J. Muir and Son) cheque.
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Mr. H. J. Giblett, cheque.
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Mr and Mrs Piggott, clock.
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Mr. L. L. Spencer, crockery.
Messrs. E. J. and H. J Giblett, cheque.
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Mr. and Mrs. Cullen, cheque.
Mr. and Mrs. R. Wheatley, cheque.
Mr. A. Muir (Deeside), cheque.
Mr. I. Young, set of carvers in. case. Mr and Mrs. Dawson, pair of vases.
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Mrs Clarke, Bible.
Miss J. Giblett, table centre.
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Mr A. S. C. Chatley. silver pepper and salt pot.

Wedding photo: Charlotte Blechynden and George Spencer. Courtesy Cheryl Hay Hendry

CHARLOTTE and **REECE** had two children. More details follow in their own sections.

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Electoral Rolls:
1910 Reece George Spencer, Upper Blackwood, Farmer
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Spencer	R. G.		Y4Y	1912
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Reece and Charlotte Spencer and presumably daughters Elvie and Maude. From Tom and Maude Scott's collection, Ancestry.

Reece and Charlotte Spencer (nee Blechynden). Via Cheryl Hay Hendry.

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http://www.ozburials.com/CemsWA/Busselton/dunsborough.htm

Note: *There are discrepancies re the dates recorded at the Dunsborough Cemetery and on the headstones re Charlotte and Reece Spencer.

Charlotte Spencer (nee Blechynden) (1878-1943) and **Reece George Spencer (1873-1946):**
The dates mentioned above are the dates recorded in the WA registration of births and deaths. The death dates are also recorded in their obituaries, see following.

*Headstones of Charlotte Spencer, (nee Blechynden) (1878-1943) and Reece George Spencer (1873-1946), Dunsborough, WA. Note: * discrepancies.*

South-Western News **(Busselton, WA: 1903 - 1949), Thu 11 Mar 1943, pg 3**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article148125791.txt

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The great respect in which deceased was held was shown on Friday afternoon, March 5, by the large gathering of relatives and friends who attended a service at St Mary's Anglican Church, Busselton, and afterwards at the graveside in the Dunsborough cemetery. The gathering was very representative of town and country residents, and included a number of members of the Sussex Road Board of which Mr. Spencer has been a member for some years.

Chief mourners at the graveside, besides the sorrowing husband and daughters, included Mesdames M Doust, F. Giblett, E. J. Giblett and W. Giblett (sisters), and Messrs. C. and B. Blechynden (brothers), and a number of other close relatives of both the late Mrs. Spencer and her husband. Three sisters of deceased, who were unable to be present, are Mesdames C. Muir, M. Muir and C. Lester.

The service in the church and last rites at the graveside were conducted by the Rev. R. E. Davies, and the pallbearers were Messrs. P. L. Reynolds (chairman), R. J. Seymour and F. O. Maitland (members) and L. M. Powell (secretary, of the Sussex Road Board), and Messrs. J. L. Elsegood and R. Donald, whilst the casket was borne by Messrs. J. Doust, E. J. Giblett, Yelverton and Bywaters.

Among the many beautiful floral tributes laid upon the grave were those from the following:—Sorrowing Husband; Hilda and Matt; Alma, Ern and family; Hazel, Colin and Sophie; Ben and family; Clayton and Lu; Francis, Evie and family; Clara and family; Aunty Mercy, Herbert, Clara and family; Frank, Evelyn and Hazel; Agnes and Isaac Doust; Enid, Walter and children; Eric, Frances and girls, and E. Mance; Laura, Harold and family; W. L. Bywaters and family; Mr. and Mrs. C. Donald; Mrs. Otter and family; Mrs. Wilson, Emmie, Olive and Vi; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Smith; Mr. and Mrs. A. Alsford; Mr. and Mrs. Elsegood; Staff of Caves House; Members and Staff Sussex Road Board; Mr. and Mrs. Yelverton and family; the Neals; Mr. and Mrs. Stott; Mr. and Mrs. W. Keenan and Raymond; Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Scott; Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Powell; T. W. and E. A. Mc Lean and M. A. Dugdale; R. and M. E. Dugdale; Mr. and Mrs. Moore; Mr. and Mrs. V. Seymour; Mr. and Mrs. D. Mewitt, Nora, Jeanne and Joyce; Mr. and Mrs. R. Seymour and Pat; Falkingham family; Mr. and Mrs. C. Seymour; Mrs. H. Smith and Sonny; Mrs. M. Turner and Glen Evans; Mr. and Mrs. Evans; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hayley.

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South-Western News **(Busselton, WA: 1903 - 1954), Thu 31 Oct 1946, pg 6**
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Prior to taking up farming at Yallingup, the late Mr. Spencer followed the same occupation for many years in the Warren district. He took an active part in the affairs of the district in which he lived, and for a time was a West Ward member of the Sussex Road Board, representing the ratepayers of that area faithfully and well. Of a quiet disposition, he did not enjoy the best of health in recent years, and had the misfortune to lose his wife about three years ago. Two daughters are left to mourn his passing.

The funeral took place on Friday last, October 26th, the remains being laid to rest in the Dunsborough cemetery following a service held at St. Mary's Church, Busselton, the Rev. R. Ball, of Margaret River officiating at the church and graveside. There was a large attendance of friends and relatives, the pall-bearers being Messrs. F. Coulls, H. G. Curtis, E. Dawson, H. Moor, S. Elsegood and B. Butterly. The carriers were Messrs. C. Donald, J. Donald, L. Smith, F. Neal, O. Cross and J. Hayley.

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The next two clippings also state the funeral was held at the graveside at Dunsborough. Reece George Spencer is recorded at the Dunsborough Cemetery under George Spencer (1872-1946).

Manjimup Mail and Jardee-Pemberton-Northcliffe Press **(WA: 1927 - 1950), Fri 1 Nov 1946**

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Blackwood Times **(Greenbushes, WA: 1905 - 1955), Fri 8 Nov 1946, pg 7**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article211572036.txt

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Elvie Spencer. Via Cheryl Day, Family Tree, Ancestry.

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2nd CHILD OF CHARLOTTE BLECHYNDEN & REECE GEORGE SPENCER

2. SPENCER, ELWIN MAUDE (1918-2011) was born 1 Jan 1918, Bridgetown, (Blackwood), WA [Reg. 10]. She married **THOMAS EDWARD SCOTT (1913-2012)** 26 Apr 1939, Busselton, WA [Reg. 19]. Elwin died 23 Apr 2011, Dunsborough, WA.

Wedding: Elwyn Maude Spencer to Thomas Edward Scott. Via Cheryl Day Family Tree, Ancestry.

THOMAS EDWARD SCOTT (1913-2012)
Via 'Family Tree', Family Tree, Ancestry.

Thomas Edward Scott was born 1913, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, England. Parents: **THOMAS HENRY SCOTT (1890-1967)** and **ETHEL MAY JOHNSON (1890-1987)** who were married 3 Jan 1910, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, England. Thomas died 19 Aug 2012, Dunsborough, WA.

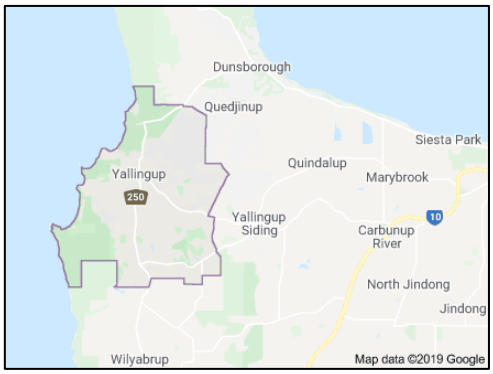
WW2 Military Service Records: Thomas Edward Scott, born 24 Sep 1913, Wisbech, England. (1934-1948), Service number W70211, next of kin E Scott, B884: Army Citizen Military Forces.

Emigration: 20 Mar 1923, England
On Group Settlement List: T H (Thomas Henry) Scott -married. Number in family 4. Sailed on the vessel *Euripedes* for WA. (Thomas, Ethel and sons Fred and Tom.)

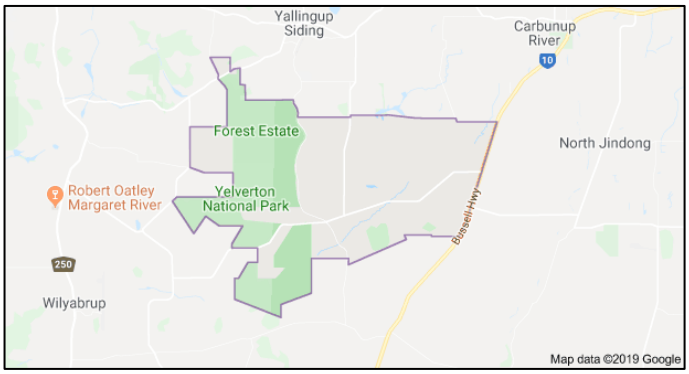
Placement
27th Sep 1923, Busselton District Office.
Thomas Henry Scott and his family are placed in Group Settlement 75 Location 2439. Records site - 'On settlement' - Yes. Postal Address: Warner Glen, near Alexander Bridge via Karridale.

Electoral Roll:
1931 Thomas Henry Scott, Group 75, Sussex, WA, gardener, Ethel May, Group 75, Warner Glen, home duties.
1958 Thomas Henry Scott, Yelverton, farmer, Ethel May, home duties.
1977 Ethel May, Yelverton, home duties.

Electoral Roll:
1949, 1963, 1980 Thomas Edward Scott, Yallingup, dairy farmer, M, Elwin Maude Scott, Yallingup, home duties, M.



Map showing Yallingup



Map showing Yelverton and Wilyabrup

WA Livestock Brands 1912-1962: https://www.carnamah.com.au/livestock-brands?search=Scott

Scott	T. E.	Locs. 2843, 2848, Yelverton	TE6	1962
Scott	T. E. (jnr.)	Glenlossie, Yallingup	Y4Y and 16B, 4E	1962

Elwin Maude Scott (nee Spencer) died 23 Apr 2011, Dunsborough, WA. **Thomas Edward Scott died 19 Aug 2012**, Dunsborough, WA.

SCOTT (Thomas Edward): Passed away peacefully at home 19th Aug 2012. Beloved husband of Elwin Maude (dec). Loving father of Hilda, Pat, Shirley, Maxine, Ross, Kerry and families. Grandfather of 22 Great Grandfather of 34.

Scott Thomas Edward 19/08/12 6 years have passed, loving memories last forever Dad, Love and miss you so much, Pat, Jim and family.
Published in Busselton-Dunsborough Mail on Aug. 15, 2018

FORTH CHILD OF WALTER BLECHYNDEN & JANE NEEDS

4. BLECHYNDEN, LILA RUBUS (1881-1970) & MUIR, WILLIAM POINTS (1869-1950)

LILA RUBUS BLECHYNDEN (1881-1970) was born 10 Apr 1881, The Warren, WA [Reg. 21712], name recorded as Lila Kubis. Lila's second name is recorded as Rubus on the 1903 electoral roll and on her headstone. Lila died 29 Sep 1970, Balbarrup, WA. Burial: Balbarrup Cemetery.

LILA married **WILLIAM POINTS MUIR (1869-1950)**, 1900, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 11]. (Lila's name written as Lila Rubur, William's name written as Paulz).

Lila Rubus Blechynden

Wedding photo:
Lila Rubus Blechynden
and William Points Muir.
Courtesy Cheryl Hay Hendry

* NOTE POINTZ OR POINTS: POINTS is very often spelt POINTZ. The Muir book spells it POINTS with the following explanation: "*The name Points in some family names is spelt Pointz, but certificates from England and Willie Muir's birth certificate from Albany show the spelling as Points.*

MUIR, WILLIAM POINTS (1869-1950) was born 24 Aug 1869, Albany, WA [Reg. 11799]. Parents: **ANDREW MUIR (1841-1897)** and **MARY ANN BAKER (1843-1903)** who were married 26 Apr 1865, Albany, WA [Reg.2298]. William died 6 Apr 1950, Lake Muir, WA [Reg. 24].

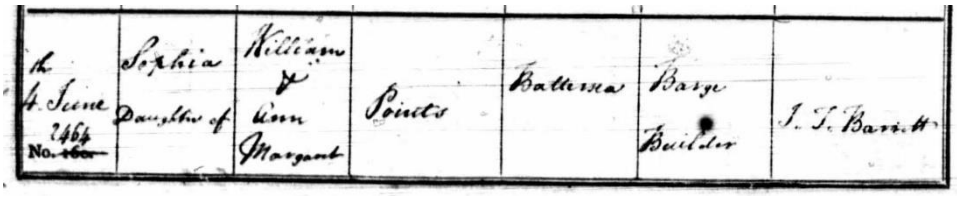
The following pages contain details of William's parents Andrew Muir (1841-1897) and Mary Ann Baker (1843-1903):

MUIR, ANDREW (1841-1897), William's father was born 1 Oct 1841, Star, Fife, Scotland.
Andrew Muir died 13 Jan 1897, Lake Muir, WA [Reg. 28]. Accidently shot.

BAKER, MARY ANN 'POLLY' (1843-1903), William's mother, was born 10 May 1843, Albany, WA. Her parents were **PHILIP BAKER (1803-1843)** and **SOPHIA POINTS (1815-1891)** who were married 1835, Albany, WA. Mary Ann Muir (nee Baker) died 7 Jul 1903, Mordalup, WA [Reg. 32], aged 60 years.

Mary Ann 'Polly' Baker, via Vernon Hall Family Tree, Ancestry

SOPHIA POINTS (1815-1891), William Points Muir's maternal grandmother, was baptised 4 Jun 1815, Lambeth St, St Mary Lambeth, England. Parents: William Points II (1785-1841) and Ann Margaret Hubert (1790-1850) son Phillip Baker. Recorded as Points).



Baptism of Sophia Points

ANDREW MUIR (1841-1897) and MARY ANN BAKER (1843-1903) HAD SIX CHILDREN:

1. SOPHIA ELIZABETH MUIR (1866-1946) married **ANDREW MUIR (1855-1945)** 9 Jun 1884, Albany, WA [Reg. 5740]. Andrew's parents: Robert Muir (1821-1904) and Mary White (1829-1915).

2, ANDREW GORDON MUIR (1867-1942) married **ANN REBECCA MARTIN (1876-1955)** 14 Sep 1897. Lake Muir, WA [Reg. 11].

3. WILLIAM POINTS MUIR (1869-1950) married **LILA RUBUS BLECHYNDEN (1881-1970)** 1900, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 11].

4. JESSIE MAY MUIR (1871-1955) married **HENRY THOMAS DOUST (1874-1958)** 1899, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 13].

5. ROBERT FORREST MUIR (1872-1930) married **CLARA ANNE BLECHYNDEN (1876-1972)** 1900, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 9].

6. THOMAS MUIR (1878-1880) Born, 1878, [Reg. 18980]. Died aged 2 years, Mordalup, WA [Reg. 10627].

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The following article gives a description of how **Andrew Muir** was shot. It also gives a very descriptive narration of the life he led as a pioneer at this time.

***Australian Advertiser* (Albany, WA: 1888 - 1897), Thu 11 Feb 1897, pg 3**
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THE LATE MR, A, MUIR, SEN,

FULL ACCOUNT OF THE ACCIDENT.

MR. MUIR'S CAREER.

With reference to Mr. Andrew Muir's death on the Coast Hills, about 50 miles from Lake Muir, near Brooke Inlet, on January 21, we may give the following particulars: —Mr Andrew Muir and his son (Mr. A. G. Muir) and nephew (Mr. A. Muir) started to the Coast Hills on January 7 on a month's holiday. They

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With reference to Mr. Andrew Muir's death on the Coast Hills, about 50 miles from Lake Muir, near Brooke Inlet, on January 21, we may give the following particulars:—Mr Andrew Muir and his son (Mr. A. G. Muir) and nephew (Mr. A. Muir) started to the Coast Hills on January 7 on a month's holiday. They purposed going to Deep River for fishing, kangaroo hunting, and wild dog poisoning and trapping. The trip had been long talked about. Surveyor Goodwin and one of his men went with them as far as the Deep River, and then returned. They caught a few fish and shot a few kangaroos, but no wild dogs. They burnt some very old scrub, over 20 years old, on Naninulup Estuary on the 17th (Sunday), and camped all day at Landers' old camp, first used in 1848. On their way back from Deep River on the Monday they shifted to what is known as the Banksia camp, back from Cape Chathan, and went fishing and hunting. On Thursday morning the horses had strayed, and they went and brought them back, and as it was early they started to the westward to burn the hills that day, but meant to go on and have dinner at a spring, and set fire to the hills when returning in the afternoon. After going about three or four miles Mr. A. G. Muir shot the first kangaroo. When they got about four miles from their camp Mr. A. G. Muir was in the lead, Mr. Muir next, and Mr. A. Muir behind. As they were going between two overhanging she oak trees Mr. A. Muir's rifle went off. He did not know until he saw the smoke coming out of his rifle whose gun it was that had gone off. He saw his uncle get off his horse, put his hand to his back and fall down among the bushes. His son put his father's head on his knees, but he could only look up in his face. He never spoke. He gave a few long breaths and was dead. It was 20 minutes to 10 o'clock when the accident happened, and at a quarter to 10 all was over. A few moments before that he was talking, and in the best of spirits, as he always was, and they were all enjoying themselves. The two young men put the body on the horse, one leading and the other walking alongside. When they got to their camp they sewed the body up in three blankets and put it on the pack horse, and got to the Lake that night about 12 o'clock. Thus ended their pleasure trip. The two young men could not speak all the way from the coast, being so overcome with grief. Mr. Andrew Muir was a little over 55 years of age at the time of his death, and was highly respected by all who knew him. He was buried at Lake Muir on Saturday, January 23, and was followed to the grave by many of his friends from the Blackwood and Bridgetown, and from Forest Hill, near Mount Barker.

Mr. Andrew Muir came to Western Australia, January, 1844, in the barque Ganges, Captain Walker. He was a little over three years old when he landed at Fremantle. His father, mother, grandmother, brothers and sisters all came out together. After landing at Fremantle they had to wait for over three weeks before they could get a passage to Albany. They got passage to Albany in an American whaleship. First of all they went to Cape Riche, 70 miles East of Albany, to Mr. George Cheyne's. After living at Cape Riche five years, Mrs. George Cheyne, his aunt, with the help of his mother taught him to read and write. He was a fair scholar and a great reader and could converse on almost any subject. After leaving Cape Riche he lived at Oronjup for about five years, his father, Mr. Andrew Muir, having rented Oronjup farm from the late Mr. Edward Spencer. There for a good part of his time he was shepherding with one or two native boys, when he learn: l the native dialect and could speak it well, and understood all the native customs. From Oronjup he went to Forest Hill, his father, Mr. Andrew Muir, having selected land there. After about two years, and when he was 15 years of age, he and his brother Thomas and two native boys, started to the west with a flock of sheep. No one was then living nearer than what is now known as Bridgetown, Mr. John Blechynden settling there the same winter. The natives were numerous, but they had no trouble with them. They camped at Perup and Deeside. Lake Muir the first winter they went there, was a beautiful sheet of water, then about 18 miles round and from eight to nine feet in depth, and covered with thousands of ducks and swans. The blacks mostly lived on small fish that went up the small brooks to spawn. The lake is now quite dry and like a large plain. After shepherding about Perup and Deeside, they went to Lake Muir and afterwards selected land on the west bank, what is now known as Lake Muir estate, where he has been living ever since. Over 30 years ago he and his brother Thomas cut a track to the Coast Hills where he met his death, and took cattle down there, but they did not do so well as they expected so the run was abandoned, but since then Mr. Muir has held blocks of the same country and cattle have done well on it. About 24 years ago he and his brother Thomas with a few native boys cleared a track to what is now known as the Gardens' Coast. It runs through scrub that has not been burnt for over 20 years. It took a month to clear a track of 40 miles. None of the blacks knew the country. He afterwards went to Eucla to relieve his brother and went out north to look for some young men who were lost, and later he returned to Lake Muir.

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Headstone Andrew Muir and Mary Ann Muir (nee Baker, buried at Lake Muir. Ljeitz originally shared this on 16 Feb 2014, Ancestry.

Continuing with the story of William Points Muir and Lila Rubus Blechynden:

WILLIAM POINTS MUIR (1869-1950) AND LILA RUBUS BLECHYNDEN (1881-1970) HAD NINE CHILDREN: More details later in their individual sections.

1. WILLIAM PAULZ MUIR (1900-1900) was stillborn.

2. WILLIAM CLIFTON MUIR (1901- 1965) was born 9 Oct 1901, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 90]. He married **ALMA JANE LUPTON (1903-1942),** 1926, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 44].

3. ANDREW ROY MUIR (1902-1996) (via Ross and Sue, Smith Whiteley & Jenkins Family Trees, Ancestry) was born 27 Dec 1902, Manjimup, WA. Registered in 1903, Warren, WA [Reg. 59]. He married 4 May 1933 to **DORA MARY EVELYN WHITELEY (1909-1989)**, Perth, WA [Reg No. 418]. Dora's birth registered in WA BDMs as 1909. Suggested date of her birth, 19 Nov 1908. Andrew Roy Muir died 9 May 1996, Redcliffe, WA.

4. LILA JANE MUIR (1904-1995) was born 19 Apr 1904, Warren, WA [Reg. 113]. She married 1931, **WILLIAM ARTHUR KAMMANN (1906-2005),** Blackwood, WA [Reg. 30]. Muir Book says 1930. The marriage was registered in WA marriages as 1931.

5. EVLYN RUBUS MUIR (1905-1991), written as Evlyn was born 13 Nov 1905, 'Glenpennant', (Warren), WA [Reg. 192]. He married **MARTIN MARK KAMMANN (1899-1964)**, 1929, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 32]. Registered as Evlyn R Muir.

6. LINDLEY POINTZ MUIR (1909-1986) was born 5 Feb 1909, Blackwood, WA [Reg No. 37]. He married 1937 to **DOROTHY MAUD MOTTRAM (1918-),** Blackwood, WA [Reg. 48].

7. JESSIE ETNA MUIR (1913-) was born 13 Jan 1913, Blackwood, WA [Reg No. 13]. She married **DOUGLAS KNAPTON JOHNSTON (1911-1958)**, 1931, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 28].

8. WALTER EDWARD MUIR (1914-1991) was born 24 Jun 1914, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 92]. He married **JEAN MARGERY COLLINS (1919-2011)**, Blackwood, 1945, WA [Reg. 47]. Jean Margery Collins, born in England, died 15 Dec 2011, Manjimup, WA. Walter died 25 Jul 1991, Manjimup, WA. Buried Manjimup Lawn Cemetery.

9. ROLAND WESLEY MUIR (1922-2012) was born 15 Oct 1922, Manjimup, (Blackwood), WA [Reg. 203]. He married **ELSIE GIBELLINI (1926-)**, 13 Feb 1947, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 19]. Roland died 31 Dec 2012, WA.

Electoral Roll:

Name recorded as William Pointz Muir and Leila Rubus.
1903, 1922, 1925, 1937, 1943 William Pointz Muir, Lake Muir via Manjimup, farmer, Leila Rubus, married.
1968 Leila Rubus Muir, Lake Muir, home duties.

William Points Muir and Lila Rubus Muir (nee Blechynden) and family.
Courtesy Cheryl Hay Hendry
Back: *L to R: Roy, Roland, Walter, Clifton, Lindley*
Middle*: Lila Jane (Kammann), Jessie Etna (Johnson), Evlyn Robus (Kammann)*
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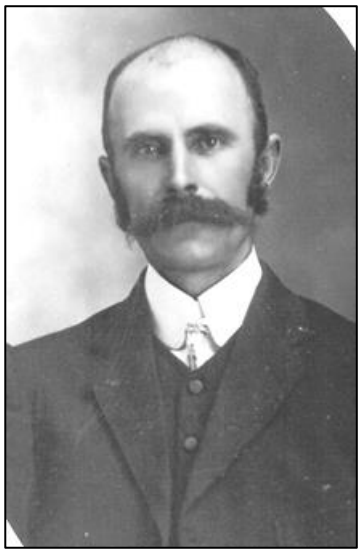

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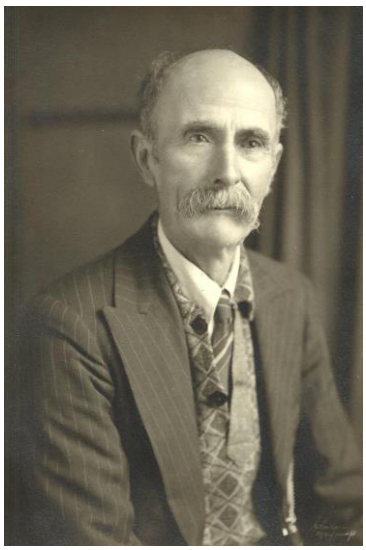

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Left: *William Muir, children, Wally and Lyn, Lila and Evelyn, (digitally repaired). Courtesy Cheryl Hay Hendry*

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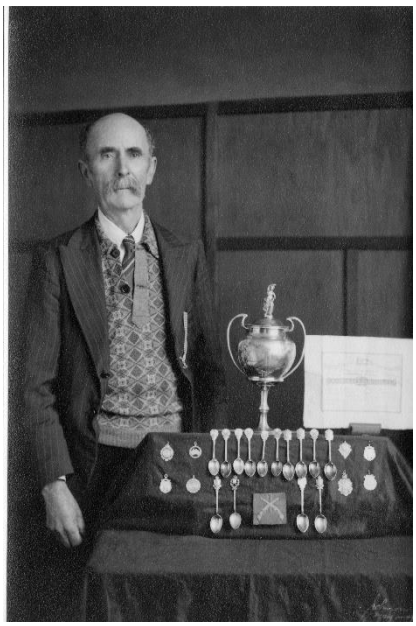

Mr. W. P. Muir with some of the trophies he has won at rifle shooting. Courtesy John Morgan

William Points Muir died 6 Apr 1950, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 24].

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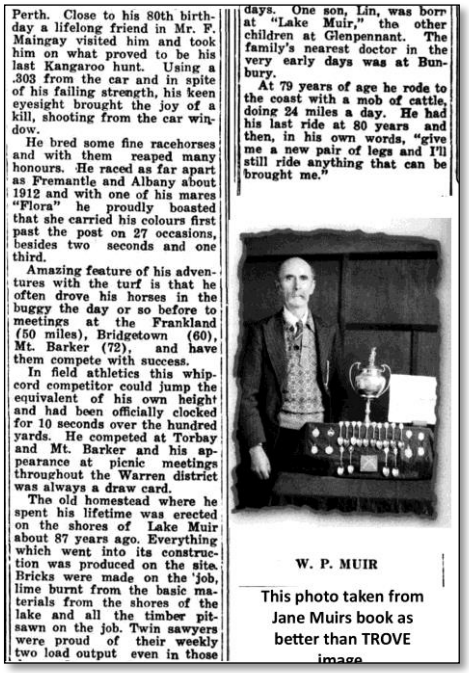

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Lila Rubus Muir (nee Blechynden) died 29 Sep 1970, aged 89 years old, Blackwood, WA. [Reg. 72]. Buried Balbarrup Cemetery.

Photos courtesy Ken Blechynden.

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Birth not registered. Stillborn. Death 1900, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 11], mother, Lila Rubur Blechynden.

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WILLIAM CLIFTON MUIR (1901- 1965) married **ALMA JANE LUPTON (1903-1942),** 1926, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 44].

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CHILDREN OF GEORGE LUPTON (1871-1938) AND PHILLIPPINA HOWELL (1870-1963):

1. GEORGE CLARENCE LUPTON (1896-1897) was born 1896, Tatura, VIC [Reg. 7269]. George Clarence Lupton died as a baby 1897, Elsternwick, VIC [Reg. 12502].

2. IVELINE MURIEL LUPTON (1898-1979) was born 1898, Shepparton, VIC [Reg. 6470]. She married **ERNEST LESLEY HICKEY (1894-1957)**, 1920, Williams, WA [Reg. 27].

3. STANLEY JOHN LUPTON (1899-) was born 1899, Shepparton, VIC [Reg. 29813]. He married **ZENA I JEANES**, 1930, Wellington, WA [Reg. 63].

4. LESLIE LUPTON (1901-1952) was born 1901, Shepparton, VIC [Reg. 29949]. Leslie died 1952, Irwin, WA [Reg. 7].

5. ALMA JANE LUPTON (1903-1942) was born 1903, Shepparton, VIC [Reg. 21251]. She married **WILLIAM CLIFTON MUIR (1901- 1965)**, Blackwood, WA [Reg No. 44].

6. HORACE ALFRED LUPTON (1905-1976) was born 5 Apr 1905, York, WA [Reg No 7750]. Horace died May 1976, NSW.

7. LEILA WINIFRED LUPTON (1907-1994) was born 1907, York, WA [Reg. 2]. She married **WALTER THORWAL BENTHIEN** 1927, Williams, WA [Reg. 41]. Leila died 26 Jul 1994, Fremantle, WA.

8. IDA M 'QUEENIE' LUPTON (1908-) was born 1908, York, WA [Reg. 3]. She married **JAMES P BROWNE,** 1927, Wellington, WA [Reg. 1].

Electoral Roll:
George and Phillippina Lupton
Compositor - a person who arranges type for printing or keys text into a composing machine.
1906 George Lupton, York, compositor, Phillippina, married home duties.
1910 George Lupton, Poole St, York, compositor, Phillippina, married.
1922 George Lupton, Farmery St, Narrogin, compositor
1931 George Lupton, 351 Railway Pde, Southern Cross, compositor, Phillippina, Anteres St, Southern Cross, home duties.

Continuing with the story of William Clifton Muir (1901- 1965) and Alma Jane Lupton (1903-1942):

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Douglas Lindley, Valma Leila, Lorraine Alma and Clifton Rex Muir.

'Warren Bus Service': Cliff's, first bus.

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FOUR GENERATIONS
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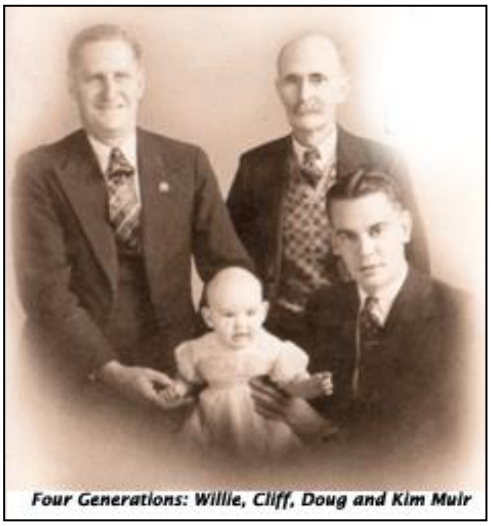
The eldest son in each of four generations of the Muir family are pictured here, Great- grandfather is William Pointz Muir, aged 79, "Grandpa" is William Clifton Muir, aged 47, "Dad" is Douglas Lindley Muir, aged 21, and the "Boss'' is Tim Bouglas Muir, aged five months when the photograph was taken.


Four Generations: Willie, Cliff, Doug and Kim Muir

Electoral Roll:
1931,1937 William Clifton Muir, Lake Muir, farm duties, Alma Jane, Manjimup, housewife
1943, 1954 William Clifton Muir, Rose St, Manjimup, carrier.

Alma J Muir (nee Lupton) died 5 Nov 1942, Manjimup, (Blackwood), WA [Reg. 65]. Date of death recorded at cemetery 7 Nov.

William Clifton Muir died 12 Jan 1965, Manjimup, (Blackwood), WA [Reg No 7]. Date of death recorded at cemetery, 13 Jan. Both are buried at the Manjimup Old Cemetery, Manjimup Shire, WA.
https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/197021896/william-clifton-muir

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3rd CHILD OF WILLIAM POINTZ MUIR & LILA RUBUS BLECHYNDEN

3. MUIR, ANDREW ROY (1902-1950) was born 27 Dec 1902, Manjimup, Warren, WA [Reg. 59], registered in 1903.

Andrew Roy Muir

ANDREW married **DORA MARY' EVELYN' WHITELY (1909-1989)** on 4 May 1933, Perth, WA [Reg. 418].

WHITELY, DORA MARY' EVELYN' (1909-1989)

Dora Mary' Evelyn' Whitely was born 1909, Perth, WA [Reg. 49], registered under Whiteley. Parents: **ALEXANDER ANDREW WHITELY**

(1883-1951) and **CATHERINE ETHEL MAY HALL JACKSON (1886-1963)** who were married 29 Oct 1906, Perth, WA [Reg. 643].

CHILDREN OF ALEXANDER ANDREW WHITELY (1883-1951) AND CATHERINE ETHEL MAY HALL JACKSON (1886-1963): Very briefly - marriages. These marriages recorded under Whiteley.

1. ETHEL ALEXANDRA OLIVE WHITELEY (1907-1972) married **STANLEY ARTHUR WINDSOR (1905-1945)**, Perth, WA [Reg. 241], registered as Whiteley and Winsor.

2. DORA MARY' EVELYN' WHITELEY (1909-1989) married **ANDREW ROY MUIR (1902-1996)**, 1933, Perth, WA [Reg. 418].

3. DULCIE EDNA IRVINE WHITELEY (1910-1970) married **ARTHUR DYBALL**, 1930, Perth, WA [Reg. 1514].

4. MYRTLE FELICE IRIS JOY WHITELY (1912-1983) married **HAMISH MACRAE (1908-1991)**, 1939, Perth, WA [Reg. 1105].

5. CARMEL THIRZA WHITELY (1914-1916) Died as a toddler, 10 Jun 1916, East Perth, WA [Reg. 286].

6. MAY WHITLEY (1916-1916) Died as a baby, 20 Oct 1916, Perth, WA [Reg. 566], registered under Whitely, aged 5 hrs.

7. SHEILA MURIEL WHITELY (1917-1962) married **RONALD BERNARD ORR (1915-1987)**, 1940, Perth, WA [Reg. 2167]. Registered under Sheilagh.

8. KATHLEEN AUDREY WHITELY (1920-2001) married **HENRY STUART BOURKE (1918-1989)**

9. ALEXANDER SYDNEY JOSEPH BILL WHITELY (1923-1998)

10. GLENEATH MARY WHITELEY (1925-1972) married **ALLAN FRANCIS HOGAN (1924-1996)**, 1948, Perth, WA [Reg. 969].

11. CARMEL ELLA MARJORY WHITELEY (1926-2002) married **ALBERT JOHN SMITH (1924-1981)**, 1949, Perth, WA [Reg No. 940].

Electoral Roll:

1910 Alexander Andrew Whitely, 248 Newcastle St, Perth, caretaker, Catherine Ethel May, home duties.
1912 Alexander Andrew Whitely, 195 Royal St, Perth, sawyer, Catherine Ethel May, home duties.
1937 Alexander Andrew Whitely, Coffee Palace, Pithara, pensioner, Catherine Ethel May, boarding housekeeper.
1943 Alexander Andrew Whitely, Old Men's Home, Nedlands, carpenter.

Continuing with the story of Andrew Roy Muir (1902-1996) and Dora Mary Evelyn Whitley (1909-1989):

ANDREW ROY MUIR (1902-1996) AND DORA MARY' EVELYN' WHITELY (1909-1989) HAD THREE CHILDREN: William Desmond, Irvin Graham and Gregory Milton Muir.

Electoral Roll:

1925, 1937 Andrew Roy Muir, Lake Muir, Manjimup, farmer.
1949 Andrew Roy Muir, Forrest Station, Highbury, overseer, Dora Mary Evelyn, home duties
1958, 1972 Andrew Roy Muir 74 Fauntleroy Av, Redcliffe, DCA employee, Dora Mary Evelyn, home duties

Dora Mary 'Evelyn' Whitely died 15 Sep 1989, Perth, WA. **Andrew Roy Muir died 9 May 1996**, Redcliffe, WA.

4th CHILD OF WILLIAM POINTZ MUIR & LILA RUBUS BLECHYNDEN

4. MUIR, LILA JANE (1904-1995) was born 19 Apr 1904, Warren, WA [Reg. 113]. Lila Jane Kammann (nee Muir) died 15 Oct 1995, Manjimup, Blackwood, WA. **LILA** married 1931, **WILLIAM ARTHUR KAMMANN (1906-2005)**, Blackwood, WA.

Note: Sisters: Lila and Evlyn Muir both married members from the Kammann family: Evlyn Muir married Martin Kammann, 1929. Martin Kammann was William's uncle.

Aunty Clara and Lila Jane Muir. Courtesy Cheryl Hay Hendry

Wedding photo: William Kammann and Lila Jane (nee Muir)

KAMMANN, WILLIAM 'BILL' ARTHUR (1906-2005)

William Arthur Kammann was born 24 Sep 1906, Perth, WA [Reg. 1325]. William Arthur Kammann died 25 Dec 2005, Manjimup, Blackwood, WA.

Williams parents, **JOHN FREDERICK KAMMANN (1874-1949)** and **ALICE CAROLINE FIRMAN (1874-1960)** who were married 11 Apr 1897, Finsbury Stepney, London, England.

KAMMANN, JOHN FREDERICK (1874-1949) William Arthur Kamman's father

John Frederick Kammann was born 4 May 1874, St George's E, Middlesex, England. Father, John Fredrick Kammann and mother, Lucy Darkins. John Frederick Kammann died 1949, Manjimup, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 7].

Emigration: John Frederick and Alice Kammann departed 20 Apr 1906 from London, England, arriving in Fremantle, WA in 1906, via the ship *Ormuz*, Occupation, fitter – more details on this are recorded in Lila's sister, Evelyn's story.

FIRMAN, ALICE CAROLINE (1874-1960) William Arthur Kamman's mother
Alice Caroline Firman was born ~1874, London, England. Alice Caroline Kammann (nee Firman) died 1960, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 27], father, John Firman.

CHILDREN of JOHN FREDERICK KAMMANN (1874-1949) and ALICE CAROLINE FIRMAN (1874-1960) all born in WA:

1. WILLIAM ARTHUR KAMMANN (1906-2005) married **LILA JANE MUIR (1904-1995)**, 1931, Blackwood, WA [Reg No. 30].

2. FREDERICK KAMMANN (1909-1968) married **GLADYS MAUDE HELENA SHARP (1903-1982)** 1939, Manjimup, (Blackwood), WA [Reg. 53].

3. ROSE FLORENCE KAMMANN (1911-2003) married **CHARLES PATRICK COLLINS (1900-1964),** 1936, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 49].

4. HETTY ELLEN ANNIE KAMMANN (1914-1959) married **ARTHUR, ARCHIBALD DUNN (1919-2001)** 1940, Manjimup, (Blackwood), WA [Reg. 24].

Electoral Roll:
1910 John Frederick Kamman, Warren, farmer, Alice, domestic duties.
1918 John Frederick Kamman, Balbarrup, orchardist, Alice, married.
1931, 1943 John Frederick Kamman, Finsbury Park, Upper Warren, Manjimup, orchardist, Alice, married.

Continuing the story of William Arthur Kammann (1906-2005) and Lila Jane Muir (1904-1995):

Electoral Roll:
1937, 1949 William Arthur Kammann, Sommerville St. Manjimup, truckdriver, Lila Jane, home duties
1954, 1968, 1972, 1980 William Arthur Kammann, Glenburn, Manjimup, farmer, Lila Jane, home duties

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5th CHILD OF WILLIAM POINTZ MUIR & LILA RUBUS BLECHYNDEN

5. MUIR, EVLYN RUBUS (1905-1991), written as Evlyn Rubus, was born 13 Nov 1905, Glenpennant, Upper Warren (Warren), WA [Reg. 192]. John Morgan wrote: *"She spelt her name Evlyn. I checked this with my mother and Aunty Val, they confirm Evlyn. I am told my grandmother was adamant about the spelling."*

Evlyn Rubus Kammann (nee Muir) died 8 Jul 1991, Manjimup, WA.

Evlyn Rubus Muir. Courtesy Alison Muir.

EVLYN married **MARTIN KAMMANN (1899-1964)** 1929, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 32]. Her name registered as Evlyn. **MARTIN** , via the

Kammann Family Tree, Ancestry, was born 13 Jun 1899, Stepney, London, England. His parents were **JOHANN FREDERICK KAMMANN (1849-1912)** and **LUCY DARKINS (1856-1921)** married 7 Jul 1873, Christ Church, Watney St, London, England.

John Gordon wrote: *"He was commonly called Mart...short for Martin, but it was heard by many as Mark. I have his original birth certificate...Martin it is."* Martin Kammann died 15 Aug 1964, Manjimup, WA [Reg. 60].

Wedding photo: Martin Kammann and Evlyn Rubus Muir.
Courtesy Darelle Sinclair

Note: Evlyn's sister Lila Jane Muir married William Kammann. Martin was William's uncle.

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"Absent Friends," proposed by Mr. Alf Doust, and "The Chairman" (Rev T. Smout) proposed by Mr. Joseph Roberts, completed the toast list, after which the floor was cleared and dancing, to the strains of Rooney's Orchestra was enjoyed for the rest of the evening.

The occasion was a remarkable gathering of relatives and friends, parties having travelled from the Upper Blackwood, Frankland River and Nannup and it was noticeable that introductions and sociable conversation were more general than is usual at many of our local functions.

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"Absent Friends," proposed by Mr. Alf Doust, and "The Chairman" (Rev T. Smout) proposed by Mr. Joseph Roberts, completed the toast list, after which the floor was cleared and dancing, to the strains of Rooney's Orchestra was enjoyed for the rest of the evening.

The occasion was a remarkable gathering of relatives and friends, parties having travelled from the Upper Blackwood, Frankland River and Nannup and it was noticeable that introductions and sociable conversation were more general than is usual at many of our local functions.

During the evening the happy couple left by motor for Bridgetown en route for Perth, the bride travelling in an ensemble of cinnamon charmeline with hat to match. After the honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Mart Kamman will return to reside in Manjimup.

The following pages contain details of Martin Kammann's parents, **KAMMANN, JOHANN 'JOHN' FREDERICK (1849-1912)** and **DARKINS, LUCY (1856-1921)**

Via the Michael Hill Family Tree, Ancestry, **JOHANN** was born 19 Jan 1849, Hannover, Stadt, Niedersachsen, Germany. His parents were **JOHANN FRIEDERICK KAMMANN (-1883)** and **ADELHEID HULLEN (1815-1902).** Johann died 18 Dec 1912, in Queens Dock, Hull, England on board the ship 'SS Yern'. **LUCY** was born 19 Apr 1856, Christ Church, Surrey, England. She died 30 Sep 1921, Finsbury, Manjimup, (Blackwood), WA [Reg. 54].

Via the Spratt Family Tree, Ancestry, Johann and Lucy had ten children as follows:

1. JOHN FREDERICK KAMMANN (1874-1949) was born 4 May 1874, St Georges E, Middlesex, England. **JOHN** married **ALICE CAROLINE FIRMAN (1874-1960)** 11 Apr 1897, Finsbury, St Paul, London, England. He died 1949, Manjimup, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 7].

2. WILLIAM KAMMANN (1877-b1906) was born about 1877, St Georges E, Middlesex, England. He died prior to 1906.

3. EDITH MARION KAMMANN (1881-1939), via Cameron family Tree, Ancestry, was born 1881, St George in the East, London, England. Arrival, 10 Apr 1912, Fremantle, WA. **EDITH** married **MARTIN CHARLES WADE (1910-1943)** 16 Nov 1905, St Jude, Bethnal Green, England. She died 1939 Palmyra, (Fremantle), WA [Reg. 12].

4. LUCY HENRIETTA 'ETTY' KAMMANN (1882-1955), via the Gum tree Family tree, Ancestry, was born 1882, St George in the East, London, England. Emigration: London 1907, arriving, Sydney, NSW, 4 May 1907. **m.1 LUCY** married **THOMAS WATLING (1878-1916)** 1912, Sydney, NSW [Reg. 4172], registered under Thomas Walteling and Henrietta Kammann. **m.2 LUCY** married **JAMES BIRCH (-1943)**, 1931, Balmain North, NSW [Reg. 6259]. Note: If this information is correct then Lucy 'Etty' appears to have come to Australia and settled in NSW. Lucy died 1955, Balmain, Martin, NSW.

5. ELIZABETH 'LIZZIE' FLORENCE KAMMANN (1885-1926), via the Gum tree Family tree, Ancestry, was born 1885, St George in the East, London, England. Lucy departed Apr 1907 from Fremantle via the ship Ormuz and arrived in Sydney 1 May 1907. (Miss Kammann aged 26 years, domestic.) Note: It appears that Elizabeth continued on the Ormuz to Sydney after it had disembarked people at Fremantle. **ELIZABETH** married **CARL 'CHARLES' AUGUST FORSBERG (1877-1928)**, 1911, Annandale, NSW [Reg. 8382]. Elizabeth Florence Forsberg (nee Kammann) died 1926, Hurstville, NSW.

6. HENRY CHARLES KAMMANN (1887-1943) was born 1887, Shadwell, London, England. **HENRY** married **JESSIE AUGUSTA WARD (1892-1958)**, 1919, Perth, WA [Reg No. 296]. He died 18 Oct 1943, Manjimup, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 54].

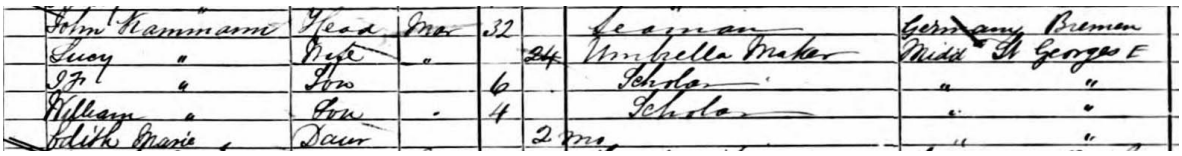
7. GEORGE KAMMANN (1890-1917) was born 15 Feb 1890, Shadwell, St Paul, London, England. He married **ALMA DAISY LAWRENCE (1895-1959)**, 1915, Perth, WA [Reg. 478]. On 5 Jul 15, at the age of 25, George enlisted to serve in WW1, Service Number 3128, spelling his name as Kamman. He trained as an infantryman and was posted to the 16th Battalion, AIF. George was Killed in Action on 11 Apr 1917 while serving in France.

8. ARTHUR WILLIAM KAMMANN (1893-1968) was born 1893, Stepney, London, England. On 30 Nov 15, at the age of 22, he enlisted to serve in WW1, Service Number 4832, giving his trade as a whip maker although later Army documentation gives his occupation as a fruit farmer. Arthur trained as a signaller and served in France with the 51st Battalion, AIF, reaching the rank of Corporal. He married **HILDA CROWDER (1893-1985)** on 25 Jul 1918, Bakewell, Derbyshire, England. Arthur died 23 Dec 1968, Fremantle, WA [Reg No 787].

9. ALICE KAMMANN (1897-1963) was born about 1897, Shadwell, London, England. Alice Paddon (nee Kammann) died 15 Feb 1963, Manjimup, WA. **ALICE** married **CHARLES H PADDON (1889-1965)**, 1930, Perth, WA [Reg. 1361].

10. MARTIN KAMMANN (1899-1964) was born 13 Jun 1899, Stepney, London, England.

CENSUS 1881: St George's East, Tower Hamlets, London, England. John F Kammann aged six years, father, John Kammann, mother, Lucy**.**



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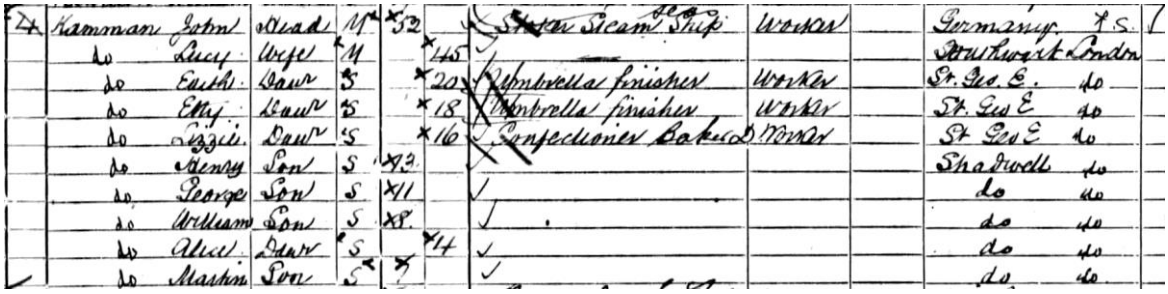

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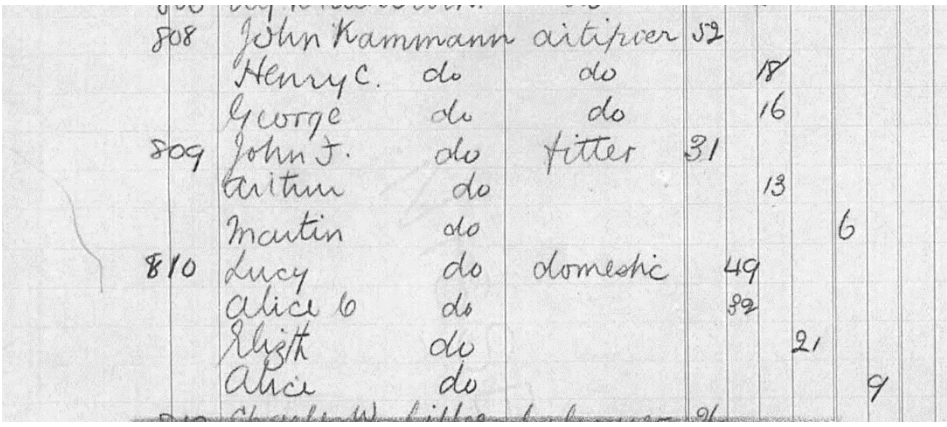


It appears as if Martin attempted to enlist for WW1 at Blackboy Hill WA. He was, however, discharged as 'Underage' on 20 Apr 1917. **MARTIN** married **EVLYN RUBUS MUIR (1905-1991)** in 1929, Blackwood, WA [Reg No. 32] and together they had two children - Lucy and George. Martin died on 15 Aug 1964, Manjimup, WA. John Morgan, son of Lucy, has researched and written an excellent article on his grandfather, John Uriah Rogers a.k.a. William John Morgan.

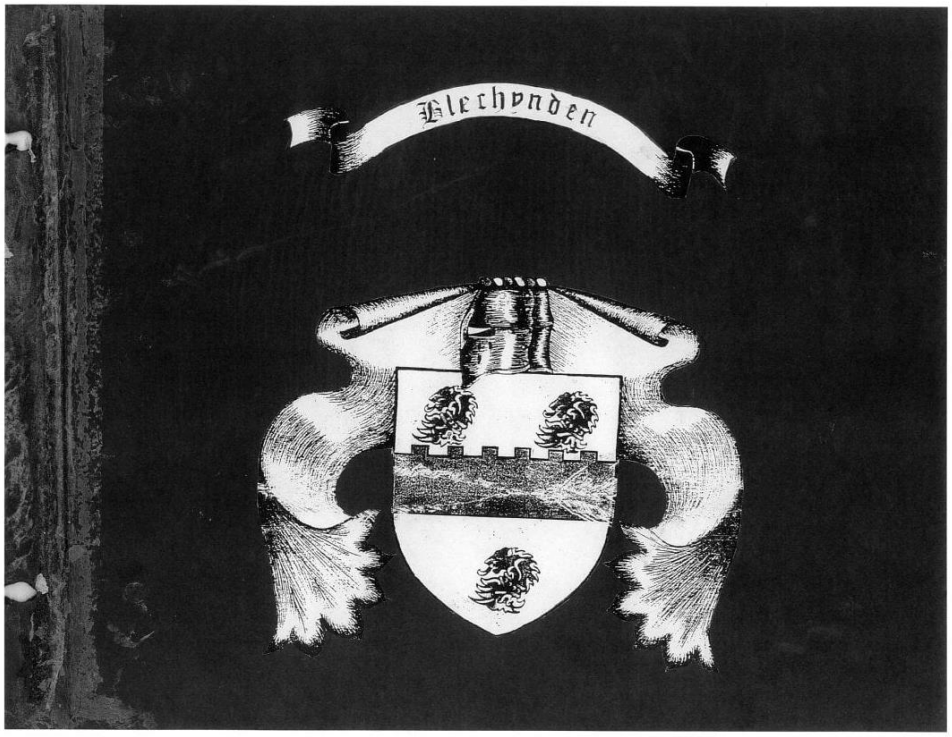
Electoral Roll:

1921 Martin Kammann, Manjimup, survey hand
1937, 1943 Martin Kammann, Manjimup, survey hand, Evlyn Rubus, home duties.
1954, 1963, Martin Kammann, 4 Wheatley St, Manjimup, farmer, Evlyn Rubus, home duties.
Martin Kammann died 15 Aug 1964, Manjimup, (Blackwood), WA [Reg. 60].
Evlyn Rubus Kammann (nee Muir) died 8 Jul 1991, Manjimup, WA. Both are buried in the Old Manjimup Cemetery.

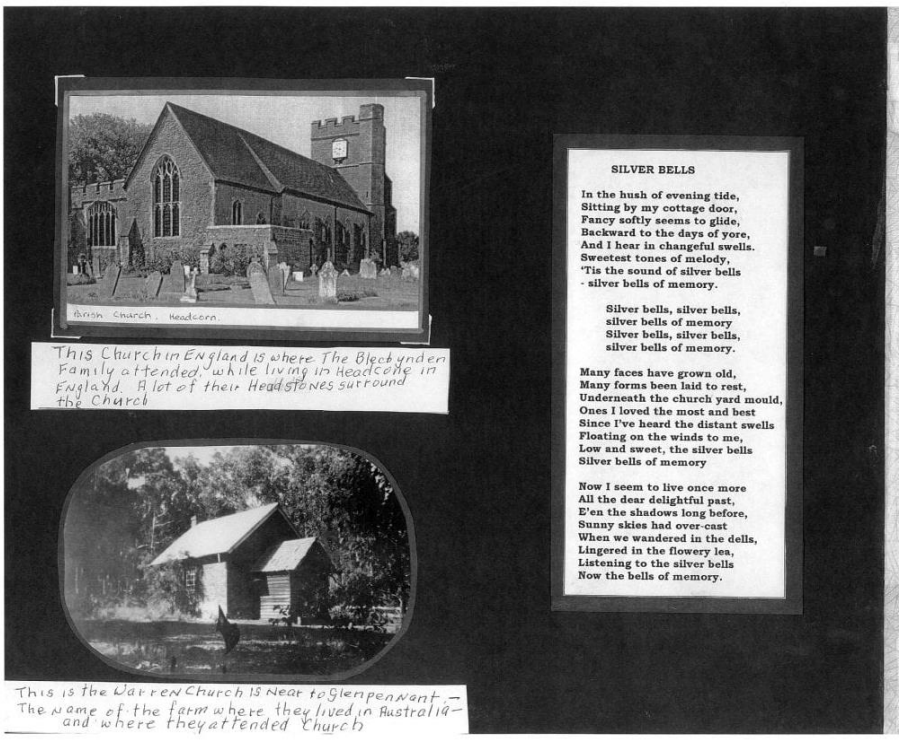
The following pages are a sample from an album on the Walter Blechynden family, shared with us by John Morgan, who wrote the following:

"This album was put together by my mother Lucy Morgan. The family line is Walter & Jane Blechynden's daughter Lila Robus married Willie Muir (Lake Muir) whose daughter Evlyn Rubus married Martin Kammann (Manjimup) and their daughter; Lila Lucy married John Innes Morgan. They are my parents. Mum has passed the album to my sister, Ruth & myself."

These just a few pages from the album following, as we have most of it covered in our story.



Front cover of the Walter Blechynden album complied by Lucy Morgan



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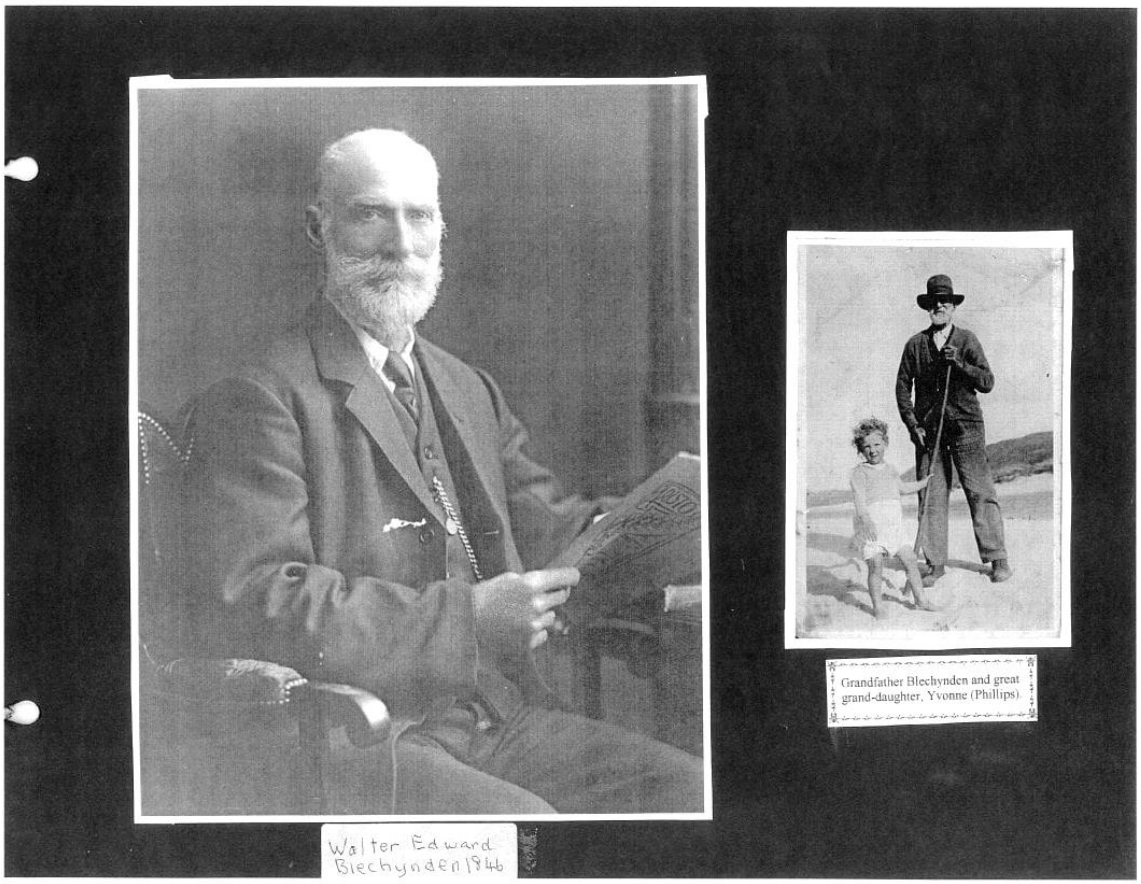

Walter Edward Blechynden

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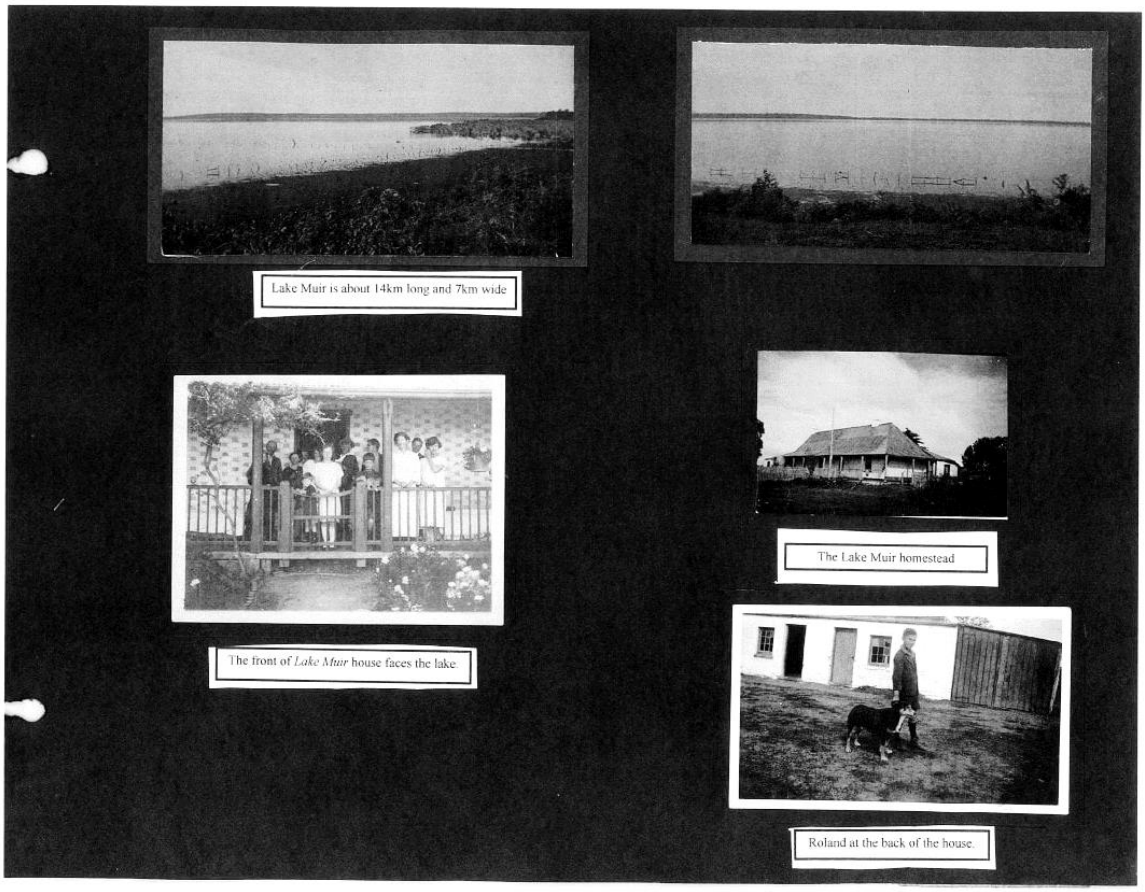
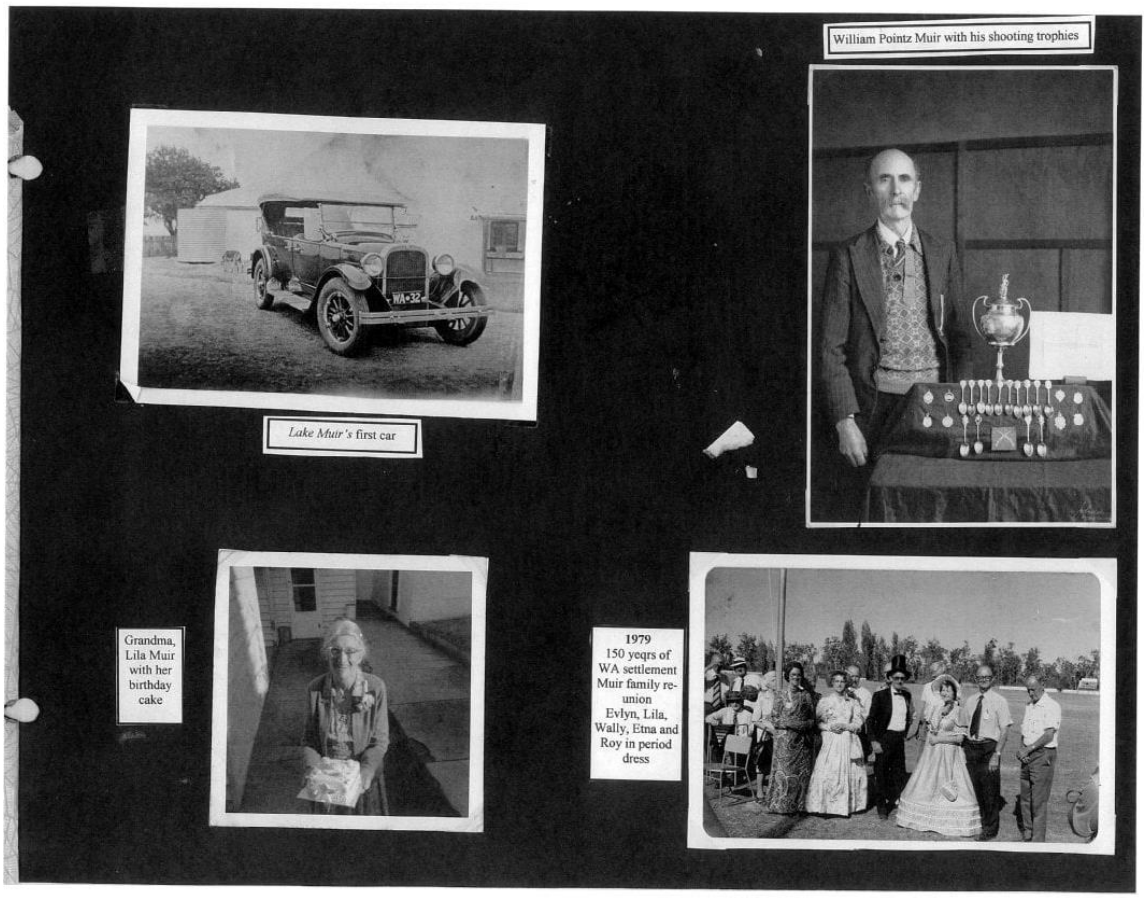


Lake Muir

Muir Children



Blechynden – Muir Clan: Unfortunately, not named.

Via John Morgan: Back, right: William Points Muir (known as Willie), on his left is most likely his daughter, Evlyn Kammann. The gent on her left, looking down, could be her husband, Martin Kammann. Same row, lady wearing black overalls, Lila Muir nee Blechynden, William's wife. The fellow in hat and large beard could be Clarence Doust. Woman on his left Mercy Doust (nee Blechynden).

6th CHILD OF WILLIAM POINTZ MUIR & LILA RUBUS BLECHYNDEN

6. MUIR, LINDLEY POINTZ (1909-1987)
Lindley Pointz Muir was born 5 Feb 1909, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 37]. Lindley Pointz Muir died 6 Feb 1987, Manjimup, WA.

Lindley Pointz Muir
Courtesy Jane and Alison Muir.

LINDLEY POINTZ MUIR (1909-1987) married **DOROTHY MAUD MOTTRAM (1918-2014)** 1939, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 48].

MOTTRAM DOROTHY MAUD (1918-2014)

Dorothy Maud Mottram was born 18 Feb 1918, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 27]. Parents: **DAVID MOTTRAM (1876-1965)** and **MABEL GIBLETT (1887-1965)** who were married 1910, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 27].
Dorothy Maud Muir (nee Mottram) died 14 May 2014, Manjimup, WA.

***Manjimup and Warren Times* (WA: 1927 - 1954), Wed 2 Aug 1939, pg 3**
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WEDDING

MOTTRAM—MUIR

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The church was decorated with greenery and pink and white flowers by friends of the bride.

The bride entered the church on the arm of her father. She looked charming in a gown of white embossed ivory satin with spray of orange blossom. This was designed on classical lines, with long flowing train. The veil was of soft silk net with hand embroidered sprays on each corner, the veil being held in place with a coronet of orange blossom and leaves. She carried a bouquet of pink roses.

The bridesmaids (sisters of the bride), Mabel and Bernice, looked exquisite in gowns of embossed cyclamen satin with overdress of silk net. They wore shoulder length veils of cyclamen net with silver leaves in their hair and carried bouquets of cream roses.

The charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Johnson performed the duties of train bearer. She was attired in a dress of apple green satin, with over-slip of net trimmed with bands of green satin and pink forget-me-nots. She had pink water waved shoes to tone and carried a basket of pink roses.

The duties of best man were carried out by the bridegroom's brother, Wally. The groomsman was Cliff Mottram, brother of the bride.

The reception took place at the Town Hall, Manjimup, where 160 guests were entertained.

The bride's mother was attired in black crepe de chene, with hat to tone. Mrs. Muir (the groom's mother) was dressed in navy with hat of same material. They both carried a posy of deep red roses.

The three-tier cake, which was the centre of attraction, was made and decorated by Mrs. Frank Giblett, aunt of the bride.

The master of ceremonies at the breakfast was the Rev. S. Slater, whose ready wit at each toast was greatly enjoyed by the guests. After the Loyal Toast the usual toasts being honoured, the Rev. Slater proposed the toast of the bride and groom. The groom responded and then proposed the toast of the bridesmaids, responded to by the best man. "Absent friends" was proposed by Mr. Shirley Muir, and responded to by Mr. Forrie Muir. "The bride's parents" was proposed by Mr. M. Kamman and responded to by Mr. D. Mottram. The "bridegroom's parents" was proposed by Mr. C. I. Doust and responded to by Mr. William Mottram. The toast to the ladies was honoured by Mr. Vick Starkie and responded to by Mrs. H. Stephenson. A vote of thanks was tendered by Mr. Jack Smith to the Rev. S. Slater for his duties as chairman.

After the reception the hall was opened to the public for dancing. Later a dainty supper was served.

The bride and groom left at midnight, with the good wishes of all, for a honeymoon tour. The bride departed attired in a smart costume of Burgundy wool crepe, with hat, shoes, gloves and bag to tone.

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CHILDREN OF DAVID MOTTRAM (1876-1965) AND MABEL GIBLETT (1887-1965) - marriages

1. JACK THOMAS MOTTRAM (1911-1993)
2. MABEL EVA MOTTRAM (1913-2007) married PETER JAMES MUIR (1899-1961), 1940, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 28].
3. WALTER RAYMOND MOTTRAM (1915-2007) married ALICE GLEESON (1923-2008), 1964, Perth, WA [Reg. 2505].
4. **DOROTHY MAUD MOTTRAM (1918-2014)** married **LINDLEY POINTZ MUIR (1909-1986)**, 1939, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 48].
5. CLIFFORD DAVID MOTTRAM (1920-2014) married PHYLLIS R MURRAY, 1947, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 21].
6. BERNICE JEAN MOTTRAM (1922-1984) married JAMES GLENNIE, 1948, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 2].

Lindley Pointz Muir.
Courtesy Jane and Alison Muir.

Electoral Roll:
1910 David Mottram, Bridgetown, farmer
1913 David Mottram, Bridgetown, farmer, Mabel, Glenford, Bridgetown, married.
1922 David Mottram, Bridgetown, farmer, Mabel, Rockbridge, Manjimup, married.
1931 David Mottram, Manjimup, farmer, Mabel, Rockbridge, Manjimup, married.
1949 David Mottram, O'Connor St, Manjimup, farmer, Mabel, home duties.

Continuing the story of Lindley Pointz Muir (1909-1987) and Dorothy Maud Mottram (1918-2014):

LINDLEY POINTZ MUIR (1909-1987) AND DOROTHY MAUD MOTTRAM (1918-2014) HAD THREE CHILDREN:
Gary Lyn, Helen and Madge Lynette Muir. 'Clover Cottage'.

Electoral Roll:
1936 Lindley Pointz Muir, Lake Muir, Manjimup, farmer
1943 Lindley Pointz Muir, Peppermint Glen, Northcliffe, farmer, Dorothy Maud, home duties
1963, 1968 Lindley Pointz Muir, "Clover Cottage", Manjimup, farmer, Dorothy Maud, home duties
1972, 1980 Lindley Pointz Muir, 30 Mottram, St, Manjimup, farmer, Dorothy Maud, home duties

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Lindley Pointz Muir died 6 Feb 1987, Manjimup, WA. **Dorothy Maud Muir (nee Mottram) died 14 May 2014**, Manjimup, WA.

7th CHILD OF WILLIAM POINTZ MUIR & LILA RUBUS BLECHYNDEN

7. MUIR, JESSIE ETNA (1913-2003) Jessie Etna Muir was born 13 Jan 1913, Blackwood, WA. [Reg. 13]. She died 20 May 2003. Buried in the Bunbury Cemetery.

m. 1 JESSIE ETNA MUIR (1913-2003) married **DOUGLASS KNAPTON JOHNSTON (1911-1958)** 1931, Blackwood, WA [Reg No. 28].

Jessie Etna Muir

JOHNSTON, DOUGLASS 'TALKIE' KNAPTON (1911-1958)

Douglass Kenneth Knapton Johnston was born 24 Apr 1911, Bridgetown, WA [Reg No 60]. Parents: **WILLIAM JOHNSTON (1869-1954)** and **GRACE MARY ELIZA KNAPTON (1879-1938)** who were married 1903, Greenbushes, WA [Reg. 26]. Douglass Kenneth Johnston died 12 Oct 1958, Manjimup, WA [Reg. 73].

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM JOHNSTON (1869-1954) & GRACE MARY ELIZA KNAPTON (1879-1938): Brief details, marriage only:

1. STANLEY GORDON JOHNSTON (1904-1970) married **ISLA MAUDE ROBERTSON (1908-1994)** 1933, Perth, WA [Reg. 1439]. Note: Isla Maud Robertson's birth registered in WA BDMs as 1911, Murray, WA [Reg. 51]. On headstone reads 9 Jul 1908 – 9 Oct 1994).

2. MYRA ISABELLA JOHNSTON (1905-1989) married **HAROLD ERNEST ARMSTRONG (1899-1985)** 1932, Perth, WA [Reg. 746].

3. DOUGLASS KNAPTON JOHNSTON (1911-1958) married **JESSIE ETNA MUIR (1913-2003)** 1931, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 28].

Jessie Etna and Douglas 'Talkie' Johnson and bride, daughter Kaye

Electoral Roll:
1925, 1937 William Johnston, Manjimup, storekeeper, Grace Mary Eliza, house keeper

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Grace Mary Eliza Johnston (nee Knapton) died 1937, Manjimup, WA [Reg. 21], registered in 1938.
William Johnston died 1954, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 73], aged 85 years.

JESSIE ETNA MUIR (1913-2003) AND DOUGLASS KNAPTON JOHNSTON (1911-1958) HAD THREE CHILDREN: Glen, Kaye and Grace Johnston.

Electoral Roll:
1936, 1949 Douglass Knapton Johnston, Manjimup, shop assistant, Jessie Etna, home duties
1954, 1958 Douglass Knapton Johnston, "Glendale", Springall Rd, Manjimup, farmer, Jessie Etna, home duties

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DOUGLASS KNAPTON JOHNSTON died 12 Oct 1958, Manjimup, WA. Buried in the Old Manjimup Cemetery.

Note: Following the death of her husband Douglass Knapton Johnston's 1958, the Electoral Roll – see following, shows Jessie Etna Johnston continued living at Glendale, Springall Rd, Manjimup. In 1977 she changed her address to Mottram St, Manjimup. Also living at the same address is Jessie Etna Woodward. This must be her daughter who has reached the age to vote. Could be her birth or married name. In family records there is mention of Jessie Etna Johnston (nee Muir) being associated with GEORGE WOODWARD. I can't find a marriage of Jessie Etna or her associated with George Woodward in WA in the Electoral records. Perhaps this is him: George James Woodward (1907-1972) died 1972, Blackwood, Australia, [Reg. 1972]. Following up not able to confirm this is him.

Electoral Roll:
1963, 1968 Jessie Etna Johnston, "Glendale", Springall Rd, Manjimup, home duties.
1977, Jessie Etna Johnston, 28 Mottram St, Manjimup, home duties, Jessie Etna Woodward, 28 Mottram St, Manjimup, home duties. This must be her daughter. No mention of George Woodward.
1980 Jessie Etna Johnston, 28 Mottram St, Manjimup, home duties.

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m. 2 JESSIE ETNA JOHNSON (NEE MUIR) married **JAMES THOMPSON ROBERTS (1912-2000)**, 21 Sep 1979, Bunbury, WA.

JAMES THOMPSON ROBERTS (1912-2000)

James Thompson Roberts was born 16 Feb 1912, Kurrawang, VIC. Parents **GEORGE BASELL ROBERTS (1871-1957)** and **BEATRICE GERTRUDE WOOD (1882-1946)** who were married 1902, VIC. James Thompson Roberts, Stepfather of Glen, Kay, Grace, buried in the Bunbury Cemetery.

m.1 JAMES THOMPSON ROBERTS (1912-2000) married **LORNA JOAN STAMMERS (1914-1978)** 17 Nov 1940, Boulder, WA. Lorna Jane Roberts, (nee Stammers) died of a car accident, 11 Sep 1978, Mount Pleasant, WA. She is buried in the Karrakatta Cemetery.

m.2 JAMES THOMPSON ROBERTS (1912-2000) married **JESSIE ETNA MUIR (1913-2003)** 21 Sep 1979, Bunbury, WA.

Electoral Roll:
1936 James Thompson Roberts, Kurrawang, labourer
1977 James Thompson Roberts,37 The Esplanade, Mt Pleasant, tech, Lorna Joan, home duties.
1980 James Thompson Roberts,37 The Esplanade, Mt Pleasant, tech.

8th CHILD OF WILLIAM POINTZ MUIR & LILA RUBUS BLECHYNDEN

8. MUIR, WALTER EDWARD (1914-1991)
Walter Edward Muir was born 24 Jun 1914, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 92].
WALTER EDWARD MUIR (1914-1991) married **JEAN MARGERY COLLINS (1919-2011)** 1945, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 27]. 'Lake Muir'.

Walter Edward Muir and Jean Margery Collins.
Courtesy Alison Muir

COLLINS, JEAN MARGERY (1919-2011)
Via James's cousin Family Tree, Ancestry.

Jean Margery Collins was born 19 Sep 1919, White Notley, Essex, England, Parents: **CHARLES HENRY COLLINS (1883-1953)** and **CHARLOTTE LOUISA JAKINS (1883-1952)** who were married 1909, White Notley, Essex, England.

Following are details of Jean Margery Collins's parents, Charles Henry Collins (1883-1953) and Charlotte Louisa Jakins (1883-1952):

CHARLES HENRY COLLINS (1883-1953) Jean Margery Collins' father
Via James's Cousins Family Tree, Ancestry.

Charles Henry Collins was born 20 Sep 1883, White Notley, Essex, England. Parents: **JOHN SAMUEL COLLINS (1854-1921)** and **ELIZA COOTE (1857-1915)** who were married 1 Nov 1877, White Notley, St Etheldeda, Essex, England.

Charles Henry Collins died 1 May 1953, Northcliffe, (Blackwood), WA [Reg. 33].

CHARLOTTE LOUISA JAKINS (1883-1952) Jean Margery Collin' mother

Charlotte Louisa Jakins was born 31 Jul 1883, Camden Town, London, England.
Charlotte Louisa Collins (nee Jakins) died 12 Apr 1952, Northcliffe, (Blackwood), WA [Reg. 29].

CHILDREN OF CHARLES HENRY COLLINS (1883-1953) AND CHARLOTTE LOUISA JAKINS (1883-1952):

1. LINDA MARGARET COLLINS (1911-1957) married **HENRY LAWRENCE PRATT (1910-1963)**, 1934, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 3].

2. JEAN MARJORY COLLINS (1919-2011) married **WALTER EDWARD MUIR (1914-1991)**, 1945, Blackwood WA [Reg. 27].

Emigration: via ship Hobson's Bay, departed London, England on 27 Nov 1923. Charles H Collins. Last address: Broor Villa, White Notley, Witham. His wife, Charlotte L Collins aged 39 years, Linda M, schoolgirl aged 11 years and Jean M Collins, aged 3 years.

913	✓	COLLINS	Charles H.			Broor Villa, White Notley, Witham.	"	Fremantle	Labourer	39			
"	✓	"	Charlotte L.				"	Fremantle	wife		39		
"	✓	"	Linda M.				"	Fremantle	School Girl				11
"	✓	"	Jean M.				"	Fremantle					3

Electoral Roll:
1925, 1937, 1943, 1949 Charles Henry Collins, Group 96, Northcliffe, group settler, Charlotte Louisa, married.

Continuing the story of Walter Edward Muir (1914-1991) and Jean Margery Collins (1919-2011):

WALTER EDWARD MUIR (1914-1991) AND JEAN MARGERY COLLINS (1919-2011) HAD FIVE CHILDREN: Ashley, Gloria, Terrence, Clifton Bevan and Colleen Joy Muir.

Electoral Roll:
1937 Walter Edward Muir, Lake View, farmer
1943 Jean Margery Collins, "Rockbridge", Manjimup, housemaid.
1949, 1954, 1958 Walter Edward Muir, Lake Muir, farmer, Jean Margery, home duties.
1972 Walter Edward Muir, 4 Clarke St, Manjimup, farmer, Jean Margery, home duties.
1980 Walter Edward Muir, 3 Clarke St, Manjimup, main road department emp, Jean Margery, home duties.

Walter Edward Muir died 25 Jul 1991, buried Manjimup, Lawn Cemetery, WA. **Jean Margery Muir (nee Collins)** died 15 Dec 2011, Manjimup, WA.

9th CHILD OF WILLIAM POINTZ MUIR & LILA RUBUS BLECHYNDEN

9. MUIR, ROLAND WESLEY (1922-2011)
Roland W Muir was born 15 Oct 1922, Manjimup, (Blackwood), WA. [Reg. 203]. Roland Wesley Muir died 31 Dec 2011. Buried Manjimup Lawn Cemetery, WA.

ROLAND WESLEY MUIR (1922-2011) married **ELSIE VERONICA GIBELLINI (1926-)** 13 Feb 1947, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 19].

Roland Wesley Muir and Elsie Gibellini.
Courtesy Alison Muir

GIBELLINI ELSIE VERINICA (1926-) Via Phillip Gregory Mouritz Family Tree, Ancestry.

Elsie Gibellini was born 27 Jul 1926, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 224]. Parents: **ABELE SYLVESTRO GIBELLINI (1880-1931)** and **LUIGIA CALEGARI GIBELLINI (1883-1951)** who were married 12 Oct 1902, Gorno, Begamo, Lombardia, Italy.

The following pages contain details on Elsie Veronica Gibellini's parents, Abel Sylvestro Gibellini (1880-1931) and Luiga Calegari (1883-1951).

ABELE SYLVESTRO GIBELLINI (1880-1931), Elsie Gibellini's father, was born ~ 1880, Gorno, Begamo, Lombardia, Italy. Parents: **PEITRO GIBELLINI (1835-)** and **MARIA SERTURINI (1837-)**. Abel died 17 May 1931, Palgarup, WA [Reg. 714].

LUIGIA CALEGARI (1883-1951), Elsie Gibellini's mother, was born 1883, Gorno, Begamo, Lombardia, Italy. Luigia Gibellini (nee Calegari) died 1951, Perth, WA [Reg. 2716].

Welcome Walls: *http://museum.wa.gov.au/welcomewalls/names/gibellini-luigia*
Note: Elsie Gibellini's mother was Luigia Gibellini (nee Calegari)

GIBELLINI, Luigia (27 Jun 1883 – 17 Oct 1951). **Origin** Gorno Italy. Accompanying Family Son Rossolino-Ross, 1st Son Ross died age 3. Named next son Ross. First settled in Goldfields Kalgoorlie WA. Original Occupation Seamstress. Occupation in Australia, Housewife.
BREMEN. Departure Port Bremen? Genoa? Arrival Year 1910. Fremantle. 139 panel

Read their story: *Married Abele Gibellini 12 Oct 1902. Stayed in Italy while husband came to Australia (1902). 14 children. 1st Ros. died 3 years Italy, 2nd Ross. Rest born in Aust, Oriente (Corrie) Abel, Marcellina (Mars) Italo, died 7 months old, Terence, Elva, Willy, Jean, Mary, Lewis, Elsie, Earnest. Took in boarders. Elsie married Roland Muir 1947 and Luigia moved in with them for 3 years before moving to Manjimup until her death (6 months).*

ABELE SYLVESTRO GIBELLINI (1880-1931) AND LUIGIA CALEGARI (1883-1951) HAD TWO CHILDREN IN ITALY:

1. Rosolino Gibellini (1902-1905), died aged 3 years in Italy.
2. Rosolino 'Ross' (1908-1974).

And 14 children in WA, all registered in Boulder:

1. Oriento Gibellini born 1911,
2. Abele Gibellini 1912,
3. Marcelina Gibellini 1913,
4. Italo Gibellini 1915,
5. Italo Gibellini 1916,
6. Morris Gibellini 1916,
7. Terence Gibellini 1916,
8. Elva Gibellini 1917,
9. Willi Gibellini 1919,
10. Luiga Gibellini 1921, registered in Wellington and Blackwood:
11. Maria Gibellini 1921,
12. Lewis Gibellini 1924,
13. Elsie 1926,
14. Ernie 1929.

Electoral Roll:

Abel and Luigia Gibellini and family
1925 Abele Gibellini, Argyle, milk hand
1931, Luigia Gibellini, Palgarrup, house duties, Abel, Palgarrup Mill, labourer, Oriente Martin, labourer, Rosalino, labourer.
1937 Luigia Gibellini, Palgarrup, house duties, Rosalino, labourer.
1949 Luigia Gibellini, Palgarrup, house duties, Abel, Palgarrup Mill, labourer, Emily Thora, home duties, Lewis Harold, timber worker, Oriente Martin, labourer, Particia Anne, home duties, Rosalino, labourer, Willie, timber worker.

Continuing the story of Roland Wesley Muir and Elsie Veronica Gibellini:

***Manjimup Mail and Jardee-Pemberton-Northcliffe Press* (WA: 1927 - 1950), Fri 21 Feb 1947, pg 11**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article250996754.txt

Big Crowd at Wedding Reception

The reception which followed the Muir-Gibellini Wedding on Thursday night last was attended by large number of relatives and friends. The function took place in the Manjimup Town Hall.

The principals were Elsie, fifth daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. L. Gibellini, of Palgarrup and Roland, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Muir, of Lake Muir. The ceremony took place in St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. Manjimup, and was performed by Father Duffy.

The bride, who entered the church on the arm of her brother, Corrie Gibellini, was dressed in white satin, showing scroll work on bodice and peplum, with a three-quarter length veil held in place with a coronet of lace, tulle and orange blossom. Her bouquet was of pale pink and white roses and fern.

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Miss Roma Stokes was the bridesmaid. She was frocked in ping crepe satin trimmed with sequins, surmounted by a pink tulle veil with a coronet of hair braid and tiny rose buds. Her bouquet was of pink roses and fern.

The flower girl was Miss Helen Goldring, who wore a green silk frock and carried a basket of roses and pink carnations.

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ROLAND WESLEY MUIR (1922-2011) AND ELSIE VERONICA GIBELLINI (1926-) HAD FOUR CHILDREN:
William, Gail, Michelle and Adrian Muir.

Electoral Roll:
Name recorded as Roland Worsley Muir in all entries.
1949, 1958 Roland Wesley Muir, Lake Muir, Manjimup, farmer, Elsie Veronica, Palgarup, home duties
1968 Roland Wesley Muir, Palgarup, farmer, Elsie Veronica, home duties.

Roland and William Muir.
Courtesy Cheryl Hay Hendry

Four brothers: Lyn, Wally, Roy and Roland Muir.
Courtesy Alison Muir

Roland Wesley Muir died 31 Dec 2011. Funeral: 5 Jan 2012. Buried Manjimup Lawn Cemetery, WA.

MUIR (Roland Wesley): 15.10.1922 - 31.12.2011 Passed away suddenly, beloved husband of Elsie, much loved dad of Will, Gail, Michele, Adrian and families. Forever in our hearts.

FIFTH CHILD OF WALTER BLECHYNDEN & JANE NEEDS

5. BLECHYNDEN, ELENA 'LINA' EVALINE (1883-1962) & GIBLETT, FRANK THOMAS (1881-1963)

Lina Blechynden was born 7 Apr 1883, Warren, WA [Reg. 23665], her name written as Elenia Everline. Lina died 1962, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 56]. Her name registered as Elena Evaline.

Eveline Blechynden

ELENA EVALINE BLECHYNDEN (1883-1962) married **FRANK THOMAS GIBLETT (1881-1963)** 25 Apr 1906, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 13]. Her name recorded as Elena E.

GIBLETT, FRANK THOMAS (1881-1963)

Frank Thomas Giblett was born 9 Aug 1881, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 22210]. Parents: **THOMAS GIBLETT (1842-1897)** and **MARIA AGNES MOULTON (1845-1930)** who were married 9 Dec 1869, Picton Church, Picton, WA [Reg. 3040]. Recorded as Mary. Frank Thomas Giblett died 1963, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 30].

The following pages contain details of Frank Thomas Giblett's parents, Thomas Giblett (1842-1897) and Maria Agnes Moulton (1845-1930) and family:

THOMAS GIBLETT (1842-1897) Frank Thomas Giblett's father

Thomas Giblett was born 24 Nov 1842, Perth, WA [rEG.128]. Parents: **JOHN GIBLETT (1809-1882)** and **ANN WELLS (1818-1896)** who were married 22 Mar 1842, St Mary Lambeth, Surrey, England. **Thomas Giblett** died 12 May 1897, Dingup House, Nelson, WA [Reg. 30].

MARIA AGNES MOULTON (1845-1930) Frank Thomas Giblett's mother

Maria Agnes Moulton was born 4 Sep 1845, Guildford, Perth, WA [Reg. 642]. Parents: **ABRAHAM MATTHEW MOULTON (1798-1846)** and **MARY JONES (1813-1863)** who were married 25 Apr 1838, Guildford, WA. Maria Agnes Giblett (nee Moulton) died 11 Mar 1930, Balingup, Blackwood), WA [Reg. 27]. Recorded as Maria.

CHILDREN OF THOMAS GIBLETT (1842-1897) AND MARIA AGNES MOULTON (1845-1930):
Minimal details, marriages only:

1. WALTER JOHN GIBLETT (1872-1956) married **ENID MAUD BLECHYNDEN (1896-1983)**, 1920, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 15]. See Enid Maud's section for more details.

2. ADA ANN GIBLETT (1874-1955)

3. HERBERT JAMES GIBLETT (1877-1951) married **CLARA LOUISE DOUST (1898-1977)**, 1923, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 27].

4. BERTHA MARY GIBLETT (1879-1938) married **BENJAMIN HARRISON BLECHYNDEN (1874-1952)**, 1904, Dingup School, WA [Reg No. 19]. See Benjamin's section for more details.

5. FRANK THOMAS GIBLETT (1881-1963) married **ELENA EVALINE BLECHYNDEN (1883-1962)**, 1906, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 13].

6. ELLA MAUD GIBLETT (1883-1975) married **HENRY CRESSWELL MUIR (1878-1942)**, 1903, Dingup, WA [Reg. 22].

7. AGNES HELEN GIBLETT (1884-1978) married **CLARENCE ISAAC DOUST (1885-1961)**, 1909, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 8].

8. MABEL GIBLETT (1887-1965) married **DAVID MOTTRAM (1876-1965)**, 1910, Blackwood, WA [Reg No. 27].

9. STELLA CAPEL GIBLETT (1894-1960) married **JAMES WELLS MUIR (1884-1975)**, 1920, Blackwood, WA [Reg No. 23].

Electoral Roll:
1903 Maria Agnes Giblett, Dingup, widow.
1910, 1918. Maria Agnes Giblett, Dingup, farmer
1922 Maria Agnes Giblett, "Dingup House", widow.

Continuing with the story of Elena Evaline Blechynden (1883-1962) and
Frank Thomas Giblett (1881-1963)

ELENA EVALINE BLECHYNDEN (1883-1962) married **FRANK THOMAS GIBLETT (1881-1963)** 25 Apr 1906, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 13].

Wedding photo, 25 Apr 1906: Frank Thomas Giblett and Elena Evaline Blechynden. Courtesy Cheryl Hay Hendry

Frank Thomas Giblett and Elena Evaline (nee Blechynden). Courtesy Cheryl Hay Hendry

***Southern Times* (Bunbury, WA: 1888 - 1916), Thu 3 May 1906, pg. 3**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article210280785.txt

GIBLETT—BLECHYNDEN.

A very popular wedding was celebrated in Dingup Church on Wednesday last, when Mr. Frank Thos. Giblett of Balbarrup and Miss Elena Evaline Blechynden, daughter of Mr. Edward Blechynden, (sic should be Mr. Walter Edward Blechynden), of the Warren, were united in the bonds of holy matrimony. The bridesmaids were Miss. Blechynden (sister of the bride) and Miss Stella Giblett (sister of the bridegroom). There was a large gathering, fully 150 friends being present. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. G. H. Devlin. Subsequently a wedding breakfast was partaken of in the Agricultural Hall. The usual toasts were honoured, the Rev. G. H. Devlin proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom which was responded to by Mr. Giblett, who proposed the toast of the bridesmaids to which Mr. E. Blechynden responded. Mr. E. Blechynden proposed the toast of the parents of the bride which was responded to by Mr. W. Blechynden. Mr. Hart proposed the health of the bridegroom's mother and Mr. Walter Giblett responded. The company being in festive mood departed somewhat from the recognised track of toasts on these occasions and Mr. Amos Giblett proposed the toast of the bachelors coupled with the name of Mr. William Mottram and Mr. John Blechynden who blushingly responded, when, however, the toast of the ladies was proposed and Mr. A. Scott was nominated as their champion the honour proved too great to be borne and he executed a masterly retreat from the room. It was evident, however, that someone must respond, and the scouts sent forth to capture the errant Mr. Scott captured Mr. D. Mottram and hailed him into the room. Mr. D. Mottram having arrived inside learned what was expected of him and forthwith proceeded to reply to a toast which he had not heard and of the nature of which he admitted that he was not fully acquainted.

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ELENA EVELINE BLECHYNDEN (1883-1962) and **FRANK THOMAS GIBLETT (1881-1963)** had four children as below. More detail on these children following this summary.

1. GIBLETT, WAVENEY EVELYN (1907-),
2. GIBLETT, WINICE JEAN (1912-1989),
3. GIBLETT, THOMAS WALTER (1919-1942), and
4. GIBLETT, MURIEL AGNES (1921-2003).

Electoral Roll:
1906 Frank Thomas Giblett, Dingup, farmer.
1912 Frank Thomas Giblett, Padbury's Hill, Balingup, farmer, Elena Eveline, married.
1917 Frank Thomas Giblett, Hill Farm, Bridgetown, farmer, Elena Eveline, Hill Farm, Balbarrup Rd, Bridgetown, married.
1922, 1931, 1954 Frank Thomas Giblett, "Oakleigh", Balbarrup, farmer, Elena Eveline, married.
1963 Frank Thomas Giblett, Springhall Rd, Manjimup

Frank and Evelyn Giblett and family. Courtesy Jane Muir:

Thomas, Waveny, Parents: Frank and Evelyn, Winice and Muriel Giblett

Handwritten above photo: "Dingup Gibletts"

Mabel Mottram, Granny, Ella Muir, Frank Giblett, Agnus Doust, Stella Muir. Courtesy Beverley Mottram

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Elena Evaline Giblett (nee Blechynden) died 15 Jul 1962, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 56]. **Frank Thomas Giblett died 9 May 1963**, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 30].

Frank Thomas and Elena Evaline (nee Blechynden) Giblett are buried in a double grave at the Manjimup Cemetery. Photos courtesy Ken Blechynden.

CHILDREN OF ELENA EVELINE BLECHYNDEN (1883-1962) AND FRANK THOMAS GIBLETT (1881-1963) IN MORE DETAIL:

1st CHILD OF ELENA EVELINE BLECHYNDEN & FRANK THOMAS GIBLETT

1. GIBLETT, WAVENEY EVELYN (1907-1969)
Waveney Evelyn Giblett was born 18 Mar 1907, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 30], name recorded as Waveny. In newspaper articles her name was recorded as Waveny. Her daughter commented that her mother wrote her name as Waveney. Her name was recorded in the Electoral Roll as Waveney.

WAVENEY EVELYN GIBLETT (1907-1969) married **RONALD 'RON' CHARLES GEORGE COX (1911-1985)**, 1934, Blackwood, WA [Reg No 48], name recorded as Waveny.

Wedding photo of Waveney Evelyn Giblett and Ronald Charles George Cox

COX RONALD 'RON' CHARLES GEORGE (1911-1985)

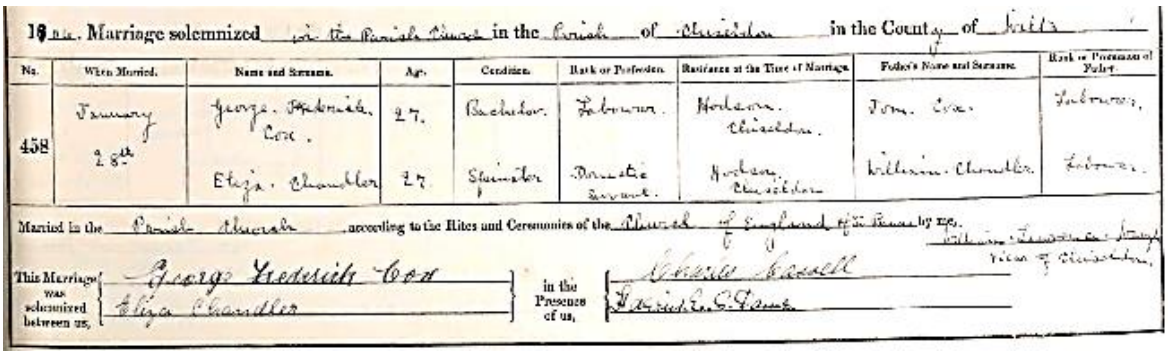
Ronald 'Ron' Charles George Cox was born Feb 1911, Swindon, Wiltshire, England. Parents: **GEORGE FREDERICK COX (1876-1939)** and **ELIZA CHANDLER (1876-1963)** who were married 1907, Bristol, England. Eliza Cox (nee Chandler) died 1963, Perth, WA [Reg No. 649]. Ronald 'Ron' Charles George Cox died 1985, Perth, WA.

Following are details of Ronald George Cox's parents, George Frederick Cox (1876-1939) and Eliza Chandler (1876-1963).

GEORGE FREDERICK COX (1876-1939), via Whitelaw Family Tree, Ancestry, was born 3 Jul 1876, Marlborough, Wiltshire, England. He died 9 Nov 1939, Bridgetown, (Blackwood), WA [Reg. 37]. Buried, Bridgetown Cemetery.

ELIZA CHANDLER (1876-1963), via Whitelaw Family Tree, Ancestry, was born 27 Sep 1876, Chiseldon, Wiltshire, England. She died 9 Feb 1963, Bridgetown, (Perth), WA [Reg. 649]. Emigration: Departed London, 19 Jul 1913.

Copy Marriage certificate of George Frederick Cox and Eliza Chandler



1901. Marriage solemnized in the Parish Church in the Parish of Chiseldon in the County of Wilts

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
458	January 28th	George Frederick Cox	27	Bachelor	Labourer	Horsham Chiseldon	Tom Cox	Labourer
		Eliza Chandler	27	Spinster	Domestic Servant	Horsham Chiseldon	William Chandler	Labourer

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England by me, William Lawrence Vicar of Chiseldon

This Marriage was solemnized between us, George Frederick Cox, Eliza Chandler

in the Presence of us, Albert Cassell, Frederick C. Cox

CHILDREN OF GEORGE FREDERICK COX (1876-1939) AND ELIZA CHANDLER (1876-1963):

1. RONALD 'RON' CHARLES GEORGE COX (1911-1985) was baptised 12 Mar 1911, Swindon, Wiltshire, England. [Vol 5A, pg 29]. **RON** married **WAVENEY EVELYN GIBLETT (1907-1969)**, 1934, Blackwood, WA [Reg No 48], name recorded as Waveny.

2. CYRIL THOMAS EDWARD COX (1909-1985) was born 3 Jan 1909, Swindon, Wiltshire, England. He married **IVY MAUD WILLIAMS (1905-1992)**, 1929, Wellington, WA [Reg. 46]. Cyril died 6 Jun 1985,

Shenton Park, WA. Cyril and Ivy had children as follows: Stanley (1931-), Collie, WA. David (1933-), Geoffrey (1935-), Lynette (1940-), Graham (1945, Private). More children were born in Yarloop, WA.

3. HUGH WILLIAM 'JACK' COX (1921-) was born 28 Jan 1921, Bridgetown, 'Blackwood', WA [Reg. 12].

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES 1911:

1	George Frederick Cox	Head	34		Married					Frame Builder Assistant	41	Upon Own Account	Worker		Chiseldon Parish Wilts	British
2	Eliza Cox	Wife		34	Married	7	2	2	0	G.W. Railway Works					Chiseldon Parish Wilts	"
3	Cyril Cox	Son	2												Chiseldon Parish Wilts	"
4	Ronald Cox	Son	2 Months												Chiseldon Parish Wilts	"
5	Ernest Chandler	Boarder	23		Single					Milker	120	Own	Worker		Chiseldon Parish Wilts	"
6	Lucy Walker	Boarder		41	Single					Seamstress	290	Own	Account	At Home	Chiseldon Parish Wilts	"

Note: Recorded on Census: Ernest Chandler, most probably brother of Eliza Cox (nee Chandler).

Emigration: George Frederick Cox: Arrival via *Oroya*, 16 Nov 1907, NSW, via London, England.

Eliza, Cyril and Ronald Cox, via *Australind*, London to Fremantle, WA, departure 19 Jul 1913.

242	Cox,	Eliza											36					✓
✓	✓	Cyril												4				✓
✓	✓	Ronald												2				✓

Electoral Roll:

There are two people named George Frederick Cox in WA at this time.
1914 George Frederick Cox, Wilgarup Siding, via Bridgetown, fettler.
Fettler: a person who does repair or maintenance work on a railway.
1918, 1937 George Frederick Cox, Wilgarup Siding, via Bridgetown, fettler, Eliza, Glenlynn Siding, via Bridgetown, married.
1931, 1937 George Frederick Cox, Balbarrup Rd, Bridgetown, fettler, Eliza, married.
1958 Eliza Cox, Balbarrup Rd, Bridgetown, married.

George Frederick Cox died 1939, Bridgetown, 'Blackwood', WA [Reg. 67].

***Bridgetown Advocate* (WA: 1938 - 1950), Thu 9 Nov 1939, pg 1**
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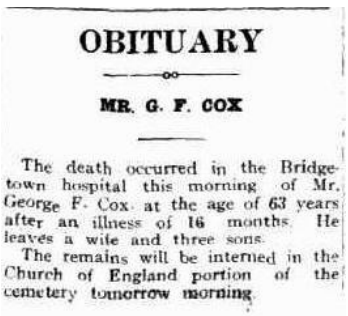
OBITUARY
MR. G. F. COX

The death occurred in the Bridgetown hospital this morning of Mr. George F. Cox at the age of 63 years after an illness of 16 months. He leaves a wife and three sons. The remains will be interned in the Church of England portion of the cemetery tomorrow morning.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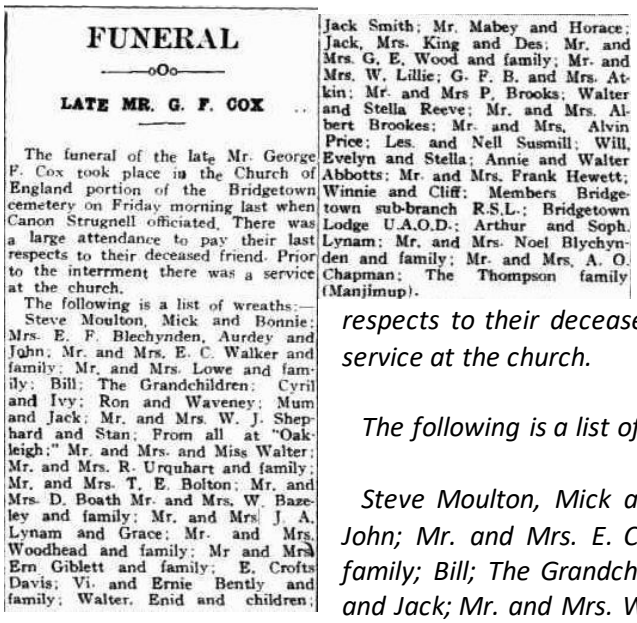

FUNERAL

LATE MR. G. F. COX

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The following is a list of wreaths:—

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1972 Ronald Charles George Cox, 134 Hastings St, Scarborough, clnr.
1980 Ronald Charles George Cox, 243 Ewen ST, Woodlands.

Waveny Evelyn Giblett died 18 Feb 1969, Perth, WA [Reg. 48], name recorded as Waveny. She was cremated, Manjimup Cemetery.

Ronald 'Ron' Charles George Cox died 29 Jul 1985, Claremont, WA. Cremation: Karrakatta Cemetery.

2nd CHILD OF ELENA EVELINE BLECHYNDEN & FRANK THOMAS GIBLETT

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***Bridgetown Advocate* (WA: 1938 - 1950), Thu 2 Mar 1939, pg 2**
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Henry Thomas Doust died 1958, Bridgetown WA [Reg.15].

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Jessie Mary Muir was born 1871, Albany, WA [Reg. 13443]. Parents: **ANDREW MUIR (1841-1897)** and **MARY ANNE BAKER (1843-1903)** who were married 1865, Albany, WA [Reg. 2298].
Jessie Mary Doust (nee Muir) died 1955, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 77]. Registered as Jessie May.

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Marriages.

1. ELSIE MAUDE DOUST (1900-1994) married **ROBERT MUIR RENNER (1893-1975)**, 1924, Wellington, WA [Reg. 360].

2. EDWIN CLARENCE DOUST (1901-1993) married **LILY MUIR MEARES (1900-1976)**, 1924, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 25].

3. ALMA SOPHIA DOUST (1902-1989) married **OSCAR FRANK MOULTON (1897-1988)**, 1922, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 8].

4. ETHEL MAY DOUST (1904-1997) married **DAVID MURRAY (1898-1965)**, 1929, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 3].

5. DOROTHY MURIEL DOUST (1905-1995) married **GLEN STANLEY ROBERTS (1904-1967)**, 1931, Perth, WA [Reg No. 1235].

6. ANDREW THOMAS DOUST (1907-1972) married **BEATRICE JEAN FOALE (1912-1972)**, 1930, Blackwood, WA [Reg No. 11].

7. JAMES ALLAN DOUST (1912-2001) married **MARGARET MARY FLEETON (1892-2001)**, 1935, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 61].

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Electoral Roll:
1936, 1963, 1972 Clifford Henry Doust, "Springhill", Bridgetown, farmer, Winice Jean, Springhill", Winnijup, via Bridgetown, hd.

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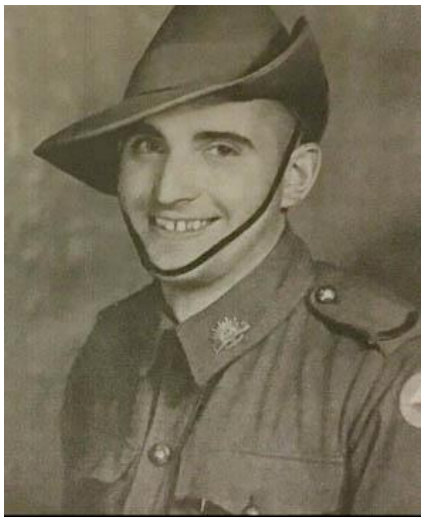
3. GIBLETT, THOMAS WALTER (1919-1942) was born 13 May 1919, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 55]. He served in in WW2, (Via Dix, Avery, Rooker, Crowder Family Tree, Ancestry). Service Number - WX3135. Next of Kin - GIBLETT FRANK 1939 – 1948. Enlisted, Perth, WA, 21 May 1940. 2/28th Australian Infantry Battalion. Rank: Private. Year of death - 1942; Cemetery - El Alamein War, EGYPT. He was Killed in Action 27 Jul 1942, Ruin Ridge, Egypt. Burial: El Alamein, Matruh, Egypt.



Thomas Walter Giblett.
Courtesy Cheryl Hay Hendry

Matruh War Cemetery, El Alamein.
Courtesy Richie Jenkins

El Alamein War Cemetery: https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/55969172/thomas-walter-giblett

Thomas is commemorated on the Roll of Honour in his hometown of Manjimup, WA. Also, his name is located at panel 55 in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial.

4th CHILD OF ELENA EVELINE BLECHYNDEN & FRANK THOMAS GIBLETT

4. GIBLETT, MURIEL AGNES (1921-2003)
Muriel Agnes Giblett was born 29 Mar 1921, Manjimup, (Blackwood), WA [Reg. 61]. Muriel Agnes Anderson (nee Giblett) died 3 Jul 2003, Mandurah, WA.

1943, Muriel recorded as living at 'Oakleigh', Manjimup, Balbarrup, Nelson, Forrest, WA. Frank Thomas Giblett – farmer, Elena Evalene (sic) married, Muriel Agnes – home duties.

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married **WILLIAM GEORGE HARVEY ANDERSON (1923-1973)** 22 May 1947, Dingup, 'Blackwood', WA [Reg. 43].

Wedding photo of William 'Bill' Anderson and Muriel Giblett

ANDERSON, WILLIAM GEORGE HARVEY (1923-1973)
William George Harvey Anderson was born 25 Jun 1923, Perth, WA [Reg. 1469]. Father, George Anderson. William George Harvey Anderson died 30 Jan 1973, Port Hedland, WA.

Blackwood Times **(Bunbury, WA: 1905 - 1920; 1945 - 1955), Fri 6 Jun 1947, pg 9**
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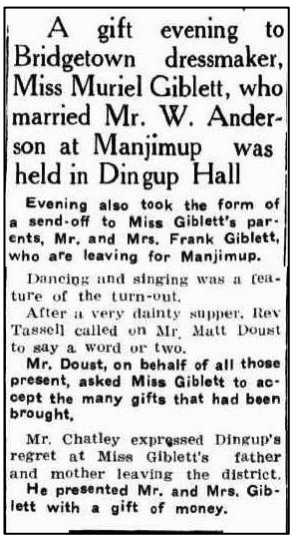
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1954 Muriel Agnes Anderson, Victoria Hotel, Geraldton, cook.

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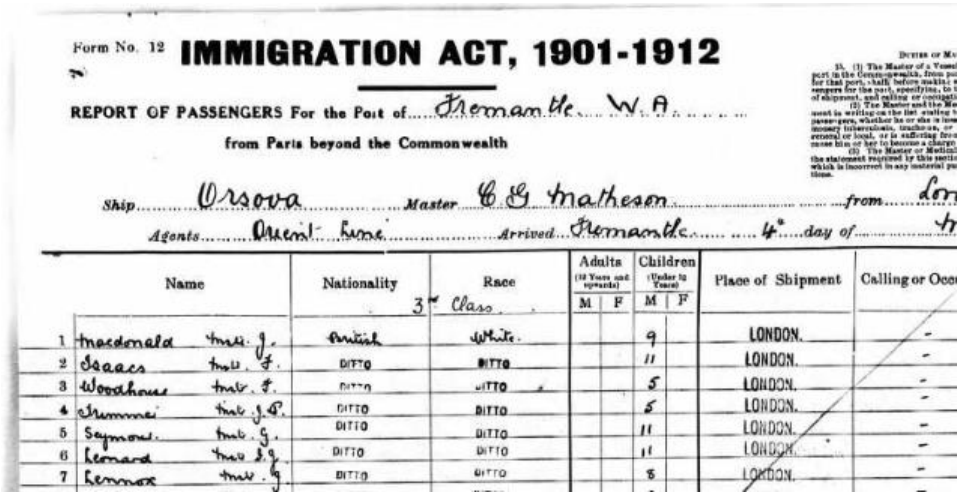
m. 2 MURIEL AGNES GIBLETT (1921-2003) married **m.2 CHARLES JOSEPH 'JOE' LENNOX (1914-1986)**, 1957, Geraldton, WA [Reg. 113].

LENNOX CHARLES JOSEPH 'JOE' (1914-1986)
Via Palmer of Bungay and Anderson Giblett family Trees, Ancestry.

Charles Joseph 'Joe' Lennox was born 19 Mar 1914, 10 Bradford Rd, New Lanark, Lanarkshire, Scotland. Parents: **ANDREW LENNOX (1892-1916)** and **JANE 'JEAN' HUNTER (nee KELLY) (1894-1981)**, **widow,** who were married 5 Jul 1913, 21 Hope St, Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland. Charles Joseph Lennox died 26 Apr 1986, Pinjarra, WA.

Charles Joseph Lennox was one of hundreds of child migrants sent out from England to Australia. He arrived in Fremantle via the *Orsova* May 1922, aged eight years and among many other children ended up at the Fairbridge Farm School in Pinjarra, WA.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REPORT OF PASSENGERS For the Port of Fremantle W.A.

from Parts beyond the Commonwealth

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	Name	Nationality	Race (3rd Class)	Adults (18 Years and upwards) M	Adults F	Children (Under 18 Years) M	Children F	Place of Shipment	Calling or Occ
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2	Isaacs Mrs. F.	DITTO	DITTO			11		LONDON.	-
3	Woodhouse Mrs. F.	DITTO	DITTO			5		LONDON.	-
4	Crummer Mrs. J.P.	DITTO	DITTO			5		LONDON.	-
5	Seymour Mrs. J.	DITTO	DITTO			11		LONDON.	-
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Copy of a cropped section of the Passenger list, Orsova*. Via the Anderson Giblett family Tree.*

Fairbridge, WA:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fairbridge,_Western_Australia

***Police Gazette*, 23 Nov 1927, pg 669.**
In Oct 1927, while living at the Fairbridge Farm School in Pinjarra, Charles Joseph Lennox was abducted.
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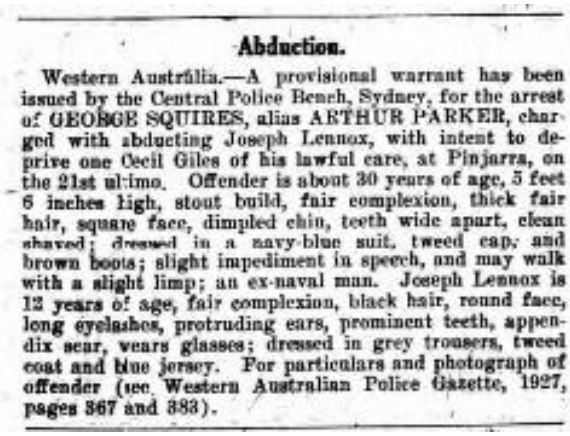
Abduction.

Western Australia.—A provisional warrant has been issued by the Central Police Bench, Sydney, for the arrest of GEORGE SQUIRES, alias ARTHUR PARKER, charged with abducting Joseph Lennox, with intent to deprive one Cecil Giles of his lawful care, at Pinjarra, on the 21st ultimo. Offender is about 30 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high, stout build, fair complexion, thick fair hair, square face, dimpled chin, teeth wide apart, clean shaved; dressed in a navy-blue suit, tweed cap, and brown boots; slight impediment in speech, and may walk with a slight limp; an ex-naval man. Joseph Lennox is 12 years of age, fair complexion, black hair, round face, long eyelashes, protruding ears, prominent teeth, appendix scar, wears glasses; dressed in grey trousers, tweed coat and blue jersey. For particulars and photograph of offender (see Western Australian Police Gazette, 1927, pages 367 and 383).

Murchison Times **(Cue, WA: 1924 - 1937), Sat 19 Nov 1927, pg 3**
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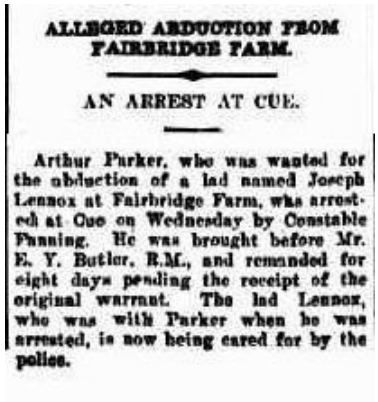
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m.1 CHARLES JOSEPH 'JOE' LENNOX (1914-1986) married **JESSIE HARRIET LOUISE PALMER (1916-1989)** 6 Jun 1934, Kellerberrin, WA [Reg. 85].

JESSIE HARRIET LOUISE PALMER (1916-1989)

Jessie Harriet Louise Palmer was born 24 Sep 1916, Witnesham, Woodbridge District, Suffolk, England, separated from Joseph Lennox. Jessie Harriet Louise Lennox (nee Palmer) died 17 Sep 1989, Inglewood, Perth, WA.

Charles Joseph 'Joe' Lennox remarried:

m.2 CHARLES JOSEPH 'JOE' LENNOX (1914-1985), married **MURIEL AGNES ANDERSON (NEE GIBLETT)**, 1957, Geraldton, WA [Reg. 113].

MURIEL AGNES (NEE GIBLETT) AND JOSEPH 'JOE' LENNOX HAD FOUR CHILDREN:

Electoral Roll:
1958 Muriel Agnes Lennox, 23 Beach Cottage, Geraldton, home duties, Joseph Lennox not recorded here. Also recorded as Muriel Agnes Anderson, Eastern Rd, Geraldton.
1963 Joseph Lennox, London House, Steere St, Bridgetown. (propr.) and Muriel Agnes, (propr.)
1972 Joseph Lennox, 70 Mount St, Mandurah, gardener, Muriel Agnes same address
1980, Joseph Lennox, 26 Owen St, Mandurah, Muriel Agnes, same address.

Charles Joseph 'Joe' Lennox died 26 Apr 1986, Pinjarra, WA.

Muriel Agnes Lennox (Anderson, nee Giblett) died 3 Jul 2003, Claremont,

DEATH NOTICE:
Lennox Joseph (Joe, Boompa, husb Muriel. father/in-law: Andy & Lois, Kevin & Kate, Ross & Lorraine, Dianne-dec, Darrelle. Bro-in-law Cliff & Win. Gr Ch Michelle & Tanya. step Gr Ch Nikki & Jeremy, niece Waveney. Fr Ralph Blagey, Scot Fr Mac & Alma. Pinjarrah

Burial

30 Apr 1986, Karrakatta Cemetery and Crematorium, Karrakatta, Nedlands City, WA. The Funeral of late Mr Joseph Lennox of 26 Owen St, Mandurah took place in the Karrakatta Cemetery yesterday 30 Apr 1986. Arthur E Davies & Co Fremantle 335 9055 Mandurah 35 4261.

SIXTH CHILD OF WALTER BLECHYNDEN & JANE NEEDS

6. BLECHYNDEN, ALMA MERCY (1884-1978) & GIBLETT, ERNEST JOHN (1885-1971)

Alma Mercy Blechynden

Alma Blechynden was born 5 Sep 1884, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 25435]. * Name recorded as Alma Mary.

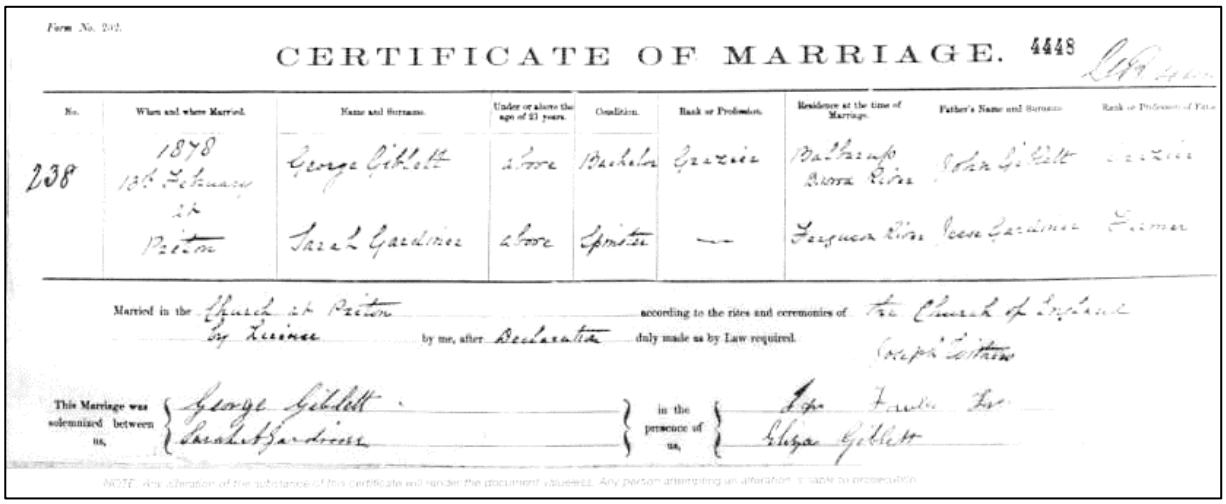
ALMA MERCY BLECHYNDEN (1884-1978) married **ERNEST JOHN GIBLETT (1885-1971)** 23 Oct 1912, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 31], Recorded as Alma M.

GIBLETT, ERNEST JOHN (1885-1971) (via Giblett Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 12 Apr 1885, Manjimup, WA [Reg. 26155], baptised 28 Aug 1885, Bunbury, WA, Parents: **GEORGE GIBLETT (1853-1939)** and **SARA ANN GARDINER (1849-1942)** who were married 13 Feb 1878, Picton Church, Bunbury, WA [Reg No 4448].

The following pages contain details of Ernest John Giblett's parents, George Giblett (1853-1939) and Sara Ann Gardiner (1849-1942):

GIBLETT, GEORGE (1853-1939) Ernest John Giblett's father

George Giblett was born 18 Feb 1853, Manjimup, WA. Parents: **JOHN GIBLETT (1809-1882)** and **ANN WELLS (1818-1896)** who were married 6 Mar 1842, St Mary, Lambeth, England. George Giblett died 26 Nov 1939, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 72]. Buried Balbarrup Cemetery, Manjimup, WA.



Form No. 242.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE. 4448

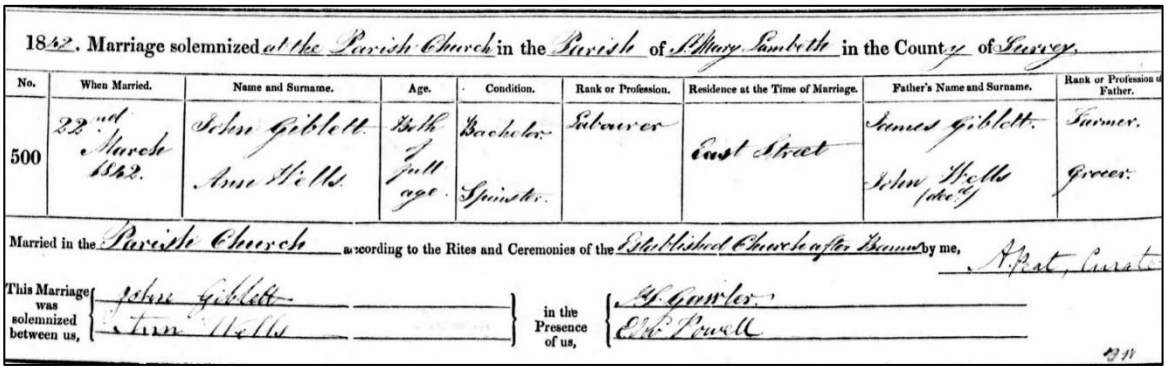
No.	When and where Married.	Name and Surname.	Under or above the age of 21 years.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
238	1878 13th February at Picton	George Giblett	above	Bachelor	Grazier	Balbarrup Brook River	John Giblett	Grazier
		Sarah Gardiner	above	Spinster	—	Ferguson River	Jesse Gardiner	Farmer

Married in the Church at Picton according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England by Licence by me, after Declaration duly made as by Law required. Joseph Lathom

This Marriage was solemnized between us, George Giblett, Sarah Gardiner in the presence of us, Eliza Giblett

NOTE. Any alteration of the substance of this certificate will render the document void. Any person attempting an alteration is liable to prosecution.

Copy of certificate of marriage for George Giblett and Sarah Gardiner, John Ernest Giblett's parents.



1842. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of St Mary Lambeth in the County of Surrey.

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
500	22nd March 1842.	John Giblett Ann Wells	Both of full age.	Bachelor Spinster.	Labourer	East Street	James Giblett. John Wells (dec'd)	Farmer. Grocer.

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by me, A Pratt, Curate

This Marriage was solemnized between us, John Giblett, Ann Wells in the Presence of us, H. Gawler, Elk. Powell

Copy of Marriage certificate of John Giblett and Ann Wells., John Ernest Giblett's grandparents.

Emigration: Ship, *Simon Taylor*, arrived 20 Aug 1842. John Giblett and his wife Ann nee Wells in the first group of emigrants specially selected as agricultural laborers.

CHILDREN OF JOHN GIBLETT (1809-1882) AND ANN WELLS (1818-1896):
Via Giblett Family Tree, Ancestry. Marriages:

1. THOMAS GIBLETT (1842-1897) married **MARIA AGNES MOULTON (1845-1930)** 1869, Picton, WA [Reg. 3040].

2. EMMA GIBLETT 1844-1932) married **ARTHUR LEWIS CLARKE (1840-1883)** 9 Jul 1875, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 3914].

3. JOHN GIBLETT (1845-1845) was born, Mar 1845, died Apr 1845. Buried Balbarrup Cemetery No 1.

4. JOHN GIBLETT (1846-1862) Born 13 Dec 1846, Perth, WA [Reg. 860], father, John Giblett, mother, Ann Wells. John Giblett died 8 Aug 1862, Balbarrup, WA [Reg. 15], registered under Giblet. Buried Balbarrup Cemetery No1.

5. JESSE GIBLETT (1848-1925) married **ELIZA LILY CLARKE (1850-1919)** 12 Jan 1876, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 4056].

6. ELIZA GIBLETT (1851-1909) married **JAMES CLARKE (1842-1931)** 1878, Bridgetown, WA [Reg No 4056].

7. GEORGE GIBLETT (1853-1939) married **SARA ANN GARDINER (1849-1942)** married 13 Feb 1878, Picton Church, Bunbury, WA [Reg No 4448].

8. HELENA GIBLETT (1855-1946) married **LEWIS CHARLES MOULTON (1860-1930)** 1887, Balbarrup, WA [Reg No 43].

9.JEMIMA GIBLETT (1859-1941) Jemima Giblett died 1941, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 60].

10. AMOS JAMES WELLS GIBLETT (1862-1911) married **ALICE MILLER** 1896, Perth, WA [Reg. 709].

For those interested in researching this family in more depth: Several books have been researched and can be found at the Battye Library on this couple: **John and Ann Giblett of Balbarrup. Part**

History by Helen Giblett. Papers have been deposited at the State Archives by family members, Mr C. E. G. Doust in October 1969 (1750A). and Mrs Hay Hendry on 8 Nov 1977 (4803A).

"John Giblett was a farmer and grazier at "Balbarrup" Manjimup (80ac/1868 Nelson district). He owned Nelson loc 31 & 32 and had extensive pastoral leases in partnership with Family. The Blackwood Post Office was located at his home from 1864 until 1870. John Giblett employed a ticket of leave man from 1851 - 1871."

John Giblett died 14 Jul 1882 (72). **Ann Giblett (nee Wells) died 12 Jul 1896** (77-78). Both are buried in the Pioneer Cemetery at Balbarrup, Manjimup, WA.

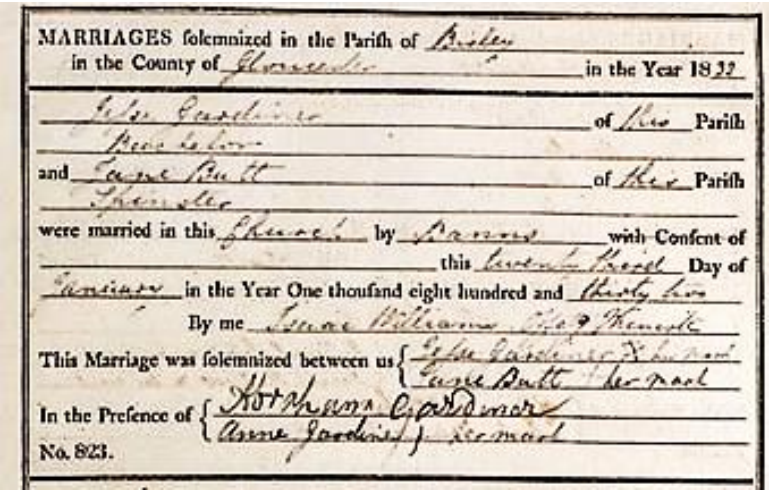
Both buried at the Balbarrup, Cemetery, WA.

Headstone John Giblett (1809-1882)

Ann Giblett (nee Wells) (1818-1896)

GARDINER, SARA ANN (1849-1942) **Ernest John Giblett's mother**

Sara Ann Gardiner was born 4 Oct 1849, Bunbury, (Australind), WA [Reg. 1368]. Sara Ann Giblett (nee Gardiner) died 29 May 1942, Manjimup, WA [Reg. 30]. Parents: **JESSE GARDINER (1809-1893)** and **JANE SEYMOUR BUTT (1813-1885)** who were married 23 Jan 1832, Bisley, Gloucester, England.


MARRIAGES solemnized in the Parish of Bisley
in the County of Gloucester in the Year 1832
Jesse Gardiner of this Parish
Bachelor
and Jane Butt of this Parish
Spinster
were married in this Church by Banns with Consent of
this twenty third Day of
January in the Year One thousand eight hundred and thirty two
By me Jesse Williams Vicar Thomas
This Marriage was solemnized between us { Jesse Gardiner his mark / Jane Butt her mark
In the Presence of { Nathaniel Gardiner / Anne Gardiner } her mark
No. 823.

Copy of certificate of marriage for Jesse Gardiner and Jane Seymour Butt, 1832.

Emigration JESSE GARDINER:
https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Space:Trusty_1842_-_Ship_Tree
Arrival at Australind, - On the 6th Dec, the *Trusty*, Steerage - Reuben and Anne Gardner and six children, Jesse and Jane Gardner and four children, (Edward, Arthur, Owen and Christopher.)

CHILDREN OF JESSE GARDINER (1809-1893) AND JANE SEYMOUR BUTT (1813-1885): Their first four children were born in Bisley, Gloucestershire, England, the rest in WA.

1. EDWARD GARDINER (1832-1916) married **MARGARET MANOGUE MONAGHUE (1833-1892),** 23 Apr 1855, Registry Office, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 813], registered under Gardner and Monague.

2. ARTHUR BRADLEY GARDINER (1835-1895) married **ELIZABETH MARSDEN (1849-1933)** 1 Jul 1867, Picton, WA [Reg No. 2612], registered under Bradley Gardner and Marsden.

3. OWEN GARDINER (1839-1886) married **EMMA GIBBS (1846-1927)** 30 May 1866, Picton Church, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 2431].

4. CHRISTOPHER GARDINER (1841-1872) married **JANE GIBBS (1850-1929)** 28 Sep 1870, Australind, WA [Reg. 3165].

5. SILAS GARDINER (1844-1925) married **MARY ANN WOOD (1849-1893)** 24 Apr 1873, Australind, WA [Reg. 3554].

6. BETHIA GARDINER (1846-1891) married **JOSEPH HOUGH (1840-1926)** 1861, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 1620].

7. SARAH ANN GARDINER (1849-1942) married **GEORGE GIBLETT (1853-1939)** 13 Feb 1878, Picton, WA [Reg. 448].

8. ELIZABETH AMY GARDINER (1850-1881) married **JOHN CHARLTON FOWLER (1849-1934)** 18 Aug 1875, Picton, WA [Reg. 385], registered under Amy.

9. EPHRAIM GARDINER (1854-1944) married **CHRISTINA FOWLER (1851-1935)** 1 May 1876, Picton, WA [Reg. 4183], Registered under Ephraim.

Jane Seymour Gardiner (nee Butt) died 8 Jul 1885, and **Jesse Gardiner on 26 Apr 1893.** They are buried together in St Aiden's Cemetery, Dardanup, WA.

Grave and headstone of Jesse Gardiner and Jane Seymour (nee Butt) Gardiner, St Aiden's Cemetery, Dardanup, WA. Via James/Sifton Family Tree, Ancestry.

CHILDREN OF GEORGE GIBLETT (1853-1939) AND SARA ANN GARDINER (1849-1942):
Marriages:

1. GEORGE SEYMOUR GIBLETT (1879-1959) married **GERTRUDE HEDLEY (1893-1973)**, 29 Sep 1925, Perth, WA [Reg. 1295].

2. FLORENCE ANNIE GIBLETT (1880-1940) married **MICHAEL DONELLAN (1863-1941)** 1928. Perth, WA [Reg. 1692].

3. ETHEL AMY GIBLETT (1883-1949) Ethel A Giblett died 1949, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 55].

4. ERNEST JOHN GIBLETT (1885-1971) married **ALMA MERCY BLECHYNDEN (1884-1978)** 1912, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 31].

5. HUBERT JESSE GIBLETT (1888-1959) married **MINNIE ALICE CROWD (1898-1989)**, 1920, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 11]. Note: recorded as Herbert on birth record WA BDMs. Hubert on death record. Death registered in 1960, Reg No. 23.

6. HILDA JANE GIBLETT (1889-1973) married **CLAUDE MCCLARENCE WARD (1891-1957)** 1925, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 32].

7. ELEANOR KATE GIBLETT (1891-1898)

George Giblett died 26 Nov 1939, Manjimup, WA. **Sarah Ann Giblett (nee Gardiner) died 29 May 1942**, Manjimup, WA. Both are buried at Balbarrup Cemetery, Manjimup Shire, WA.

Headstone of George Giblett and Sarah Ann Giblett (nee Gardiner), Balbarrup Cemetery, WA.

Continuing the story of Alma Mercy Blechynden and Ernest John Giblett:

ALMA MERCY BLECHYNDEN (1884-1978) married **ERNEST JOHN GIBLETT (1885-1971)** 23 Oct 1912, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 31]. Recorded as Alma M.

***Blackwood Times* (Greenbushes, WA: 1905 - 1955), Fri 25 Oct 1912, pg 5**
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On Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock the nuptials between Miss Alma Blechynden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blechynden, of the Warren and Mr Ernest Giblett, second son of Mr. and Mrs. George Giblett, of Manjimup, were celebrated at Dingup. A large gathering of friends took place to wish them good luck and happiness.

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Wedding photo, Ernest John Giblett and Alma Mercy Blechynden. Courtesy Cheryl Hay Hendry

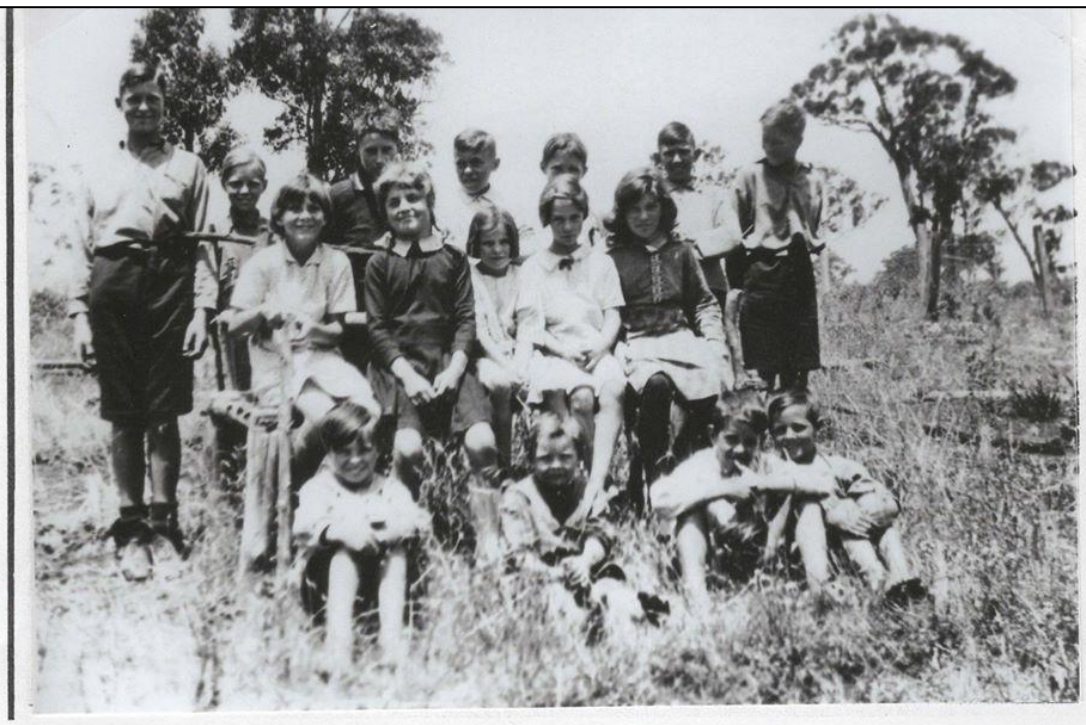
Alma and Ernest Giblett. Courtesy Jane Muir

ALMA and **ERNEST** had eight children as below. More in-depth details of these children follow in individual sections.

1. GIBLETT, LAURA MAVIS (1913-1916),
2. GIBLETT, ERNEST DOUGLASS (1914-1988),
3. GIBLETT, SARAH MADGE (1916-1926),
4. GIBLETT, REGINALD (1918-2016),
5. GIBLETT, ASHLEY GARDINER (1919-2001),
6. GIBLETT, OWEN GEORGE (1921-2006),
7. GIBLETT, JOYCE VIVIENNE (1923-), and
8. GIBLETT, GUY (1927-2020).

Picnic at Sunnyside. "Roadside" Giblett's and "Silverlands" Wheatley's
Robert Wheatley m Agnes Forster Muir at Dingup Church 1901, Alma Blechynden m Ernest Giblett at Dingup Church 1912
L to R: Agnes (nee Muir) Wheatley nursing Agnes (Nan) Wheatley, Alma (nee Blechynden) Giblett nursing Doug, Ernest Giblett nursing Laura. Elizabeth (Bessie), Alice Jean and Robert Wheatley.
In front of the girls are Bob, Peter, and Bill Wheatley. Courtesy Gwen Wheatley.

Family photo: Thought to be Mercy's family:
Back: No 3 & 4, Jane Blechynden (nee Needs) and Walter Edward Blechynden.



Original: Students Brooklyn School December 1932 P.95-57

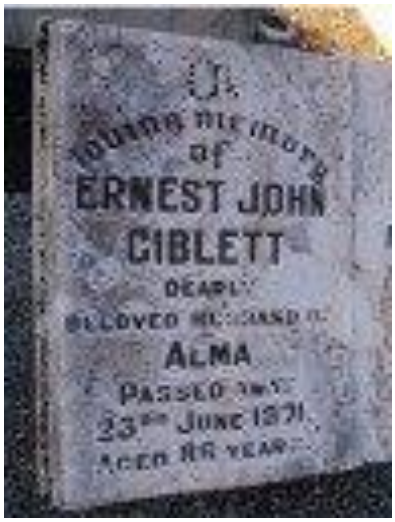
Back Row: Reg Giblett; Len Elphick; Keith Bradshaw; Harry Johnson; George Giblett; Peter Huddleston; Ashley Giblett

Middle Row: Joy Giblett; Daisy Buegge, Ivy Bradshaw; May Bradshaw; ?----------

Front Row: Harold Elphick; boy ----------; Geoff Elphick; Colin Elphick
Guy Giblett.

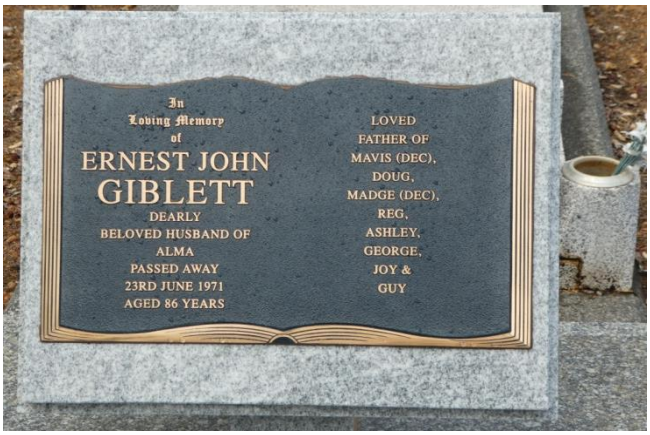
Ernest John Giblett and Alma Mercy (nee Blechynden). Courtesy Cheryl Hay Hendry

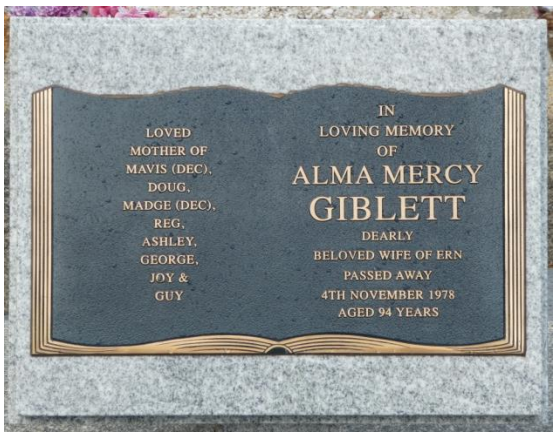
Ernest John Giblett died in 1971, aged 86 years, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 40]. **Alma Mercy Giblett (nee Blechynden) died 4 Apr 1978**, Blackwood, WA. Ernest and Alma are buried in adjoining graves at the Bridgetown Cemetery:



Headstones, Ernest John Giblett and Alma Mercy Giblett (nee Blechynden), Bridgetown Cemetery:

Photos courtesy Ken Blechynden





CHILDREN OF ALMA MERCY BLECHYNDEN (1884-1978) AND ERNEST JOHN GIBLETT (1885-1971) IN MORE DETAIL: Via Kielbasa family tree, Ancestry.

1st CHILD OF ALMA MERCY BLECHYNDEN & ERNEST JOHN GIBLETT

1. GIBLETT, LAURA MAVIS (1913-1916)
Laura Mavis Giblett was born 1913, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 67]. Laura died aged three years on 13 May 1916, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 17].

MAVIS DARLING. YOU HAVE LEFT A PLACE THAT CANNOT BE FILLED IN THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO DEARLY LOVED YOU AND SO SADLY MISS YOU.

Grave and headstone of Laura Mavis Giblett, Balbarrup Cemetery, WA.

Kielbasa Family Tree, Ancestry, frog134 originally shared this article

Our Little
LAURA MAVIS
Dearly loved daughter
of
ERN and ALMA GIBLETT
WHO DIED 13th May 1916
AGED 3 YEARS

2nd CHILD OF ALMA MERCY BLECHYNDEN & ERNEST JOHN GIBLETT

2. GIBLETT, ERNEST DOUGLAS 'DOUG' (1914-1988) was born 13 Sep 1914, Manjimup, (Blackwood), WA [Reg. 159]. **ERNEST** married **m. 2 EILEEN MARY MCTAVISH (nee KNAPTON) (1913-1987)**, 1947, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 45]. **EILEEN** was born 26 Jul 1913, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 160]. Her parents were **CLARENCE WILLIAM KNAPTON (1876-1941)** and **MABEL ELEANOR BUCHANON (1881-1927)** who were married 1903, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 1974].

m.1 EILEEN MARY KNAPTON (1913-1987) married **MALCOLM J MCTAVISH (1908-1942)** 1934, Northam, WA [Reg. 133], recorded as Metavish. **MALCOLM** was born 12 May 1908, Stuart Mill, Nhill, VIC [Reg. 13662]. His parents were **THOMAS ALEXANDER MCTAVISH (1877-1945)** and **ELIZA DICKINSON (1879-1945)** who were married 1908, VIC. [Reg. 2263]. Malcolm was called up to serve on 2 Jan 1942, and was posted to the 5th Labour Company, Perth, WA. Service Number - W46816. He was killed in a traffic accident on 5 Aug 1942 [Reg. 1915], after completing a day's work unloading a ship, travelling from Fremantle to Karrakatta Camp in a private car after missing the Military truck. He is buried at Karrakatta Cemetery. Following her husband's death, Eileen married Ernest Douglass Giblett.

Electoral Roll:
1943, Eileen Mary McTavish, Greenbushes, hone duties.

The following pages contain details of Eileen Mary Knapton's parents, Clarence William Knapton (1876-1941) and Mabel Eleanor Buchanon (1881-1927)

CLARENCE WILLIAM KNAPTON (1876-1941), Eileen Mary Knapton's father, was born 22 Feb 1876, Capel, WA [Reg. 17010]. Parents: **WILLIAM CLARENCE KNAPTON (1847-1910)** and **MARY PAYNE**

(1846-1936) who were married 1874, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 3786]. Clarence William Knapton died 3 Feb 1941, Greenbushes WA [Reg. 347].

MABEL ELEANOR BUCHANON (1881-1927), Eileen Mary Knapton's mother, was born 1 Oct 1881, Ophir St, Sandhurst, Bendigo, VIC [Reg. 25911]. Parents: **JAMES EWARD BUCHANON (1837-1908)** and **ELLIZABETH KENLEY (1857-1918)** who were married 15 Sep 1878, Melbourne, VIC [Reg.3827]. Mabel Eleanor Knapton (nee Buchanon) died 10 Apr 1927, Greenbushes, WA [Reg. 42].

Electoral Roll:
1906 Clarence William Knapton, Spring Gully, Greenbushes, miner, Mabel Eleanor, home duties.
1913, 1918 Clarence William Knapton, Brackendale, Greenbushes, farmer, Mabel Eleanor, married.
1931, 1936, 1958 Clarence William Knapton, Brackendale, Greenbushes, farmer.
1968, 1977 Clarence William Knapton, Farmbridge Farm, Balingup, farmer.

CLARENCE and **MABEL** had eight children together as follows:

1. LEIGH OSWALD KNAPTON (1903-1922) Leigh Oswald Knapton died 29 Dec 1922, Greenbushes, (Blackwood), WA [Reg. 3].

2. GEORGE HOLLAND KNAPTON (1905-1964) married **JEAN E MCTAVISH (-1998)**, 1940, Perth, WA [Reg. 1553].

3. GLADYS A KNAPTON (1907-1982) married **JOHN A MCTAVISH,** 1930, Perth, WA [Reg. 1566].

4. OLIVE MERLE KNAPTON (1909-1932) married **CLARENCE COOPER,** 1931, Blackwood, WA [Reg No. 6].

5. EDWARD JOHN KNAPTON (1910-1958) died 9 Jun 1958, Balingup, (Blackwood), WA [Reg. 47].

6. WILLIAM C KNAPTON (1912-1985)

7. EILEEN MARY KNAPTON (1913-1987) m.1 married **MALCOLM J MCTAVISH** 1934, Northam, WA [Reg. 133]. **m. 2 ERNEST DOUGLASS GIBLETT (1914-1988),** 1948, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 31].

8. ROSS CLIFFORD KNAPTON (1914-2001) married **CLARICE J WEALAND**, 1944, Perth, WA [Reg. 311].

Continuing with the story of Ernest Douglass Giblett (1914-1988) and
Eileen Mary McTavish (nee Knapton) (1913-1987):

Electoral Roll:
1937 Ernest Douglas Giblett, Bridgetown, farmhand.
1943 Eileen Mary McTavish, Greenbushes, home duties.
1949 Ernest Douglas Giblett, Bridgeton, farmhand, Eileen Mary, Winnejup Rd, Bridgetown, home duties.
1980 Ernest Douglas Giblett, Lot 7 / Blechynden St, Bridgetown, Eileen Mary, home duties.

Eileen Mary Giblett (McTavish nee Knapton) died 11 Jul 1987, Bridgetown, WA. **Ernest Douglass Giblett died 1 Oct 1988,** Bridgetown, WA.

Headstone of Ernest Douglass Giblett, Courtesy Ken Blechynden.

Headstone of Eileen Giblett, McTavish (nee Knapton).

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3rd CHILD OF ALMA MERCY BLECHYNDEN & ERNEST JOHN GIBLETT

3. GIBLETT, SARAH MADGE (1916-1926).
Sarah Madge Giblett was born 1916, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 68]. She died 4 Feb 1926, aged 10ys. Bridgetown, 'Wellington', WA [Reg. 21].

Headstone and grave of Sarah Madge Giblett, Balbarrup Cemetery, WA. Via Kielbasa family tree, Ancestry, inserted by frog134

Sarah and her sister Laura Mavis (1913-1916) who also died as a child, died aged three years the same year Sarah was born, are buried alongside each other at the Balbarrup Cemetery.

4th CHILD OF ALMA MERCY BLECHYNDEN & ERNEST JOHN GIBLETT

4. GIBLETT, REGINALD EDWARD (1918-2016)
Reginald Giblett was born 17 Apr 1918, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 53].

GIBLETT REGINALD EDWARD: Service Number - WX37223: Date of birth - 17 Apr 1918: Place of birth - BRIDGETOWN WA: Place of enlistment - IN THE FIELD WA: Next of Kin - GIBLETT ERNEST

Service overseas in Borneo 21 Jun 1945. Discharged 28 Feb 1946.

REGINALD EDWARD GIBLETT (1918-2016) married **IRIS MAY MULLINS**, 1951, Perth, WA [Reg No. 1466].

Electoral Roll:
1954, 1963 Reginald Edward Giblett, Tweed Rd, Bridgetown, farm labourer, Iris May, home duties

Reginald Giblett died 12 Aug 2016, WA.

GIBLETT (Reginald Edward): *Passed away peacefully SJOG Bunbury 12 Aug 2016, aged 98 years. Beloved Husband of Iris. Loving Father and Father- in-Law of Rick and Teresa, Sharon and Ron, Joe and Raylene and Paula and Glenn. Pop of 12 Grandchildren and 14 Great Grandchildren. Forever in our hearts. Our thanks to the amazing Doctors and staff of SJOG Bunbury.*

Giblett (Reg): *Loved Husband of Iris. Thanks for the last 65 years. Till we meet again. Love Iris. GIBLETT*

5th CHILD OF ALMA MERCY BLECHYNDEN & ERNEST JOHN GIBLETT

5. GIBLETT, ASHLEY GARDINER (1919-2001)
Ashley Gardiner Giblett was born 8 Dec 1919, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 129].

m.1 ASHLEY GARDINER GIBLETT (1919-2001) married **VIOLET CAMPBELL FORREST (1919-1983)** 1939, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 47]. Violet was born 4 Mar 1919, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 30]. Parents: **CHARLES WALTER FORREST (1871-1950)** and **MINNA LOUISA CAMPBELL (1883-1969).** Violet Giblett (nee Forrest) died 1983, WA.

ASHLEY GARDINER GIBLETT (1919-2001) AND VIOLET CAMPBELL FORREST (1919-1983) HAD FIVE CHILDREN:

Electoral Roll:
1943 Ashley Gardiner Giblett, Bridgetown, farmer, Violet Campbell, Seaton Ross Rd, home duties
1949, Violet Campbell Giblett, Seaton Ross Rd, home duties
1954, 1963, 1972 Ashley Gardiner Giblett, Oakleigh, Manjimup, farmer

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m.2 ASHLEY GARDINER GIBLETT (1919-2001) married **GWENDALINE 'GWEN' DORIS SMEATHERS (1924-2006)**, 1954, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 19].

GWEN SMEATHERS (1924-2006) was born 1924, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 216].
Gwen Smeathers died 21 Apr 2006, Manjimup, WA.

ASHLEY GARDINER GIBLETT (1919-2001) AND GWENDOLINE 'GWEN' DORIS SMEATHERS (1924-2006) HAD FOUR CHILDREN:

Electoral Roll:
1954, 1963, 1972 Ashley Gardiner Giblett, Oakleigh, Manjimup, farmer, Gwendoline Doris, home duties.

Ashley Gardiner Giblett died 2 Dec 2001, Blackwood District, WA.

Headstone Ashley Gardner Giblett, Balbarrup, Cemetery, WA.
Via Kielbasa family tree, Ancestry, inserted by frog134

6th CHILD OF ALMA MERCY BLECHYNDEN & ERNEST JOHN GIBLETT

6. GIBLETT, OWEN 'GEORGE' (1921-2006) was born 26 Jun 1921, Bridgetown, WA. He served with the 2/8 Infantry Battalion, Australian Army during WW II, Service No. WX14790. Place of enlistment – CLAREMONT, WA.

Electoral Roll:
1949, 1954, 1977, 1980 Giblett Owen George, Tweed Rd, Bridgetown, farm, labourer

Owen George Giblett died 15 Feb 2006, aged 84 years, Bridgetown. Buried, Bridgetown Cemetery, WA.

7th CHILD OF ALMA MERCY BLECHYNDEN & ERNEST JOHN GIBLETT

7. GIBLETT, JOYCE VIVIENNE (1923-) was born 1923, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 33]. She married **CHARLES EDWARD GALE**, 1947, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 37].

Electoral Roll:
1968 Charles Edward Gale, Boyup Brook, farmer, Joyce Vivienne, home duties
1980 Charles Edward Gale, Abel St, Boyup Brook, farmer, Joyce Vivienne, home duties

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8th CHILD OF ALMA MERCY BLECHYNDEN & ERNEST JOHN GIBLETT

8. GIBLETT, GUY (1927-2020) was born 1927, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 350]. He married THELMA JOYCE WALKER, 1950, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 18]. Guy died 17 Mar 2020, Bridgetown, WA.

Electoral Roll:
1954, 1972, 1980 Giblett Guy, Tweed Rd, Bridgetown, farm, labourer, Thelma Joyce, home duties.

Guy Giblett 23.11.1927 - 17.03.2020 passed away peacefully at Geegeelup Village Aged Care Facility, Bridgetown, WA.

GIBLETT (Guy): Passed away peacefully 17th Mar at Geegeelup Village ACF. A life well lived. RIP Dad. Celebrated 70 years of marriage in January. Farewell from Greg, Carol, Danny, Tania, David, Lisa, their fam...

Ernest John Giblett with children
Ashley, George and Joyce.

SEVENTH CHILD OF WALTER BLECHYNDEN & JANE NEEDS

7. BLECHYNDEN, HAZEL MINNA (1886-1985) & LISTER, CHARLES (1872-1937)

Hazel Minna Blechynden was born 27 Aug 1886, The Warren, WA [Reg. 29096]. She died 3 Sep 1985, Mosman Park, WA [Reg. 99].

Hazel Minna Blechynden

HAZEL had two daughters, prior to her marriage below to Charles Lister. Descendants of these two girls are most welcome as members of the Blechynden family.

1. BLECHYNDEN, ROBERTA MIN (1912-1980). Adopted out – brought up by Alfred and Fanny Levitt. Via Jones, Thomas Taylor, Schell Family Tree, Ancestry. Roberta was born 17 May 1912, Perth, WA [Reg. 849]. She married **THOMAS DONALD CAMERON MCALLAN (1909-1997)**, 1933, Perth, WA [Reg. No. 1554]. Marriage under the surname of Roberta M Levett. Roberta died 12 Sep 1980, Canning, WA.

2. BLECHYNDEN, FLORENCE HAZEL MUIR (1914-2005). Adopted out – brought up by Alfred and Fanny Levitt. Flossie was born 22 Sep 1914, Perth, WA [Reg.1720]. Registered as Flossie H M. She married **ANDREW WILLIAM PATERSON (1914-1935)**, Perth, WA [Reg. 977]. Marriage under the surname of Florence H Levett.

ALFRED HERBERT LEVETT (1884-1948) (via Marsh, Brown, Cockett Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 25 Nov 1883, Seven Oakes, Kent, England. He died 31 Jul 1948, Canning, WA [Reg. 47]. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery. Enlisted with the East Kent Regt. The Buffs. Number 7620, 10 Aug 1903. Stationed in South Africa with his regiment until 20 May 1907. Discharged 1907, brought himself out £25. **ALFRED** married **FANNY JUDGES NASH (1883-1979)** 1908, Seven Oakes, Kent, England. Fanny Judges - Emigration: 1908, Age: 24, left England on RMS *Osterley*, arrived Fremantle 27 Dec. 1908. Fanny died Jul 1979, Perth, WA.

Above: *Fanny and Alf Levett with Hazel's daughters.*

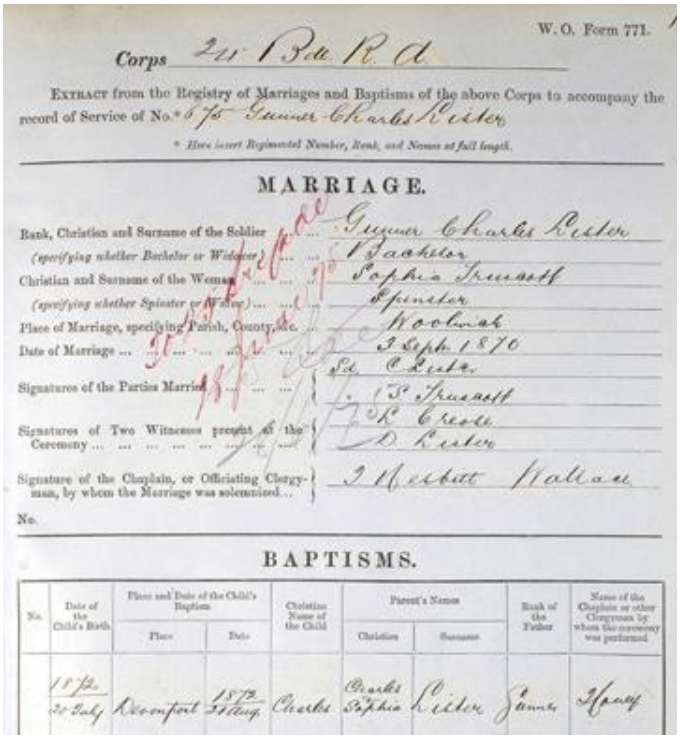
Hazel Blechynden aged 30 years, daughters Roberta 4 years 6 months and Flossie 2 years 2 months in 1916.

Electoral Roll:

1915, 1917 Alfred Herbert Levett, Drake St, Bayswater, market gardener, Flossie Fanny, hd.
1922 Alfred Herbert Levett, Keston Vale, via Kojonup, farmer, Flossie Fanny, home duties.
1937, 1943 Alfred Herbert Levett, Maddington Rd, Maddington, agriculturalist, Fanny Judges, hd.

HAZEL MINNA BLECHYNDEN (1886-1985) married **CHARLES LISTER (1872-1937)**, 1919 in Perth, WA [Reg No. 143].

Charles Lister was born, 1872, baptised 20 Jul 1872, Devonport, England. Parents: **CHARLES LISTER** and **SOPHIA TRUSCOTT** who were married 3 Sep 1870, Woolwich, England. Charles Colin Lister, father from Scotland. (Military Service). Charles Lister died 1937, Perth, WA [Reg. 1604].



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EXTRACT from the Registry of Marriages and Baptisms of the above Corps to accompany the record of Service of No.* 575 Gunner Charles Lister

* Here insert Regimental Number, Rank, and Names at full length.

MARRIAGE.

Rank, Christian and Surname of the Soldier ... Gunner Charles Lister
(specifying whether Bachelor or Widower) ... Bachelor
Christian and Surname of the Woman ... Sophia Truscott
(specifying whether Spinster or Widow) ... Spinster
Place of Marriage, specifying Parish, County, &c. ... Woolwich
Date of Marriage ... 3 Sept. 1870
Signatures of the Parties Married ... Ch Lister / S Truscott
Signatures of Two Witnesses present at the Ceremony ... R. Creole / D. Lister
Signature of the Chaplain, or Officiating Clergyman, by whom the Marriage was solemnized ... J Herbert Walton

No.

BAPTISMS.

No.	Date of the Child's Birth	Place and Date of the Child's Baptism: Place	Place and Date of the Child's Baptism: Date	Christian Name of the Child	Parent's Name: Christian	Parent's Name: Surname	Rank of the Father	Name of the Chaplain or other Clergyman by whom the ceremony was performed
	1872 20 July	Devonport	1872 [illegible]	Charles	Charles Sophia	Lister	Gunner	[illegible]

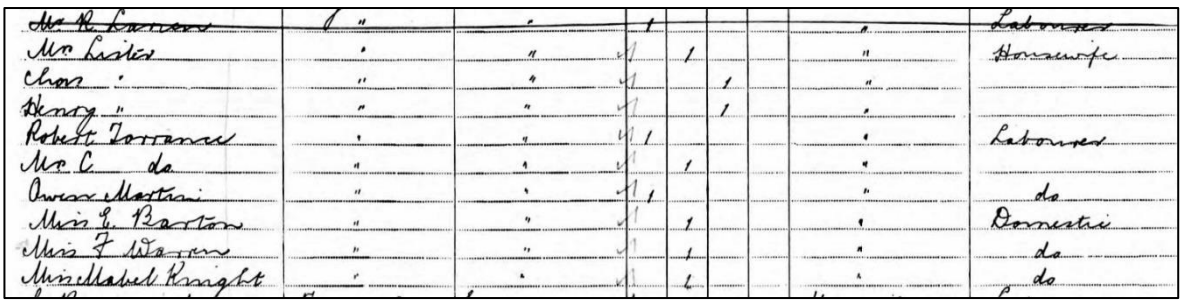
Marriage certificate of Gunner Charles Lister and Sophia Truscott, 3 Sep 1870, Woolwich.

Baptism certificate of their son Charles Lister, 20 Jul 1872.

m.1. CHARLES LISTER (1872-1937) married **EMMA RUTHERFORD (1875-1917)**, 18 Aug 1898, St Paul. Deptford, England. **m.2. CHARLES LISTER (1872-1937)** married **HAZEL MINNA BLECHYNDEN (1886-1985)** 1919 in Perth, WA [Reg No. 143].

CHARLES LISTER Charles Lister (1872-1937) father

Emigration: Charles Lister, gardener, via *Orsova*, arrived Fremantle, 1906, followed by his wife, Emma (nee Rutherford) and their two children, via the *Orvieto*, 29 Nov 1910:



Mr R. Lawson	"	"	1				"	Labourer
Mrs Lister	"	"	1	1			"	Housewife
Chas "	"	"	1		1		"	
Henry "	"	"	1		1		"	
Robert Torrance	"	"	1	1			"	Labourer
Mrs C do	"	"	1	1			"	
Owen Martin	"	"	1	1			"	do
Miss L. Barton	"	"	1	1			"	Domestic
Miss F Warren	"	"	1	1			"	do
Miss Isabel Knight	"	"	1	1			"	do

Orvieto: Mrs Lister – housewife and two male children, Charles and Henry Lister

RUTHERFORD, EMMA (1875-1917) Charles Lister (1872-1937) first wife
Via 'Mine' Family Tree, Ancestry

Emma Rutherford was born 1875, England. This would tally with her age of death in 1917. Her parents: **CHARLES RUTHERFORD (1852-)** and **SUSANNAH EMMA AVERY (1855-)** married 22 Feb 1874, All Saints, Rotherhithe, England. Her brothers and sisters are mentioned. She was a servant in the 1891 Census, aged 17 years. No more on Charles Lister but it all seems to fit. Emma Lister (nee Rutherford) died, 6 Dec 1917, Cottesloe, WA [Reg. 699], aged 44 years. Buried at the Karrakatta Cemetery, WA, Anglican section, 0102 Gravesite.

CHARLES LISTER (1872-1937) m.1 and **EMMA RUTHERFORD (1875-1917)** had two children as follows:

1. CHARLES NEWLYN LISTER (1899-1960) was born 25 Dec 1899, Woolwich London. He married VERA JEAN WHITTINGTON (1821-1992), 1948, Perth, WA [Reg. 1948]. Charles died 1960, Perth, WA, aged 60 years, [Reg. 2273].

2. HENRY ALEXANDER LISTER (1901-1973) was born Oct 1901, Woolwich London, England. He married RITA IRENE LEAR (1903-1982), 1941, Perth, WA. Henry died 1973, Perth, WA, aged 72 years, [Reg No 4444].

Electoral Roll:

1924 Charles Newlyn Lister and Henry Alexander Lister, c/o F Garn, Benjaberring, Toodyay, clearer.
1943 Charles Newlyn Lister and Henry Alexander Lister, 190 Brisbane St, North Perth, labourer, Rita Irene, home duties. Brothers at same address.
1949 Charles Newlyn Lister and Henry Alexander Lister, 190 Brisbane St, North Perth, labourer, Rita Irene, home duties, Vera home duties. Brothers and wives at same address.
1958 Charles Newlyn Lister, 101 Moreing St, Belmont, Vera, home duties.
1972 Henry Alexander Lister, 76 Whitfield St, Bassendean, Rita Irene, home duties

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HAZEL MINNA BLECHYNDEN (1886-1985) and **m.2 CHARLES LISTER (1872-1937)** had two children, Colin Roland and Sophia Jane. Their details as follows:

1. LISTER, COLIN ROLAND (1919-2007) was born 1919, Perth, WA [Reg. 1665]. He married **LILY MADGE HOLLAND**, 1948, Sussex, WA [Reg. 33]. Colin died 9 Jan 2007, aged 87-88 years. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery.

***South-Western News* (Busselton, WA: 1903 - 1949), Thu 5 Aug 1948, pg 6**
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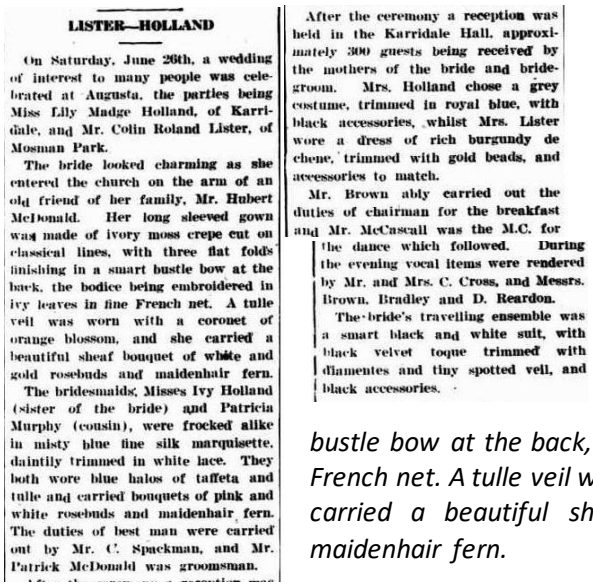

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The bride looked charming as she entered the church on the arm of an old friend of her family, Mr. Hubert McDonald. Her long sleeved gown was made of ivory moss crepe cut on classical lines, with three flat folds finishing in a smart bustle bow at the back, the bodice being embroidered in ivy leaves in fine French net. A tulle veil was worn with a coronet of orange blossom, and she carried a beautiful sheaf bouquet of white and gold rosebuds and maidenhair fern.

The bridesmaids, Misses Ivy Holland (sister of the bride) and Patricia Murphy (cousin), were frocked alike in misty blue fine silk marquisette, daintily trimmed in white lace. They both wore blue halos of taffeta and tulle and carried bouquets of pink and white rosebuds and maidenhair fern. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. C. Spackman, and Mr. Patrick McDonald was groomsman.

After the ceremony a reception was held in the Karridale Hall, approximately 300 guests being received by the mothers of the bride and bridegroom. Mrs. Holland chose a grey costume, trimmed in royal blue, with black accessories, whilst Mrs. Lister wore a dress of rich burgundy de chene, trimmed with gold beads, and accessories to match.

Mr. Brown ably carried out the duties of chairman for the breakfast and Mr. McCascall was the M.C. for the dance which followed. During the evening vocal items were rendered by Mr. and Mrs. C. Cross, and Messrs. Brown, Bradley and D. Reardon.

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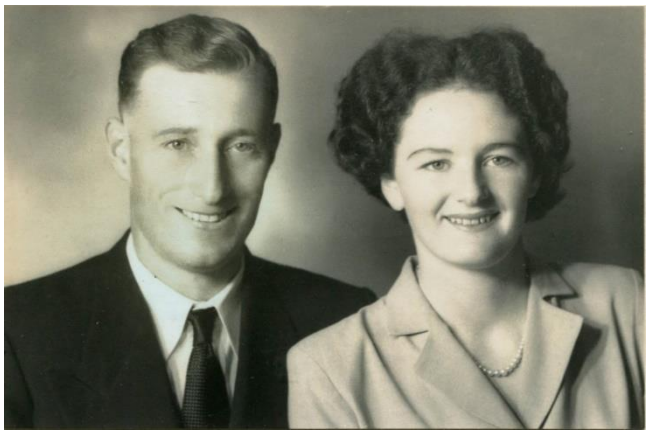

Colin Roland Lister and Lilly Madge (nee Holland). Courtesy Cheryl Hay Hendry

Hazel, Sophie and Charlie Lister. Courtesy Cheryl Hay Hendry

Electoral Roll:
1943 Colin Roland Lister, 24 Manning St, Mosman Park, labourer.
1949, 1954 Colin Roland Lister, 18 Manning St, Mosman Park, labourer, Lily Madge, home duties, Hazel Minna, home duties.
1968 Colin Roland Lister, 24 Manning St, Mosman Park, labourer, Sophia Jane, nurse, Hazel Minna (mother), home duties.
1977 Colin Roland Lister, 18 Manning St, Mosman Park, labourer, Sophia Jane, nurse, Hazel Minna (mother), home duties.

2. LISTER, SOPHIA JANE (1921-2008) was born 1921, Perth, WA [Reg. 852]. Registered Children's Nurse, Perth WA, 1953, Registered in UK. Sophia Jane Lister died 25 Sep 2008, aged 86-87 years. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery. Serenity Memorial Gardens – Garden E-001.

Sophie Jane Lister. Courtesy Cheryl Hay Hendry

Electoral Roll:
1949 Sophie Jane Lister, Children's Hospital, trainee nurse.
1963, 1977, 1980 Sophie Jane Lister, 18 Manning St, Mosman Park, nurse.

Electoral Roll:
1916 Maylands: Blechynden Hazel Minna, Swan Oaks, Drake Street, Bayswater, domestic duties.
1922, 1925,1937, North Fremantle: Lister Charles, Manning Street, Cottesloe Beach, fitter, Hazel Minna, home duties.
1977, 1980 Hazel Minna Lister, 1977, 18 Manning St, Mosman Park, home duties, Sophia Jane Lister, nurse, Colin Roland Lister, labourer.

Charles Lister died in 1937 in Perth, WA. [Reg. 1604]. Interred at the Karrakatta Cemetery.

***West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Fri 3 Sep 1937, pg 1**
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R.I.P. LISTER. —On September 2, 1937, at Perth Hospital, passed peacefully away, Charles, the dearly beloved and devoted husband of Hazel Minna Lister, of 24 Manning-street, Mosman Park, loving father of Charles, Henry, Colin and Sophia. One of the best that God could send, A faithful husband, father and friend; God took him Home—it was His will— But in our hearts we love him still

West Australian **(Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Sat 4 Sep 1937, pg 1**
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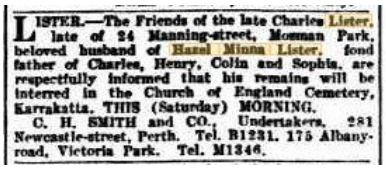
LISTER*--The Friends of the late Charles Lister, late of 24 Manning-street, Mosman Park**, beloved husband of Hazel Minna Lister, fond father of Charles, Henry, Colin and Sophia. are respectfully informed that his remains will be interred in the Church of England Cemetery, Karrakatta, THIS (Saturday) MORNING.*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C. H. SMITH and CO., Undertakers, 281 Newcastle-street, Perth. Tel. B1231. 175 Albany-road, Victoria Park. Tel. M1346.

West Australian **(Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Sat 18 Sep 1937, pg 1**
THE Widow and Children of the late CHARLES LISTER, of Manning-street. Mosman Park, desire to THANK their many kind relatives and friends for letters, telegrams, cards and personal expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement. Especially thanking the doctors and nursing staff of No. 10 Ward, Perth Hospital. Will all please accept this as a personal expression of their sincere gratitude.

Hazel Minna Lister (nee Blechynden) died 3 Sep 1985, Mosman Park, WA, aged 99 years. She is buried in the Karrakatta Cemetery, WA.

EIGHT CHILD OF WALTER BLECHYNDEN & JANE NEEDS

8. BLECHYNDEN, HILDA BLANCHE (1888-1986) & DOUST, MATTHEW JAMES (1892-1975)

Hilda Blanche Blechynden was born 25 Apr 1888, birth registered in 1889, The Warren, WA [Reg No.574]. Hilda Blanche Doust (nee Blechynden) died 20 Oct 1986**,** WA, aged 98 years. Buried Manjimup Cemetery, WA.

HILDA BLANCHE BLECHYNDEN (1888-1986) married **MATTHEW JAMES DOUST (1892-1975)** 1934, St Martins Church, Warren, (Blackwood), WA [Reg. 23]. Name recorded as Matthew.

Hilda Blanche Blechynden

Wedding photo: Matthew James Doust and Hilda Blanche Blechynden. Courtesy Cheryl Hay Hendry

DOUST, MATTHEW JAMES (1892-1975)

Matthew James Doust was born 1892, Warren, WA [Reg. 134], father, **'CLARENCE' DOUST (1858-1937)**, mother, **MERCY NEEDS (1860-1943)**. Name recorded as Mathew.

MERCY NEEDS (1860-1943) married **ABRAHAM BENJAMIN 'CLARENCE' DOUST (1858-1937)**, 1885, Albany, WA [Reg No. 5984]. Details on Mercy Needs and Abraham Benjamin Clarence Doust, have been recorded earlier in the chapter on Walter Blechynden.

***Manjimup Mail and Jardee-Pemberton-Northcliffe Press* (WA: 1927 - 1950), Thu 29 Mar 1934, pg. 1**
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Mr. M. J. Doust
Honoured at Deeside

On Saturday last at "Kingarrup" a dance was held in aid of the Deeside Tennis Club. During the evening occasion was taken to present a silver tea set, suitably engraved to Mr. M. J. Doust. whose marriage to Miss Hilda Blechynden of Glen Pennant Manjimup takes place on Apr 2nd. Mr. J. Smith made the presentation on behalf of members of the Deeside Rifle Club in recognition of services rendered during the past twenty years both on the range and socially, during which time he carried out the secretarial duties for five years and deputy captain for a period. The Rifle Club also has a nice roomy hall with supper room, ladies dressing room, knight (sic) light installed and tennis courts, adjoining the range, all of which were mainly due to his untiring energy and organisation.

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***Manjimup and Warren Times* (WA: 1927 - 1954), Thu 12 Apr 1934, pg 2**
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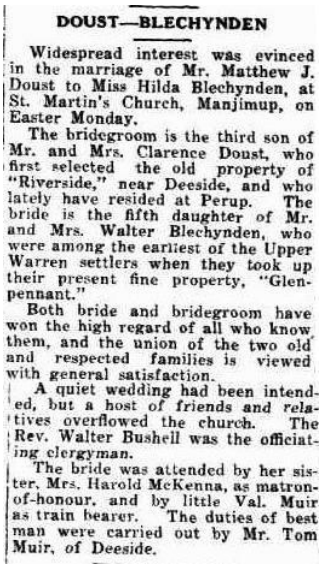
DOUST—BLECHYNDEN

Widespread interest was evinced in the marriage of Mr. Matthew J. Doust to Miss Hilda Blechynden, at St. Martin's Church, Manjimup, on Easter Monday.

The bridegroom is the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Doust, who selected the old property of "Riverside," near Deeside, and who lately have resided at Perup. The bride is the fifth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blechynden, who were among the earliest of the Upper Warren settlers when they took up their present fine property, "Glenpennant."

Both bride and bridegroom have won the high regard of all who know, them, and the union of the two old and respected families is viewed with general satisfaction.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Widespread interest was evinced in the marriage of Mr. Matthew J. Doust to Miss Hilda Blechynden, at St. Martin's Church, Manjimup, on Easter Monday.
The bridegroom is the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Doust, who first selected the old property of "Riverside," near Deeside, and who lately have resided at Perup. The bride is the fifth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blechynden, who were among the earliest of the Upper Warren settlers when they took up their present fine property, "Glenpennant."
Both bride and bridegroom have won the high regard of all who know them, and the union of the two old and respected families is viewed with general satisfaction.
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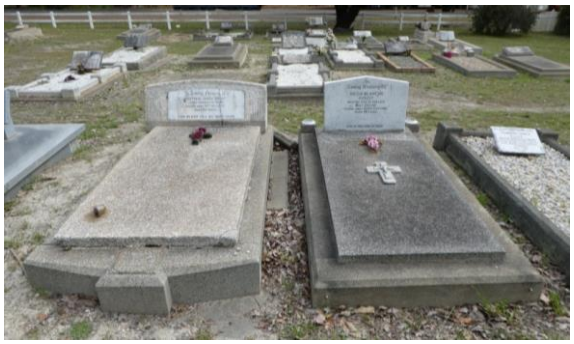
Matt Doust, Hilda Doust (nee Blechynden) and Jean Muir, circa 1946, via Colleen Putland.

Hilda Doust (nee Blechynden), Bill and Lila Kammann, Wally and Jean Muir. Courtesy Colleen Putland. Lila Kammann is Lila Muir (nee Blechynden's) daughter.

Left: *Matthew James Doust and his wife Hilda Blanche Doust (nee Blechynden)*

Right: Riverside', home of Matthew and Hilda Doust

Matthew James Doust died 16 Dec 1975, Manjimup, WA, aged 84 years. Buried 18 Dec 1875. **Hilda Blanche Doust (nee Blechynden) died 20 Oct 1986,** aged 98 years. They are buried alongside each other at the Manjimup Cemetery.



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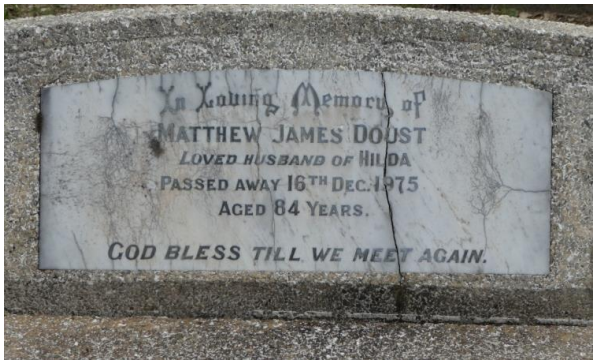

Headstones of Hilda Blanche Doust (nee Blechynden) and Matthew James Doust, Manjimup Cemetery.

NINTH CHILD OF WALTER BLECHYNDEN & JANE NEEDS

9. BLECHYNDEN, LAURA JANE (1889-1986) & MCKENNEY, HAROLD ARTHUR (1888-1943)

Laura Jane Blechynden

Via the Gilchrist / Cameron Family Tree, **LAURA JANE BLECHYNDEN (1889-1986)** was born 27 Jul 1889, The Warren, WA [Reg No.1066].

LAURA married **HAROLD ARTHUR MCKENNEY (1888-1943)** in 1916, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 24]. Harold was born 23 Apr 1888, N Hill, VIC [Reg. 14077]. His parents were **ARTHUR HENRY MCKENNEY (1858-1937)** and **ANNE MARIA DUNGEY (1863-1900)** who were married 1884, VIC [Reg. 5585]. **ARTHUR** was born 1858, Truro, SA. He died on 9 Jun 1937 in Belmont, Perth, WA [Reg. 1022] and is buried at Karrakatta Cemetery. **ANNE** was born 24 Jan 1863, Noarlunga, registered at Morphett Vale, SA [Pg. 232, Vol. 28]. Parents: **JOHN DUNGEY** and **THIRZA FISHER** who were married 13 Jun 1859, O'Halloran Hill, Adelaide, SA [Pg. 339, Vol. 38]. Anne Maria McKenney (nee Dungey) died 7 May 1900, Picton, WA [Reg. 2278], registered under Annie McKenney.

ARTHUR and **ANNE** had four children as follows:

1. GRACE THURZA MCKENNEY (1886-1886) Nhill, VIC [Reg. 6692], aged three months, registered as Grace Thyrza.

2. HAROLD ARTHUR MCKENNEY (1888-1943) married **LAURA JANE BLECHYNDEN (1889-1986)**, as detailed above.

3. ELLEN MCKENNEY (1891-1963) Born, 26 May 1891, Kingston, SA. Died 8 Mar 1963, WA [Reg. 17]. ELLEN MCKENNEY (1891-1963) married JOSEPH J MCALINDEN, 1912, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 36].

4. ANNIE MCKENNEY (1900-1975) Born 28 Apr 1900, Picton, WA. Died 6 Sep 1975, Perth. ANNIE MCKENNEY (1900-1975) married LESLIE R GOERKE, 1928, Perth, WA [Reg. 236].

Electoral Roll:
1921, 1931, 1936 Arthur Henry McKenney, Kojonup, farmer

***Blackwood Times* (Bunbury, WA: 1905 - 1920; 1945 - 1955), Fri 4 Aug 1916, pg 3**
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1. MCKENNEY, LAURIE HAROLD (1917-1922) was born1917, Katanning, WA [Reg. 239], died 1922, Katanning, WA [Reg. 49], aged 4 years, buried Kojonup Cemetery.

2. MCKENNEY, EDITH LAURA (1919-2005) married **CHARLES WILLIAM YATES (1922-2012)**, 1950, Katanning, WA [Reg. 3].

3. MCKENNEY, PATRICIA PEARL (1921-1985) married **CLIFTON WILLIAM FURNISS (1914-2002)**, 1945, Katanning, WA [Reg. 16].

4. MCKENNEY, BERNARD AUBREY (1923-1923) stillborn, Katanning, WA [Reg. 27]. Buried, Kojonup Cemetery.

5. MCKENNEY, WILFRED ARTHUR (1925-1997) married **AILCIE ELWYNE DOUGLAS (1935-1997)**, 1957, Plantagenet, WA [Reg. No. 7].

6. MCKENNEY, EVERARD VINCENT (1928-1996) married **JOAN KATHLEEN**

7. MCKENNEY, GEOFFREY (1930-) married **MAVIS S NETTLE**, 1953, Katanning, WA [Reg. 5].

***Tambellup Times* (WA: 1912-1924), Wed 28 Nov 1923, pg 2**
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***Southern Districts Advocate* (Katanning, WA: 1913 - 1936), Mon 12 Apr 1926, pg 2**
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In his statement of claim plaintiff said he agreed to purchase the tractor in August, 1923, for £500, £150 to be paid in cash on delivery, and the balance in three amounts on subsequent dates, with interest. Defendants delivered the tractor in October, 1923, at Kojonup, when plaintiff paid the £150 deposit, and gave three promissory notes for the balance. The sale was made upon (1) an implied condition that the tractor was new; (2) an expressed condition that it was suitable for farm work and dam sinking in the Kojonup district, and would perform such work satisfactorily and more cheaply and expeditiously than horses; (3) an implied warranty that it was reasonably fit for the purpose for which it was required; (4) and an expressed warranty. The tractor, plaintiff asserted, was not new, and did not perform the work satisfactorily, was not in good condition or working order, and not reasonably fit for the purpose required. Plaintiff paid the promissory notes under protest, and after threats of legal proceedings. He claimed damages in respect of repair costs, wages, and loss on contracts for dam-sinking, which he was unable to perform.

The defendants denied that the tractor failed or was in bad order. The plaintiff they asserted continued in possession of it after delivery and did not give defendants written notice, stating wherein it failed, and did not allow them a reasonable opportunity to put the machine in order. A paragraph of the purchase agreement set out that continued possession, or failure to give notice as indicated, or to allow reasonable opportunity, should be conclusive evidence that the machine fulfilled the warranty. Alternatively, the sale was one of a specified article under its trade name and there was no implied condition as to its fitness for any particular purpose. Defendants counterclaimed for; £68/10/2., for goods sold to plaintiff, work and labour done by defendants, and moneys paid by defendants for the use of the plaintiff.

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West Australian **(Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Sat 10 Apr 1926, pg 10**
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Tractor and Dam-Sinking - The litigation over a Cletrac tractor led to a third day's evidence being given before Mr. Justice Burnside in the Supreme Court yesterday. Harold A, McKenney, farmer and dam sinking contractor, of Kojonup, claimed against J. M. Drummond and Co and S. Dvoretsky, rescission of his contract for the purchase of a tractor under a hire purchase agreement, repayment of money paid and damages in respect his having been supplied with a machine allegedly defective. Mr. V. Smith, KC with him Mr. G. A. Cooper, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. J. P. Dwyer, for the defendants. In opening the case for the defence Mr. Dwyer said there had been no breaches of warranty as claimed by the plaintiff. In buying a tractor the plaintiff did not rely upon the skill judgement of the defendants, but bought a Cletrac tractor, having decided to buy that type of tractor before seeing the defendants. He bought it on the recommendations of persons who used that type of tractor. The tractor dug 8,000 yards and there was no warranty given that it would do more. Therefore, that warranty had been fulfilled. He thought he would be able to satisfy the Court that the tractor was new and that it was of good material. Frank James Barnes, engineer, said that two years ago he was in the employ of the defendants and visited Kojonup and inspected the tractor in question, which was near a dam. Bruce Holden was with him. The tractor was not in good working condition. The plugs were oiling up owing to an excessive splash of oil and, perhaps, the loosening of the pistons. He found the pistons to be loose. He dismantled the engine and sent it back to Perth. Later he recommended the defendants to substitute another engine and this was done, a new Woodley engine being sent. When the new engine was put in the tractor was in very fair condition. He used the tractor in the dam and it worked well but the machine was still stiff and it stopped several times owing to an obstruction in the petrol cock and the running out of fuel. He saw the tractor on subsequent occasions and formed the opinion that McKenney was not capable of driving it and that it was not properly lubricated. The hearing of the case was adjourned to 10.30 a.m. on Monday.

A 192 Cletrac Tractor made by the Cleveland Tractor Company.

Harold Arthur McKenney died 2 Jun 1943, Kojonup, WA.

***The Daily News* (Perth, WA: 1882-1950) / Mon 21 Feb 1944 / Pg 1**
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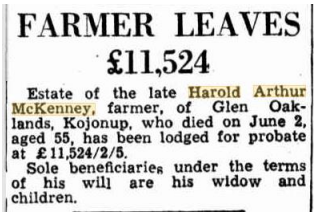
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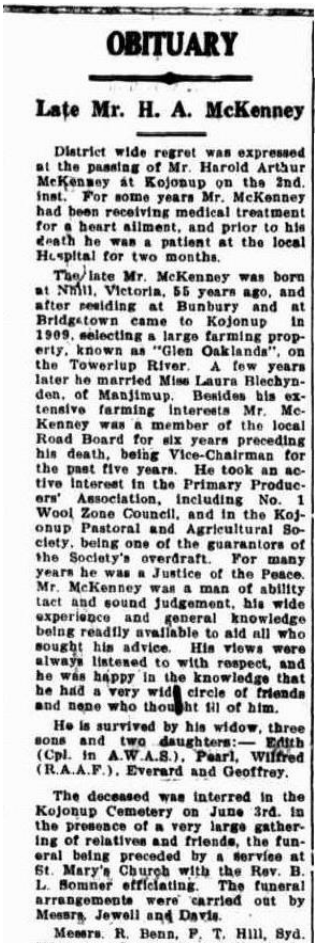
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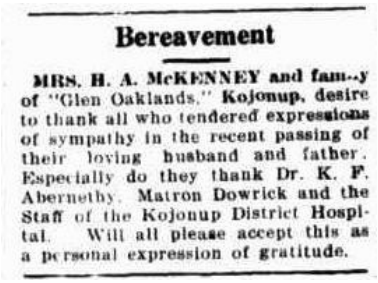

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MCKENNEY, Harold Arthur. Husband of Laura, father of Edith, Pearl, Wilfred, Everard and Geoffrey. 2 Jun 1943 aged 55 years.
MCKENNEY, Laura Jane. 15 Feb 1986 aged 96 years
MCKENNEY, Laurie Maxwell. 16 May 1957 - 14 Jan 1962. Son of Shirley and Geoff, brother of Lynne.
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Grave of Harold Arthur McKenney and Laura Jane McKenney (nee Blechynden), Kojonup Cemetery

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TENTH CHILD OF WALTER BLECHYNDEN & JANE NEEDS

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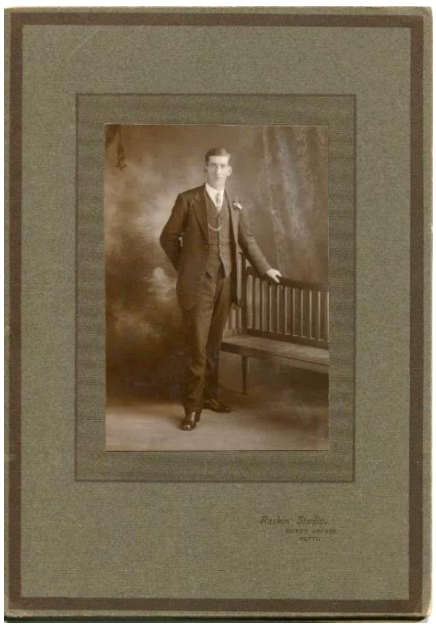
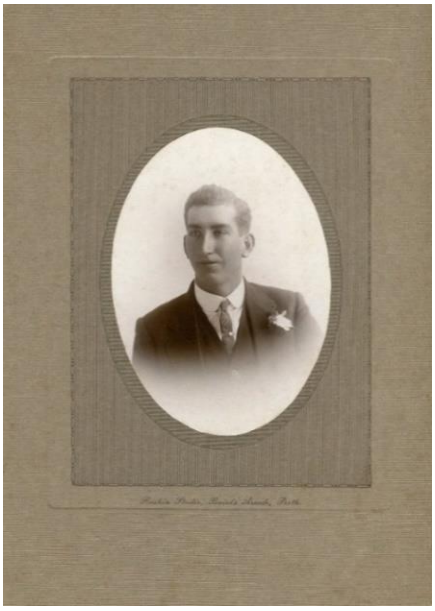


Clayton Ashley Blechynden. Courtesy Cheryl Hay Hendry



Clayton Ashley Blechynden, 10 Oct 1919. Courtesy Raylene Kanny

CLAYTON ASHLEY BLECHYNDEN (1893-1989) married **LOUISA 'LULU' ADELINE BLYTHE (1906-1991)**, 27 Feb 1932, Swan, WA [Reg. 23].

***Sunday Times* (Perth, WA: 1902 - 1954), Sun 6 Mar 1932, pg 2**
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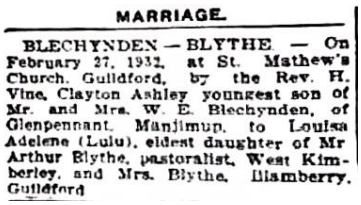

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***Manjimup and Warren Times* (WA: 1927 - 1954), Thu 10 Mar 1932, pg 3**
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Via Joseph Blythe Coppin Family Tree, Ancestry.
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Louisa 'Lou' with baby Vernon.
Courtesy Cheryl Hay Hendry

The following pages contain details of Louisa Adeline Blythe's parents, Arthur Blythe (1879-1963) and Mary Matilda Coppin (1850-1894):

BLYTHE, ARTHUR 'ARCHIE' (1879-1963) Louisa Adeline Blythe's father

Arthur Blythe was born 9 Nov 1879, Jalbarragup, (Nannup), 'Blackwood', WA [Reg No. 20424]. Parents: **JOSEPH BLYTHE (1850-1919)** and **MARY CHARLOTTE COPPIN (1850-1894)** who were married 17 Jun 1870, Nannup, WA [Reg. No. 3140]. Arthur Blythe died 1963, Perth WA [Reg. 2071]. Arthur 'Archie' Blythe died 20 Jul 1963, Scarborough, WA [Reg. 2071]. Buried Karrakatta, Cemetery.

Occupation: Pastoralist. Residence: 1906, Brooking Creek Station, Fitzroy, Coolgardie; 1916, Derby, Dampier; 1925, Derby, Kalgoorlie; 1931, Perth; 1937, Kimberley; 1939 WW2; 1949, Canning; 1954, Bunbury.

COPPIN, MARY MATILDA (1872-1940), Louisa Adeline Blythe's mother, was born 16 Jul 1872, Toodyay, WA [Reg. 14009]. Parents: **WALTER JOHN COPPIN (1847-1920)** and **SUSAN ADELINE BEERE (1842-1920)**, who were married 1870, Toodyay, WA [Reg. 3107]. Mary Matilda Blythe (nee Coppin) died 1940, Perth, WA [Reg. 118].

CHILDREN OF ARTHUR 'ARCHIE' BLYTHE (1879-1963) AND MARY MATILDA COPPIN (1872-1940):

1. ARTHUR 'RAY' ALWIN BLYTHE (1903-1905) was born 11 May 1903, Derby, WA [Reg. 3377[. Arthur died aged 2 years 27 Jul 1905, Derby, WA [Reg. 2170]. Buried, East Perth Cemetery,

2. EDWARD LAURENCE KIMBERLEY BLYTHE (1905-1945) was born 11 Apr 1905, Perth, WA [Reg. 5100]. Edward died 1945, Perth, WA [Reg. 2590].

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5. LINDSAY JOSEPH BLYTHE (1909-1909) was born 7 Nov 1909, Derby, W Kimberley, WA [Reg. 8]. Lindsay died as a baby 21 Nov 1909, W Kimberley, WA [Reg. 9].

6. CHRIS WILLIAM DUDLEY BLYTHE (1911-1971) married **EDNA MAY KINSMAN (1914-1990)**, Swan, WA [Reg. 105].

7. HILDA ISOBEL BLYTHE (1914-1984) married **JOHN ANDREW 'JACK' PLACE (1911-2000)**, Swan, WA [Reg. 30].

8. FLORENCE 'FLORRIE' MARY BLYTHE (1916-1981) married **WILLIAM 'BILL' GEORGE HALFORD (1893-1969)**, 1940, Perth, WA [Reg. 433].

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VERNON ASHLEY BLECHYNDEN: *Of Glenpennant, Manjimup Passed away 12.12.2022, his 90th birthday. Loved husband of Alice, father of Walter and Michael (dec). Father-in-law to Beth and proud grandfather of Holly and Campbell. His one passion was the farm.*

2. BLECHYNDEN, BLANCHE ADELINE (1937-2015)

Electoral Roll:
1958, 1963, 1980 Clayton Ashley Blechynden, 'Glenpennant', Manjimup, farmer Louisa Adeline Blechynden, home duties.

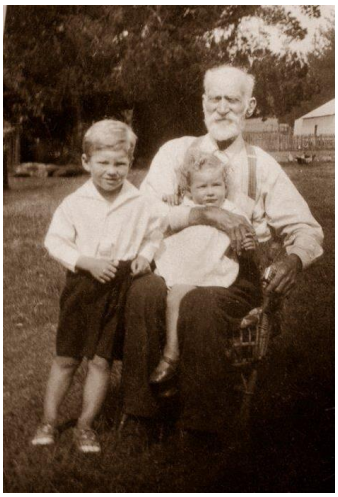
Photos courtesy of Cheryl Hay Hendry

Blanche and Vernon Blechynden

Louise Blechynden, holding Blanche, and son Vernon at 'Glenpennant'

Vernon and Blanche Blechynden

Lou Blechynden nursing Blanche, Vernon and Joy Gayle who was Alma and Ernest Giblett's daughter.



Walter Blechynden with his grandchildren, Blanche, and Vernon

Lou and Blanche Blechynden.

Vernon, Clayton, 'Lou' and Blanche Blechynden

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Wedding Blanche Blechynden and Paul Kanny (Kannegiesser).

Photos courtesy of Raylene Kanny

Bride Blanche Blechynden, bridesmaids Yvonne Phillips (nee Muir) and unknown.

Lou and Clayton Blechynden. Courtesy Raylene Kanny

Louise (nee Blythe) and Clayton Blechynden. Courtesy Raylene Kanny

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Following is an intriguing article telling us much about Clayton Blechynden and his beef raising on *Glenpennant*. Note there are a few discrepancies re the reporter's mention of John and Walter Blechynden and their migration to the south west from Beverley. In 1854, John Blechynden walked to the Blackwood district at the age of 21, guided by two friendly Aborigines. He was so impressed with what he saw that he acquired two pastoral leases over about 10,000 acres of land along the middle courses of the Blackwood River with an option to buy ten acres to build a residence. He was one of the first people to appreciate the possibilities of stock raising in the country. In 1864, now aged 18 years, Walter walked to Bridgetown with his brother Edwin and joined their eldest brother John at his home 'Bridgedale'. It is possible John did accompany Walter along the way, ten years after his first major trek. More can be read in the chapters on John and Walter Blechynden.

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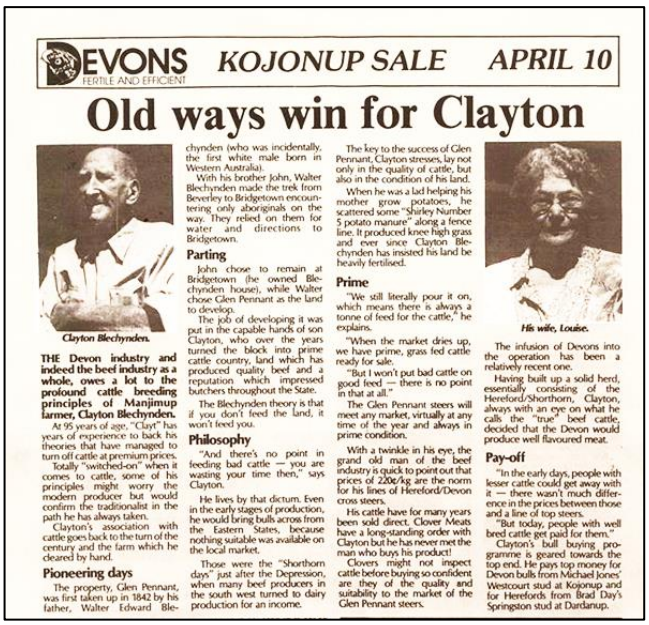

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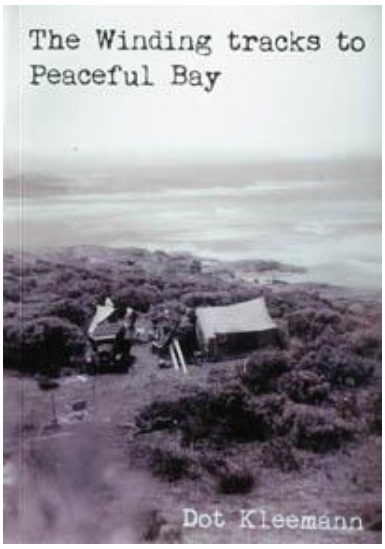
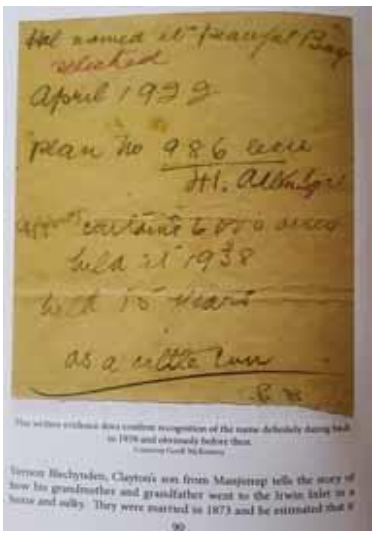


'The Winding tracks to Peaceful Bay' written by Dot Kleemann. Within the book there is a chapter titled Vern Blechynden which has been written based on Dot's talk with Vern. It is an interesting book and worth a read.



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Grave, headstone and insert: Clayton Ashley Blechynden and Louisa Adeline Blechynden (nee Blythe), Balbarrup Cemetery. Photos courtesy Ken Blechynden

Headstone Inscription

BLECHYNDEN
In memory of
OUR BELOVED PARENTS

CLAYTON	LOUISA
ASHLEY	ADELINE
893 – 1989	1906 – 1990
Aged 96	Aged 84

Insert on Clayton and Louisa Blechynden's grave, Balbarrup Cemetery:

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Walter's father, Thomas, was born 24 Nov 1842, Burswood Island, Perth, WA [Reg. 128], Parents: JOHN GIBLETT (1809-1882) and ANN WELLS (1818-1896) who were married 22 Mar 1842, St Mary Lambeth, Surrey, England. John and Ann Giblett arrived per *Simon Taylor* 20 Aug 1842. Thomas died 12 May 1897, Dingup House, Nelson, WA [Reg 30].

Walter's mother, Maria, was born 4 Sep 1845, Guildford, WA [Reg. 642]. Parents: JAMES ABRAHAM MATTHEWS MOULTON (1798-1846) and MARY JONES (1813-1863) who were married 25 Apr 1838, Guildford, WA. John Andrewartha's wife Dianne (Jo) Connell descended from this line.
See https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Space:Moulton_Story_101_-_History_Tree

THOMAS and MARIA had nine children as follows.

1. WALTER JOHN GIBLETT (1872-1957) was born 18 Apr 1872, Balgarup, WA [Reg. 13833]. He married **ENID MAUDE BLECHYNDEN (1896-1983)**, 1920, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 15]. Walter died Blackwood, 1957 [Reg. 2].

2. ADA ANN GIBLETT (1874-1955) was born 21 Sep 1874, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 15916]. Ada remained single. Ada Anne(sic) Giblett died 1955, Perth, WA [Reg. 2454].

3. HERBERT JAMES GIBLETT (1877-1951) was born 6 Jan 1877, Blackwood [Reg.17837]. Herbert married CLARA LOUISE DOUST (1898-1977), 1923, Blackwood [Reg. 27]. He died 1951, Perth [Reg. 2872].

4. BERTHA MARY GIBLETT (1879-1938) was born 20 Jun 1879, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 20113]. She married **BENJAMIN HARRISON BLECHYNDEN (1874-1952)**, Dingup School, WA [Reg. 19]. See Bertha and Benjamin's details earlier on in this section. Bertha died 20 Jan 1938, WA [Reg. 5].

5. FRANK THOMAS GIBLETT (1881-1963) was born 9 Aug 1881, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 22210]. He married **ELENA EVELINE BLECHYNDEN (1883-1962)**, 1906, Blackwood, WA [Reg No. 13]. See Frank and Elena's details earlier on in this section. Frank died 9 May 1963, Blackwood, WA [Reg No. 30].

6. ELLA MAUD GIBLETT (1883-1975) was born 1883, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 24285]. She married HENRY CRESWELL MUIR (1878-1942), 1903, Dingup, WA [Reg. 22]. Name registered as Creswell.

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8. MABEL ELIZA GIBLETT (1887-1965) was born 1887, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 112]. She married DAVID MOTTRAM (1876-1965), 1910, Blackwood [Reg. 27]. Mabel died 1965, WA [Reg. 525].

Photo from Isaac & James Doust and descendants.
Back Row: Ben Blechynden, Una Muir, unknown, unknown
Middle row: Ike Doust, George Giblett, unknown, Clarence Doust, Henry Muir
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Dingup Recreation Ground around 1900

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Photo via Moran Family Tree, Ancestry,
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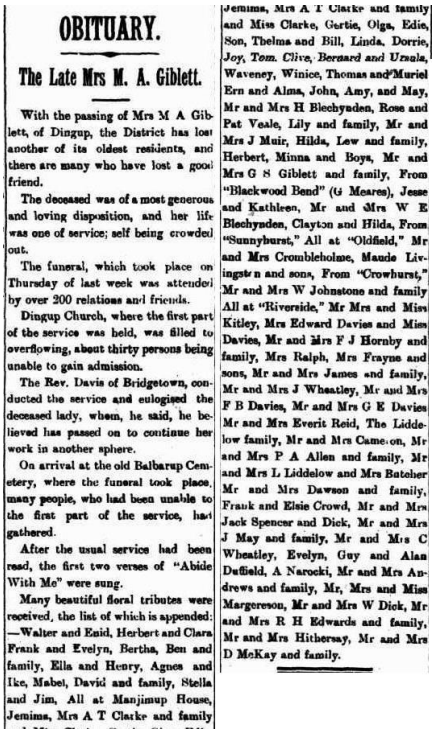

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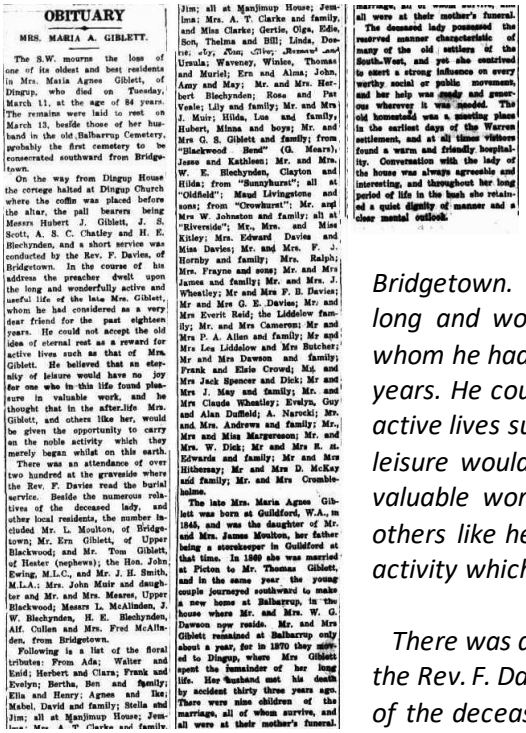

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Ms Eileen Ada Giblett of Bridgetown. Worked at McKays, Bridgetown, WA.

Electoral Roll:
1949, 1958, 1980 Eileen Ada Giblett, "Hill Farm", Bridgetown, shop assistant

2. GIBLETT, JOHN COOPER (1924-1983)

John Cooper Giblett was born 2 Nov 1924, Bridgetown, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 262]. John Cooper Giblett died 26 Sep 1983, Bridgetown, WA. Buried Balbarrup Cemetery, Manjimup.

JOHN COOPER GIBLETT (1924-1983) married **JOYCE ASPLEY (1922-)** 1948, Perth, WA [Reg. 738]. Joyce Aspley was born 24 Jun 1922, Sussex, WA [Reg. 29]. They had four children: Erica, Ross, Glenys and Brian

Electoral Roll:
1949, 1968 John Cooper Giblett, "Hill Farm", Bridgetown, Farmhand, Joyce, home duties
1980 John Cooper Giblett, Lot 12 Phillip St, Bridgetown, Joyce, home duties

3. GIBLETT, RITA PEARL (1927-2003)

Rita Pearl Giblett was born 1927, Blackwood, WA [Reg. 332]. Rita 'Pearl' Giblett did not marry. Rita 'Pearl' Giblett died 29 Oct 2003, North Perth. Buried Pinnaroo, Cemetery, WA

Electoral Roll:
1954, Rita Pearl Giblett, "Hill Farm", Bridgetown

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Newspaper article, Mon 3 Oct 1983.
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The plaque on Enid Maude's grave is In memory of her daughter, Rita Pearl Giblett.

These following six photos of the Blechynden ladies, and others, are courtesy of Jane Muir. An attempt has been made to work out who the family members are: Some of the people identified in the photos 2 and 3 following, appear in this larger, group photo. (There may be errors).

BLECHYNDEN'S, GIBLETT'S AND CROWDS

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Blechynden Sisters

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L to R. Lila Robus, Enid Maude, Hilda Blanche, Laura, Alma, Clara Annie.
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Above: *Blechynden girls from Glenpennant:*
Rear - Hilda, Enid, Laura Front - Hazel, Alma. Courtesy John Morgan

Right: *Walter Edward Blechynden with his great granddaughter Yvonne Phillips, granddaughter of Clara Anne (nee Blechynden) and Robert Forrest Muir. Courtesy John Morgan.*

EARLY YEARS IN MANJIMUP

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The couple farmed 'Roesland' and 'Red Hill' together in Beverley and went on to have eight children.

Charles Edwin passed away on 22 Jul 1918 and Caroline on 8 Nov 1942, both in Beverley. They share a grave in the Beverley Anglican Cemetery.

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The story of Charles Edwin's parents is told earlier in this Blechynden history. However, in very abbreviated form, Harrison and Charlotte emigrated to the newly formed Swan River Colony from Kent, England, arriving in Perth on the ship *Minstrel* on 20 Jan 1830. They were married in Perth on 3 Mar 1832, where their first two children, John (1833) and Sarah (1841), were born. Following their move to the newly allocated district of Beverley, their third child, Elizabeth (1842), was born at the 'St Aubyns' farm homestead. The family then moved to 'Babbyalla' farm, close to 'St Aubyns', where another seven children were born - Henry (1843), Jesse (1845 – who, tragically, passed away at the age of 20 months), Walter (1846), **Charles Edwin (1848)**, Thomas (1849), Jesse (1851), and Joseph (1853).

By 1859, Harrison was a 'well-established farmer and grazier'. As he grew into manhood, Charles Edwin and the other six Blechynden sons no doubt joined their father working on the farm. One can imagine that they sometimes travelled by horse and cart to the mud-bat store and wheelwright business established 13 kilometres away at Edwards Crossing (4km north of Beverley on the Avon River). Elizabeth was later to marry Thomas Edwards, whose family established this first tiny service centre for the district.

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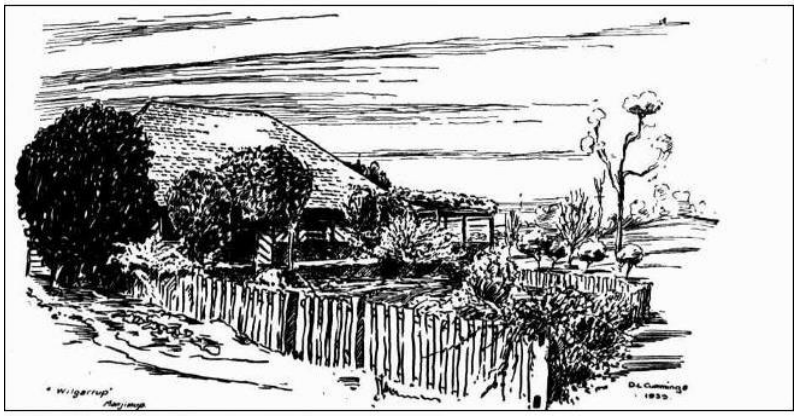

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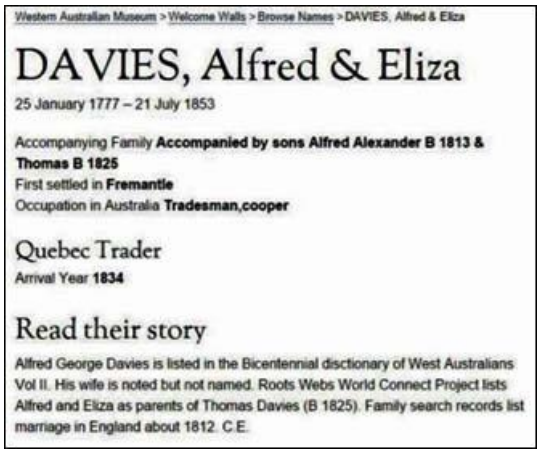
The next section provides a more detailed history of Caroline Davies' family background, including another link to the Edwards families. The story of Charles Edwin and Caroline continues after that.

Caroline Davies' father, Thomas Davies, was born about 1825 in England. He was the child of **ALFRED 'GEORGE' DAVIES (1776-1853)** and **ELIZABETH GARNAL (1776-1838)**. Alfred, Caroline Davies' grandfather, was born 25 Jan 1776 at Castle Frome, Herefordshire, England. His parents were William and Ann Davies. (Via Barbara E Grosvenor and Birch Family Tree, Ancestry). Alfred George Davies married Elizabeth Garnal on 19 Dec 1808 at Castle Frome. Of note, this castle was owned by King Harold before the Norman Conquest. The name, which is also found in the nearby villages of Canons Frome and Bishop's Frome, is said to derive from the Latin 'formosus', meaning beautiful. See https://www.britainexpress.com/attractions.htm?attraction=4328). Certainly, the little village surrounding the castle is a peaceful and idyllic spot today. See also, https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Castle_Frome,_Herefordshire_Genealogy.

Alfred and Elizabeth had two children, Alfred Alexander (1811) and Thomas (1825), who emigrated with them to WA on the *Quebec Trader,* arriving on 19 Apr 1834. They first settled in Fremantle and the family is depicted in the WA Museum Welcome Wall [panel 481]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Occupation in Australia **Tradesman,cooper**

Quebec Trader
Arrival Year **1834**

Read their story

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DIED 20TH JULY 1853
ALSO
ALFRED DAVIES
SON OF THE ABOVE BORN 16TH MAY 1811,
DIED 13TH MARCH 1875.
ALSO
HANNAH DAVIES.
BELOVED WIFE OF
ALFRED DAVIES
WHO DIED JULY 10 1836,
AGED 70 YEARS.

"THE LORD GIVETH AND THE LORD TAKETH AWAY, BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD"

THY WILL BE DONE
ALSO
ELIZABETH HELEN
DEARLY BELOVED DAUGHTER OF
ALFRED AND HANNAH DAVIES
WHO DIED 3rd AUGUST 1910
AGED 67 YEARS
HER LIFE WAS ALL UNSELFISHNESS
HER END WAS PERFECT PEACE

Headstone of Alfred 'George' Davies (1776-1853), Fremantle Cemetery.

We do not know much about Caroline Davies' grandmother Elizabeth ('Eliza') or her parents' and siblings. She was thought to have been born about 1776. Following their arrival in Fremantle, Alfred and Elizabeth did not appear to have any more children. Her death was not found in WA records. "Ask a Librarian" confirmed their marriage. Perhaps she returned to England. There is a record via Sandy O'Connor on "My Heritage" that she died in England on 18 Oct 1838, St Andrews, Holborne, Middlesex, England. This would have been four years after Elizabeth arrived in Fremantle with Alfred George and sons.

Alfred and Elizabeth's two children are detailed below.

1. ALFRED ALEXANDER DAVIES (1811-1875) was born in England on 16 May 1811 and died in Fremantle, WA [Reg. 8379], on 13 Mar 1875. His first marriage was to **CHRISTINA THEY ROBERTSON (1801-1843)** on 10 Apr 1837, in Fremantle, WA. Her birthplace and parents are unknown. She died Jun 1843 (aged 42), Fremantle, WA [Reg. 60]. Alfred's second marriage was to **HANNAH WILLIAMS (1823-1896)** on 16 Oct 1843 in Fremantle.

CERTIFIED COPY OF REGISTER OF MARRIAGE.

Date.	Place.	Parties signatures.	Condition.	Age.	Description.	By	Witnesses signatures.	Sub-Registrar's signature.
Oct 16th 1843	Fremantle Church	Alfd Davies b. c 1813	Widowed	30	Cooper	License	Bd W MBroun Resident	William P. Dineley Fremantle
		H. Williams	Spinster	20	Servant		T.R. Pengilly	

Copy of marriage certificate of Alfred Alexander Davies and Hannah Williams

Hannah was born about 1823 in England, the daughter of Frank and Ellen Williams. She died on 10 Jul 1896 at Market St, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 699]. Her death certificate recorded she had been in Fremantle for 18 years, which puts her arrival date about 1841.

Alfred and Hannah had seven children as follows. All were born and died in Fremantle. Some became prominent figures as detailed at https://fremantlestuff.info/people/daviesarthurelvin.html.
Indeed, this web site is full of information about this family who became prominent members of the Fremantle community, cabinet makers, funeral directors and including three brothers becoming the Mayor of Fremantle.

1. EMMA ELIZABETH DAVIES (1844-1905) Emma was born in 1844. WA [Reg. 419]. She married PHILLIP WEBSTER (1829-1893) in 1869 in Perth, WA [Reg. 2988] and died on 15 May 1905 in Fremantle, WA [Reg. 1015].

2. GEORGE ALFRED DAVIES (1846-1897) George was born in 1846, WA [Reg. 809]. He married LETITIA KING (1854-1948) on 27 Jul 1875 in Fremantle, WA [Reg. 13913]. George was a Mayor of Fremantle and a Justice of the Peace. He died on 30 Jan 1897 at South Street, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 869].

3. ELIZABETH HELEN DAVIES (1849-1916) Elizabeth was born in 1849, WA [Reg.1288] and died on 3 Aug 1916 at Fremantle, WA [Reg. 199].

4. ALFRED ALEXANDER DAVIES (1853-1934) Alfred was born 1853, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 2181]. He married ALICE FLORENCE BON MCBAIN (1858-1942) in 1878 in Wesley Church, Perth, WA [Reg No 4456] and died on 1 Nov 1934 at Subiaco, WA [Reg. 1920].

5. EDWARD WILLIAM DAVIES (1855-1904) Edward was born on 24 Sep 1855. He married KATE MURRAY (1856-1920) in 1875, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 4044]. Like his brother George, Edward was also a Mayor of Fremantle and a Justice of the Peace. He died 25 Jan 1904 in Fremantle, WA [Reg. 889].

6. SOPHIA HANNAH DAVIES (1857-1942) Sophia was born 1857, Walliabup, (Bibra Lake), WA [Reg. 40003]. Sophia married WALTER ANDREW MEWS (1861-1933) in 1881, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 5040] recording her name as Sophie and died on 21 Dec 1942 in South Fremantle, WA [Reg. 379].

7. ARTHUR ELVIN DAVIES (1867-1918) Arthur was born 7 May 1867, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 9891]. He married MARGARET JESSIE KILPATRICK (1872-1940) in 1893 in Beverley, WA [Reg. 132]. Arthur was a cabinet maker and undertaker. He was also a Mayor of Fremantle as well as a Justice of the Peace. He was elected to Parliament in 1906, continuing in that role until Nov 1911. Arthur died on 27 Mar 1918 in Beaconsfield, WA [Reg. 79].

2. THOMAS DAVIES (1825-1902) was born 1825, England. He and **MATILDA EDWARDS (1831-1887)** were married 6 Feb 1849, Swan River Colony 'Wexcombe', WA [Reg. 249]. Thomas died 24 Jun 1902, Northam Shire, WA [Reg. 11].

Continuing with the story of Thomas Davies (1825-1902) and Matilda Edwards (1831-1887).

Caroline's mother Matilda was born on 1 May 1831 at Guildford, WA and baptised on 18 Nov 1832. She died on 27 Mar 1887, WA [Reg No. 36], aged 55, in the Northam District of WA and is buried in the Northam cemetery. She is also commemorated by a plaque at the base of a tree in the Edwards Crossing Cemetery.

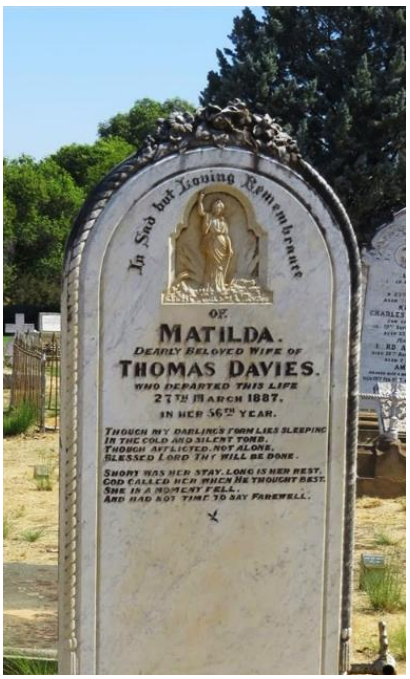
Matilda was the sixth child of **WILLIAM EDWARDS (1792-1865)** and **ELEANOR AYLING (1798-1871)**. William had emigrated to the Swan River Colony from Sussex, England, arriving on 14 May 1830 on the '*Rockingham*' with his wife and four children - Eliza, William, Caroline and Mary. Following their arrival, **Matilda** and her three brothers - Alfred, Charles and **Thomas** Edwards - were all born in Guildford. William was an ex-soldier of 95th Regiment and had received several campaign medals, including for the Battle of Waterloo. In 1830 he was recorded as being a farm servant to Peel at Murray River. He was a tenant on Stirling's farm at Guildford where his wife had a store, Bt. Swan Loc. 23 of 200 acres 1831. By 1841 William was leasing Hamersley's property 'Sandgate' at York. By 1845 he had 3,540 acres at Beverley - 'Mt. Pleasant', 'Speldhurst' and 'Seaton Ross'. Matilda Edwards (nee Davies) died 27 Mar 1887, Beverley, WA [Reg. 185], recorded as Matilda Davis in WA BDMs. Plaque at base of tree, Edwards Crossing Cemetery at Beverley.

To avoid duplication, more details on the Edwards family can be found in the in the section on the **third child** of Harrison and Charlotte, ANNE ELIZABETH BLECHYNDEN (1842-1927) and her husband THOMAS EDWARDS (1838-1903).

On Sad but Loving Remembrance
of
MATILDA
DEARLY BELOVED WIFE OF
THOMAS DAVIES
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
27TH MARCH 1887
IN HER 56th YEAR

THOUGH MY DARLINGS FORM LIES SLEEPING
IN THE COLD AND SILENT TOMB.
THOUGH AFLICTED. NOT ALONE.
BLESSED LORD THIGH WILL BE DONE.

SHORT WAS HER STAY. LONG WAS HER REST.
GOD CALLED HER WHEN HE THOUGHT BEST.
SHE IN A MOMENT FELL.
AND HAD NOT TIME TO SAY FAREWELL.



Headstone of Matilda Davies, Northam, Cemetery, WA, find a grave. Courtesy Tracey Currigan.

Thomas and Matilda had ten children as follows:

1. CAROLINE DAVIES (1850-1942) was born 26 Mar 1850, Guildford, WA [Reg. 1432]. She married **CHARLES 'EDWIN' BLECHYNDEN (1848-1918)**, 1872, Beverley, WA [Reg. 3421]. More details in this chapter.

2. EMMA 'MILLY' AMELIA DAVIES (1852-1931) was born 1852, Guildford, WA [Reg. 2271]. She married JOHN THOMAS SMITH (1854-1915), 1884, Northam, WA [Reg. 5795]. Emma died 8 Feb 1931, Beverley District, WA [Reg. 22]. Buried, Northam Cemetery.

3. GEORGE DAVIES (1853-1903) was born 1853, Guildford, WA. (I could not find an official record of his birth). He married m.2. ANNIE WILKERSON (nee SMITH) (1865-1923), 1900, Northam, WA, [Reg. 10009]. m.1 ANNIE SMITH married SAMUEL WILLIAM WILKINSON (1851-1897), 1891, Katherine, WA [Reg No. 161]. George died 3 Jul 1903, Guildford, WA [Reg. 3008]. Buried Northam Cemetery. Parents written as Thomas Davies and Matilda Edwards.

4. JOHN MORRIS DAVIES (1854-1939) was born 1854, Guildford, WA [Reg. 2426]. He died 25 May 1939, Nedlands, (Northam), WA [Reg No. 85]. Registered in Northam. 1926, Wongan Hills, railway employee, 1937, Northam. ganger.

5. ELIZA DAVIES (1856-1910) was born 1856, Guildford, WA [Reg. 3341]. She married m.2 WALTER JOHNSON (1868-1943), 27 Sep 1899, York, WA [Reg. 1671]. m.1 WALTER JOHNSON (1868-1943 married EMMA CROUCH (1858-1893), 25 Feb 1891, Northam, WA [Reg. 162]. Eliza died 1910, York, WA [Reg. 13].

6. WILLIAM THOMAS DAVIES (1858-1932) was born 25 Oct 1858, Springdale, York, WA [Reg. 4359], recorded as Davis. He married SARAH SMITH (1867-1960) in 1892, Northam, WA [Reg. 56]. William died 16 Dec 1932, Northam, WA [Reg. 4359]. Recorded as Davis.

7. JAMES DAVIES (1860-1932) was born 4 Jul 1860, York, WA [Reg. 5322A], registered under Davis. He married ANNE 'ANNIE' HITCHCOCK (1875-1942) 1894, Northam, WA [Reg. 151]. James died 14 Oct 1932, York, WA [Reg. 18].

8. ELEANOR DAVIES (1862-1926) was born 1 Dec 1862, York, WA. I can't find a registration of her birth. She married DAVID FREDERICK SMITH (1863-1958) 1886, Wilberforce, WA [Reg. 6401]. Registered under Ellenor Davis. Eleanor died 11 Aug 1926, Northam, WA [Reg. 175].

9. ALFRED THOMAS DAVIES (1865-1932) was born 28 Jun 1865, York, WA [Reg. 8598]. He married ETHEL ANN GUNN (1882-1969) 18 Mar 1903, Geraldton, WA [Reg. 889]. Alfred died 1932, York, WA [Reg. 1647].

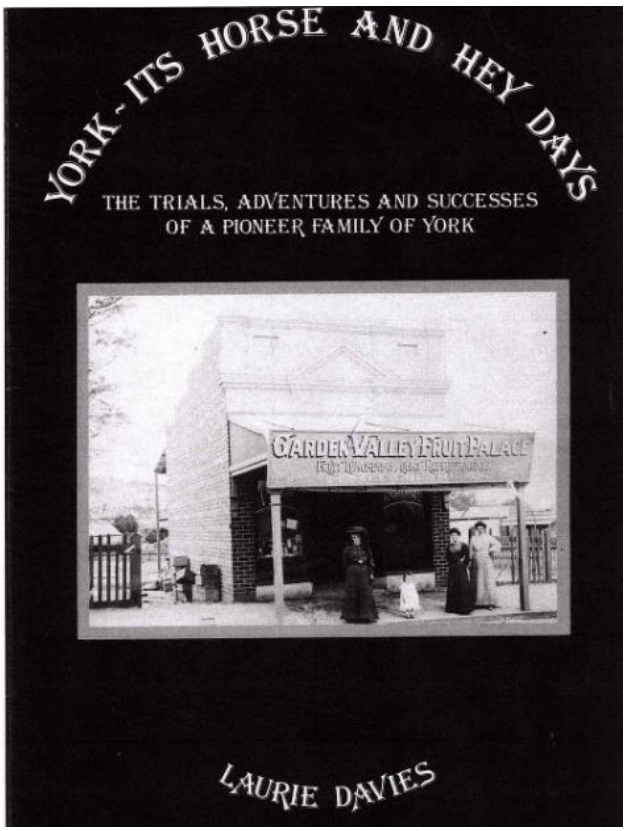
10. LILLY DAVIES (1869-1940) was born 3 Feb 1869, York, WA [Reg.11311] Registered under Davis. She married to WILIAM RONALD MCKAY (1858-1921), 1891, York, WA [Reg. 63]. Recorded under Ronald. Lilly died 13 Dec 1940, Subiaco, WA [Reg. 2329].

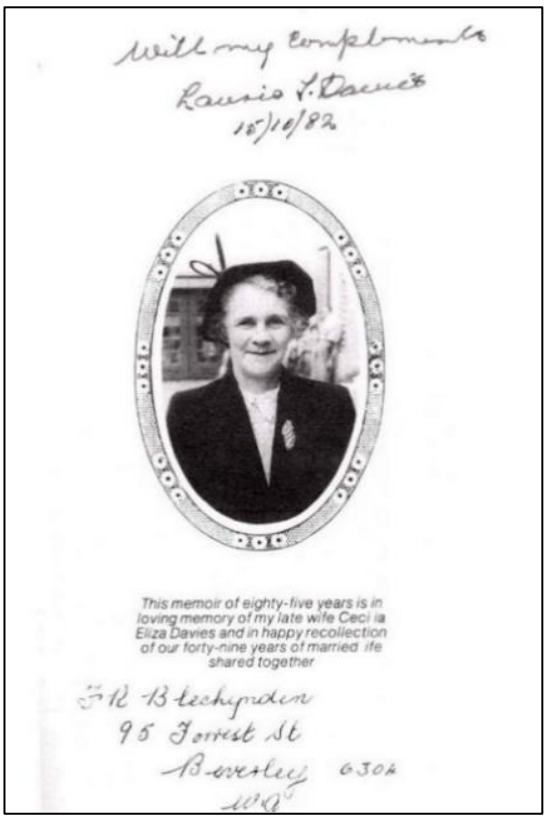
Following are the first few pages of a book published in 1982 by Laurie Davies (at the age of 84), grandson of Thomas Davies. Courtesy Lindsay Adams:

YORK – ITS HORSE AND HEY DAYS

THE TRIALS, ADVENTURES AND SUCCESSES OF A PIONEER FAMILY OF YORK

LAURIE DAVIES





With my compliments
Laurie T. Davies
15/10/82

This memoir of eighty-five years is in loving memory of my late wife Cecilia Eliza Davies and in happy recollection of our forty-nine years of married life shared together

Fr B Blechynden
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Beverley 6304
WA

YORK – ITS HORSE AND HEY DAYS

THE TRIALS, ADVENTURES AND SUCCESSES OF A PIONEER FAMILY OF YORK

As one of the oldest surviving members of one of the earliest pioneering families in York, I have been prevailed upon by my family to record my experiences of York and district in those early days and its development since.

At eighty-four years of age my memory may sometimes play me tricks, and I apologise in advance for this, but I hope to keep my narrative as factual as I possibly can, thereby making it a reasonably authentic record.

When I was due to be born my mother arranged with a Mrs Mann, a neighbour who lived about one-and-a-half miles away to be present at my birth. Mrs Mann was an experienced midwife. It was a cold and windy night on the 12th of June, 1897 when the call went out. Willie Hunt, a lad of about fifteen who had just come to work for my father was called out to bring Mrs Mann as my arrival was imminent. To get to Mrs Mann's place the poor lad had to run through the field where wild cattle were grazing on the property of Mr J. H. Monger at Six Mile Brook. Despite his fears, the wild cattle, and the inclement weather he brought Mrs Mann, Mrs Mann helped to bring me, and here I am attempting to bring my unseen reader a book about York.

In the early 1920's York was a flourishing country town with a population of about 4,000. Now like many other country towns, the population of York has diminished and is about half that number Hopefully by restoring the beauty of the town, and making tourists aware of its many historical and geographical attractions, our lovely old town will again grow in size and popularity

My older sister Eva May Durnin, now lives in Inglewood and my younger sister Leta Ethel, who married Dave Wallace (since deceased) now lives in Ulster Road, York.

I must emphasise that the names I use, the dates, and the places, are to the best of my knowledge correct. But human memory is fallible.

When this book is finally published I intend to donate it to the York branch of the Frail Aged. The proceeds, I hope, will help in the construction of a Frail Aged Home for the early settlers and other residents of York who will then be able to enjoy a little comfort and security in the autumn of their lives.

Histories are about people and the parts people play in the drama of civilisation. This book is a history not only of the township of York, but also of my family It is only fitting, therefore, that it should begin with a brief account of where our family came from, what they did, and how they did it.

The story begins when my grandfather Thomas Davies, arrived at Fremantle in 1834 at the age of eight with his older brother Alfred, along with free settlers determined to make their homes in Western Australia. Thomas Davies was single, and later became a miller

But Thomas Davies was not to remain single long. On the 14th of May, 1830, William and Eleanor Edwards arrived in Western Australia aboard the 'Rockingham' What is significant for our narrative is that their fifth child Matilda was born a year later and like Thomas Davies grew up in Guildford. We know nothing about the courtship of Thomas and Matilda, but we do know that in 1849 Matilda Edwards became Matilda Davies, and on the 25th of October 1858, Matilda gave birth to William Thomas Davies, my father at the family holding 'Springdale'

Life was not easy for the children of the pioneers, nor yet for the pioneer women. Grandfather and grandmother both worked hard, and the children were expected to play their part. Most of my father's childhood was spent in the company of his brother James, tending the family flocks as they grazed, clearing the grazing grounds of the poisonous shrubs that grew in such abundance, herding the sheep into pens at night, and maintaining the fires that were their best protection against marauding dingoes. The years spent developing the family property on Six Mile Brook on the Clackline Road were far from easy

But if it was not easy it was certainly exciting. Ships continued to arrive loaded with migrants, and each arrival was a special event. Most of the migrants arrived with very little except the determination to create a new life for themselves and their families. Some possessed special skills that were to prove of inestimable value to the young colony and one such was Richard Smith.

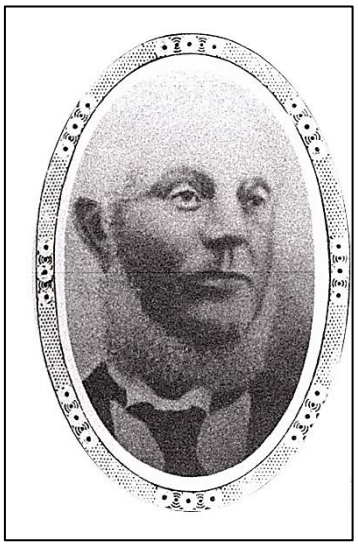
Richard Smith was carpenter and a good one. When he arrived from England he had nothing but a bag of tools, a pretty nineteen-year-old wife, and boundless energy The year was 1829, and the ship that brought them was the 'Caroline' But it was not long before Richard Smith had established a reputation as a highly skilled tradesman, and much of his work stands today He was engaged by Governor Stirling to assist in the building of the original home at Woodbridge, near Guildford, and later to work on both the Perth Town Hall and Government House. When a vessel was needed to transport stores from Fremantle to Perth it was Richard Smith who was given the task of building it. He did from old packing cases! While all this was going on he was also busy building a house at Clayton, out from Bellevue, and later probably realising the limited applicability of packing cases, built Smith's Saw Mill at Sawyer's Valley which he continued to operate until his retirement to Toodyay While all this was going on, however, Richard and his pretty wife had produced an equally pretty granddaughter (Sarah was the daughter of John the eldest son of Richard and Mary Smith) whom my father married in 1892.

In those days, when a couple married, and set up house, they had to build it. Happily in most cases materials were close at hand.

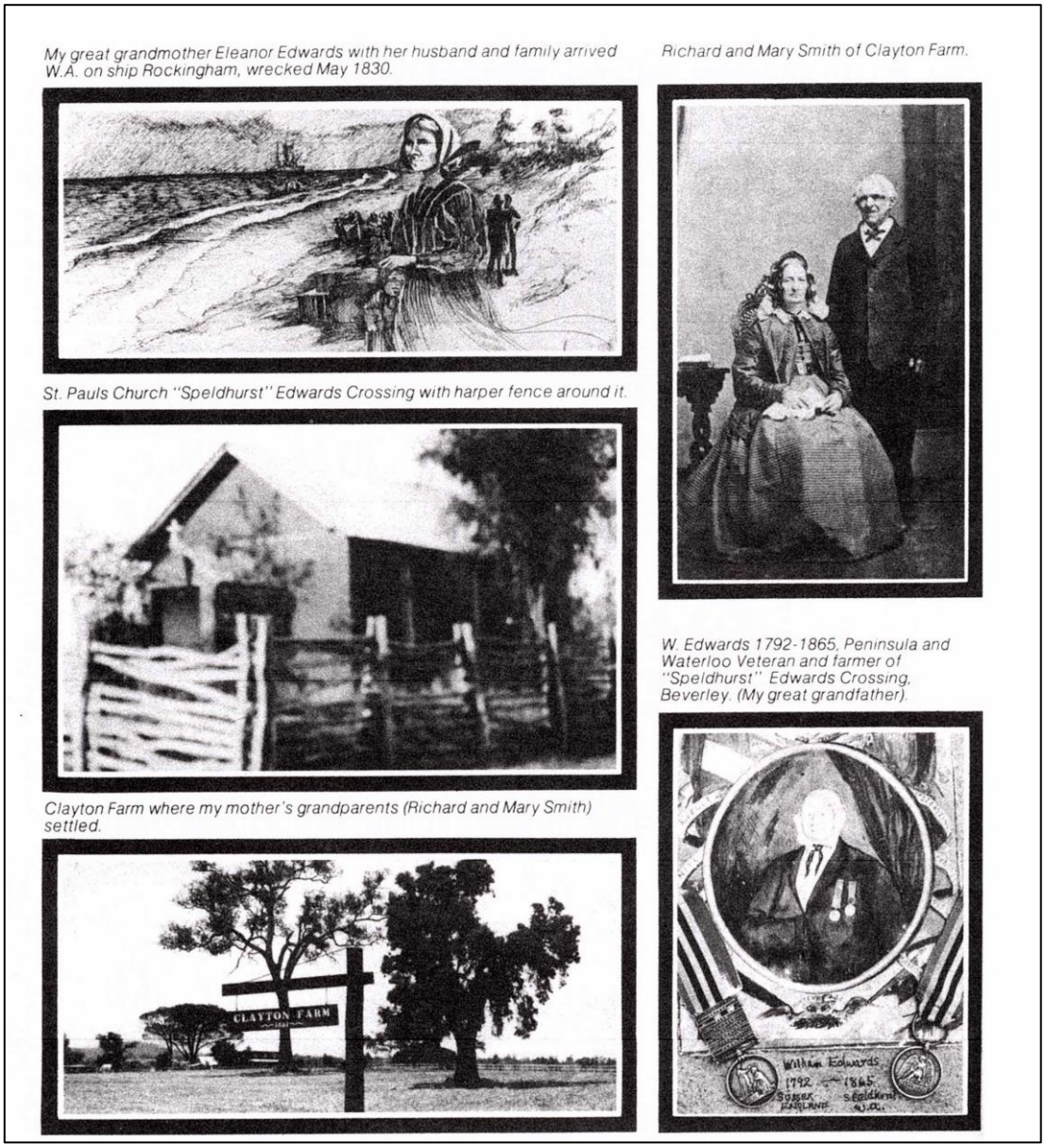
The first parcel of land my father bought was 100 acres from Tom Carmody at one pound an acre. On this land was erected a two-roomed bat brick house with blackboy rush to cover the roof and flat stone or anthill to cover the floor Anthill, when puddled with water and spread will set very hard, like cement. In those days, fences were made of stakes which were cut and stood upright side by side in a trench. Another type of fence was the 'harper' fence. This consisted of rails laid one on top of the other and held in place by two upright posts.

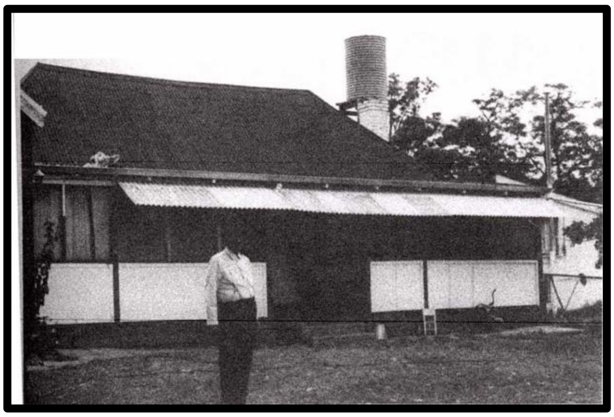
My father had selected his land with care. Not only was it very fertile, but it was watered by Six Mile Brook and ideally suited for fruit-growing. Accordingly, ten of the hundred acres were soon under fruit trees. Four or five years later the young trees were bearing sufficient fruit to supply not only private customers (there was no need for a 'hawker's licence' in those days) but also the several fruit shops in York. As the fruit trees flourished, and more

Mr and Mrs W. T. Davies and family taken 1904.
Back row: *My father, Leta (sister), Sarah (my mother), Eva (sister)*
Front Row: Myself

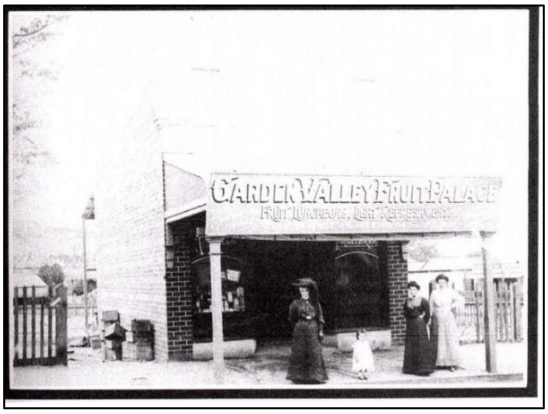


Thomas Davies (1825-1902)





"Garden Valley" homestead where I was born on 12th June 1897. This photograph, taken in 1981.



Garden Valley Fruit Palace, built for Mr. W. T. Davies c. 1905

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money became available, my father added to his holdings by purchasing adjacent land from the leading York merchant, J. H. Monger For his part, J. H. Monger had taken up the land from the Government at two shillings and sixpence per acre on Conditional Purchase over twenty years. Father cleared this land by contract for approximately twenty-five shillings an acre, and added still further to his holdings by purchasing land from J. W Parker All this land was upstream on the Six Mile Brook, and was bounded on the south by the Perth Road. He continued to purchase land until he had acquired approximately 5,000 acres.

Pioneering families worked as family units; there was work for everyone. Just as my father had been required to make his contribution to the development of his father's property, so was I expected to make my contribution to the maintenance of our family property Like all orchardists, before and since, we were plagued with birds that attacked the ripening fruit. It was my job, armed with an orchard gun, to reduce the numbers of the silver-eyes, greenies, and parrots that caused such damage. It was not a happy task, but one I was obliged to perform before and after school each day

Despite the birds, however our orchard was now producing more fruit than the local market could absorb. For one thing, we no longer had a monopoly on fruit production. Other orchards had developed around York, and on the banks of the Avon, and the Bairds, Hoops, Edwards, Morse and other families were in the business.

Accordingly Father looked elsewhere for a market, and for some time we cased fruit for sale in the Goldfields. It soon became apparent that the train-crews enjoyed our fruit as much as the local birds enjoyed it. So many cases arrived broken and ransacked that Father simply decided it was not a profitable proposition. It was impossible to prove anything against the pilfering train-grews so the Goldfields lost our fruit, and we lost a market.

'Roesland' and 'Red Hill'

We leave the story for a moment and go back in time for a better understanding of the history of the Beverley District and, in particular the Blechynden properties of 'Roesland' and 'Red Hill.'

The following newspaper article appeared in the *Elder's Weekly* on 2 May 1929. Transcribed for easier reading, it gives a short history of Beverley and provides an excellent insight into life in the district at that time.

586 ELDER'S WEEKLY May 2, 1929.

BEVERLEY CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

(By Leicester.)

Last week it was the writer's privilege to visit the Beverley District and to participate in the local Centenary Celebrations.

The committee responsible for the programmes have reason to feel that their untiring efforts have been amply rewarded in the excellent support accorded by the people of this thriving district, as well as by visitors from surrounding districts and the Metropolitan area. The local Hospital, which was sorely in need of financial support, will as a result, receive a goodly sum from the takings at the numerous functions of the week.

On Anzac Day impressive services were held at the Monument, which was beautifully draped and adorned with lovely wreaths and flowers, and a "follow on" service took place in the Mechanics Institute, where Rev. R. J. Smith delivered an inspiring address.

There was much merriment on the Tuesday afternoon at the Recreation Ground, where a sports' programme was carried out, the numerous events proving of great interest and not a little amusing to the large gathering of spectators. The participants in the procession, headed by the "Darktown" Brigade Band, as well as those contesting the various events, particularly the Draught Horse Derby—the Mile Walk—the Old Buffers' Race, and the Rescue Race, a firemen's event, appeared to enjoy the fun as much as the onlookers. They certainly entered into the spirit of the day, and through their efforts the Hospital funds will be materially assisted.

The Beverley Race Club held its Centenary meeting on Wednesday, April 24. There was a very large attendance and some exciting results: The Centenary Cup Race, of £100 drew 14 horses to the starting post, and was won by Ranith, with Eipeluera second and Cheibanoo third. Hon. Vernon Hamersley, M.L.C. presented the Cup, valued at £20 to the winner, J. D. Cockell, and a gold-mounted whip (presented by H. P. Walker) to the rider (J. Armanasco).

Beverley's History.

It may surprise readers to know that Beverley was on the map of Western Australia as far back as 1833, and that the first house built in the district was at Roesland, 2½ miles south, in 1837 or thereabouts. The Barracks, on the Dale, and St. Aubyn's, where the soldiers were quartered, are both historic structures, dating back to the late thirties or early forties.

The original site of Beverley was at Edward's Crossing, and St. Paul's Church was built in that vicinity in 1858, the late William Edwards presenting 5 acres of land. Miss Wells, afterwards Mrs. S. Parker, of Dangin, gave the bell, which now does service at St. Mary's, Beverley.

The land now occupied by the Town of Beverley was surveyed in 1870 by Lord Forrest, who named the principal streets, two after himself, and the main street (Vincent-street) after his assistant.

The bridge over the Avon River at Beverley was built in 1870.

In 1872 there were five buildings in Beverley, three of them are still in evidence. One is the Settlers' Arms Hotel, built by the Smith family, and which enjoyed many years of prosperity, it being one of the very few hotels en route from Perth to Albany via York. It is now known as "The Dead Finish," its usefulness having long since departed, and it became delicensed several years ago.

Early Reminiscences.

The writer was fortunate in meeting several pioneers of the Beverley District, who, on request, readily recounted their experiences of the early days, and were reminiscent of the history told them by their parents.

Horace Smith, despite his 74 years, is still hale and hearty. His experiences would fill a book. His father, Charles Smith, built Roesland from bricks made on the banks of the Avon River which runs through the Roesland property, named after J. S. Roe, who arrived in the colony in 1829. There was a family of 10 sons and four daughters. Charles, William, Alfred and Fred (the first twins born in the Colony), James, George, Herbert, Horace and Sam. Mrs. Eliza Lennard (Mr. E. G. Barrett-Lennard's mother), Mrs. Amelia Brown, Mrs. Clara Sewell and Julia Smith, who, with Fred Smith, took up residence at the Vasse. Most of the members of the Smith family were born at Roesland. Mr. Horace Smith's father was a solicitor, and was educated at Lincoln Inn Fields, London. His uncle was Sir James Bowman. Mr. Horace Smith in the early days used to travel to Perth each week, leaving Beverley with a dray drawn by three horses early on Monday morning and returning on Saturday. The dray was laden with sandalwood and wool and the return "cargo" was hogsheads of beer and cases of whiskey for the Settlers' Arms Hotel. It was necessary to take food for both horses and driver on the forward and return journey. The hay used to be cut in squares of two feet and the knife used is still in Mr. Smith's possession. Subsequently a chaff cutting machine was invented Mr. Smith is the proud possessor of a gold watch presented to him by the Government of Western Australia in recognition of his gallant conduct, on 16th September, 1884. He, with his brother William, Dave Kilpatrick and Inspector McKenna armed themselves and went in pursuit of three bushrangers one of whom had killed Policeman Hackett in cold blood at Beverley. Two of the bushrangers were shot and the third escaped but was subsequently captured and hanged.

It was stated that had these bushrangers escaped the whole community would have been endangered. Mr. Smith has filled many important offices and has been a justice of the peace for nearly 40 years.

Mr. E. G. Barrett-Lennard was born in 1856 at St. Aubyn's, near Beverley. His mother was Horace Smith's sister and she died in 1927 at the age of 85 years. His father was Edmund Thomas Henry Barrett-Lennard who was only 15 years of age when he arrived in the Colony in the early thirties. He stayed with his uncle at St. Leonard's, Upper Swan, and when he became of age he assumed the control of the St. Aubyn's Estate at Beverley.

He subsequently selected a block of land (comprising 1000 acres) from the Government on the Dale River, relinquishing his interest in St. Aubyn's in 1854. Two years later E. G. Barrett-Lennard was born. He was educated privately until 14 years of age, when he was sent to Perth and received tuition under Bishop Hale. He visited England with his father in 1872, and spent three years in colleges in Sussex and London, returning to Western Australia to resume occupation of the Annandale property which had been leased during their absence abroad. The property was re-stocked with sheep, but heavy losses were incurred, and at the age of twenty-one Mr. E. G. Barrett-Lennard started out on his own account at Woonderlin, now the property of his son, Thomas Barrett-Lennard. As each of Mr. Barrett-Lennard's sons became of age they received a share of his estate. Frank recently disposed of Seaton Ross to A. J. McGlew. Other brothers are Henry and Alexander Forrest, and there is one sister. Mr. Barrett-Lennard married Fanny Emily, daughter of James William Broun, of Beverley. He has had a very useful career, filling many important offices including that of Mayor of Beverley. Mr. Barrett-Lennard has for several years given a dinner on Anzac Day to ex-service men, and at last week's function 55 ex South African and A.I.F. men accepted his hospitality to dinner at the Freemasons' Hotel, Beverley.

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BEVERLEY CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

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Last week it was the writer's privilege to visit the Beverley District and to participate in the local Centenary Celebrations.

The committee responsible for the programs have reason to feel that their untiring efforts have been amply rewarded in the excellent support by the

people of this thriving district, as well as visitors from surrounding districts and the Metropolitan area. The local Hospital, which was sorely in need of financial support, will as a result receive a goodly sum from the takings at the numerous functions this week.

On Anzac Day impressive services were held at the Monument, which was beautifully draped and adorned with lovely wreathes and flowers, and a "follow on" service took place in the Mechanics Institute, where Rev. R. J. Smith delivered an inspiring address.

There was much merriment on the Tuesday afternoon at the recreation Ground, where a sports programme was carried out, the numerous events providing of great interest and not a little amusing to the large gathering of spectators. The participants in the procession headed by the "Darktown" Brigade band, as well as those contesting the various events, particularly the Draught Horse Derby – the Mile Walk- the Old Buffers' Race, and the Rescue race, a firemen's event, appeared to enjoy the fun as much as the onlookers. They certainly entered into the spirit of the day, and through their efforts the Hospital funds will be materially assisted.

The Beverley Race Club held its Centenary meeting on Wednesday, Apr 24. There was a very large attendance and some exciting results: The Centenary 6 Cup Race of £100 drew 14 horses to the starting post, and was won by Ranith, with Eipcluera second and Chelblanoo third. Hon. Vernan Hammersley, M.L.C. resented the cup valued at £20 to the winner, J. D. Cockwell and a gold mounted whip (presented by H. P. Walker) to the rider (J. Armanasco).

Beverley's History.

It may surprise readers to know that Beverley was on the map of WA as far back as 1833, and that the first house built in the district was at Roesland, 2 ½ miles south, in 1837 or thereabouts. The Barracks on the Dale, and 'St Aubyns', where the soldiers were quartered, are both historic structures dating back to the late thirties or early forties.

The original site of Beverley was at Edwards Crossing and St. Paul's Church was built in the vicinity in 1858, the late William Edwards presenting 5 acres of land. Miss Wells, afterwards Mrs S. Parker, of Dangin, gave the bell, which now does service at St. Mary's, Beverley.

The land now occupied by the Town of Beverley was surveyed in 1870 by Lord Forrest, who named the principal streets, two after himself, and the main street (Vincent Street) after his assistant.

The bridge over the Avon River at Beverley was built in 1870.

In 1872 there were five buildings in Beverley, three of them are still in evidence. One is the Settler's Arms Hotel, built by the Smith family, and which enjoyed many years of prosperity, it being one of the very few hotels en route from Perth to Albany, via York. It is now known as "The Dead Finish," its usefulness having long since departed and it became delicensed several years ago.

Early Reminiscences.

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THE SMITH FAMILY, FIRST OWNERS OF 'ROESLAND' MENTIONED IN THE ARTICLE ABOVE

It appears that Ann Emily Smith (nee Chapman) was one of the first European women in the Beverley district.

Researching into the Charles Smith and Ann Emily Chapman family and the birthplace of their children in more detail, the birth registrations seem to indicate that following the births of her first four children in Fremantle and Perth, Ann Smith was at the Halfway Inn and at 'Roesland' in the Beverley district and York for the birth of the rest of her children.

It is possible that Ann Smith may have been there to assist Charlotte Blechynden in the birth of their fourth child Henry George in 1843 registered as at 'Babbyalla'. It also follows that both women perhaps would have looked after one another for some of the births thereafter. The following gives an indication as to when and where the Smith children were born and indicating the whereabouts of Ann and Charles Smith and family relating to the Beverley district and their association with the Blechynden family.

CHARLES SMITH (1803-1886) married **ANN EMILY CHAPMAN (1813-1881)** on 23 Apr 1831 in Fremantle, WA. Both were born in England (exact details unknown). Charles arrived in the colony on 12 Oct 1829 aboard the *Orelia* from Derwent River, TAS. He was an agent of William Gellibrand (a merchant & Charter of Ships). He was single and aged 26. After their marriage they are recorded as being the operators of the Halfway House Inn on York Rd in 1843 but soon abandoned this business and went farming. Charles Smith was the first owner of 'Roesland' prior to 1888 when it was taken over by Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden's son Charles Edwin Blechynden. Charles was variously recorded as a landowner and farmer in Beverley and Mourambine (a small town between Brookton and Pingelly); Postmaster Mourambine 1862, Chairman of Beverley Roads Board from 1871-1874; Secretary of Agricultural Society in 1876. They both died in Beverley, Ann on 19 Jul 1881 (aged 68) and Charles on 14 Sep 1886 (aged 83).

Their first child Elizabeth Ann Smith, was registered as being born in 1833, in Fremantle, WA. It is interesting that Elizabeth Ann Smith later married Edmund Thomas Henry Barrett-Lennard, 1854, in York, who following their marriage, settled on 'St. Aubyns', next door to 'Babbyalla'. **Charles and Ann's second child, Charles Chapman Smith, was born in 1834, registered at 'Roesland', Beverley**. Their third child Julia Smith was born in 1835, registered as **Beverley**. The next four children: William Smith born 1837, Henry Chapman Smith born in 1839 and died 1841; **Frederick Smith, twin born 1841; and Alfred Smith, twin born 1841, (the first twins born in the Colony)**, were registered as being born at **Halfway House, York Rd, WA**. Amelia Smith born 1843 was registered as York Road, WA. The rest of their children: Clarissa born 1845, James Henry born 1847, George Beaumont born 1850 and Lewis Herbert born 1853, were registered as Beverley. Edmund Horace born 1855, and Samuel Thomas born 1856, were registered in York, WA.

Charles Smith and Ann had 14 children as detailed below.

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2. CHARLES CHAPMAN SMITH (1834-1904) Smith was born 21 Jun 1834, Fremantle, WA. Baptised 3 Jul 1834, Fremantle, WA. He married ANNE SEWELL (1842-1918) 30 Jan 1863, (recorded as Noombling), Wandering, WA [Reg. 1959]. Charles died 21 Jun 1904, Perth, WA [Reg. 27]. Mother recorded as Amelia Ann Chapman, father, Charles. Buried Mourambine, WA.

3. JULIA SMITH (1835-1864) was born 13 Oct 1835, Perth, WA. Baptised 23 Jan 1840, Perth, WA. She married WILLIAM GLINDON CURTIS (1841-1918) 1864, Busselton, WA [Reg. 2095]. Julia died 18 Aug 1864, Busselton, WA [Reg. 25].

4. WILLIAM SMITH (1837-1926), first Mayor of Beverley: 1892-1894,1897-1904, was born 7 Apr 1837, Perth, WA. Baptised 23 Jan 1840, Perth, WA. He died 11 Sep 1926, Beverley, WA [Reg. 40].

5. HENRY CHAPMAN SMITH (1839-1841) was born 5 Jul 1839, Halfway House, York Rd, WA. Baptised 23 Jan 1840, Perth. Henry died aged 2 years in 1841, Halfway House, York Rd, WA [Reg. 10].

6. FREDERICK SMITH (1841-1904) (a twin) was born 11 Nov 1841, Halfway House, York Rd, WA. Registered in 1842 as Frederic, [Reg. 54]. Frederick died 30 Oct 1904, Beverley, WA [Reg. 2950].

7. ALFRED SMITH (1841-1897) (a twin) was born 11 Nov 1841, Halfway House, York Rd, WA [Reg. 54]. Reg Year 1842. He married ESTHER SEWELL (1848-1920) 19 Sep 1872, "Maplestead", Pingelly, WA [Reg. 3487], (the residence of the father of the bride), by the Rev. F. Lynch, Alfred, third son of Mr. C. Smith, Beverley, to Esther, third daughter of Mr. John Sewell, jun. Occupation farmer in Mourambine and Quindalup and then Alfred and Esther moved to Roebourne and ran a Guest House there. Alfred Smith died 1 Nov 1897, Roebourne, WA [Reg. 2433].

8. AMELIA SMITH (1843-1904) was born 4 Sep 1843, York Rd, WA [Reg. 268]. She married CHARLES FREDERICK BROUN (1839–1927) 27 Feb 1862, Gilgering, WA [Reg. 1732]. Name registered as Brown. Amelia died 1904, Beverley, WA [Reg 23].

9. CLARISSA SMITH (1845-1876) was born 27 Jan 1845, Beverley, WA [Reg. 762]. She married HENRY HAWKINS SEWELL (1846-1896) 06 May 1869, Beverley, WA [Reg. 2917]. Following Clarissa's death, Henry married ANNIE LUCY ROBINS (1846-1938) in 1878. Clarissa died 29 Sep 1876, WA, registered under Clara Sewell. [Reg. 9111].

10. JAMES HENRY SMITH (1847-1929) was born Jul 1847, Beverley, WA [Reg. 1052]. He married CATHERINE (KITTY) BRIDGEMAN (1873–1934) 28 Jul 1892, Geraldton, WA [Reg. 287]. Name under Bridgman. James died 26 Feb 1929, Geraldton, (Northampton), WA [Reg.1].

11. GEORGE BEAUMONT SMITH (1850-1931) was born 24 Feb 1850, Beverley, WA [Reg. 1435]. His first marriage was to FLORA DIANA COURTHOPE PARKER (1857–1883) 03 Mar 1881 Mourambine, WA [Reg. 5072]. His second to CATHERINE MARY TERESA WILLIAMS (1859-1934), 20 Dec 1888, Mourambine, WA [Reg. 293]. George Beaumont Smith died 10 Dec 1931, Pingelly, WA [Reg. 85].

12. LEWIS HERBERT SMITH (1853-1940) was born 4 Jul 1853, Beverley, WA. (Could not find birth in WA BDM's.) He married MARY WILSON BROOMFIELD (1862–1931) 30 Oct 1878, Beverley, WA [Reg. 4456]. Lewis died 20 Apr 1940, Beverley, WA [Reg. 20].

13. EDMUND HORACE SMITH (1855-1931) was born 8 Apr 1855, York, WA [Reg. 2747]. Registered as Edmond. He married JULIA EDWARDS (1865-1936) 4 Aug 1885, Beverley, WA [Reg. 6253]. Registered under Edmund Horace Smith. Edmond died 6 Jul 1931, Boulder, WA [Reg. 50], registered under Edmind (sic) H Smith.

14. SAMUEL SMITH (1856-1940) was born 19 Sep 1856, York, WA [Reg. 3457]. Samuel married ELIZABETH 'LIZZIE' SEWELL (1853-1934) 14 Feb 1889, Pingelly, WA [Reg. 43]. He died 17 Apr 1940, Beverley, WA [Reg. 18].

Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden's third child Anne born in 1842, was registered as 'St Aubyns'. At this stage, according to their children's birth records, Charles and Ann Smith were living at Halfway House. Following Anne, Charlotte and Harrison Blechynden had another seven children, all registered as 'Babbyalla' (various spellings), Beverley and York, the last being born in 1853. It is possible that Ann and Charlotte assisted one another and others with the birth of their babies.

Following is a summary of the early days of Roesland and its first owner, Charles Smith, before 1888, when Charles Edwin Blechynden took it over.

***Bicentennial Dictionary of WA*:**

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***BEVERLEY BOOK, 1946*, "Roesland" and "Redhill" by E. and H. Blechynden: P. 50, 51**

HISTORICAL BEVERLEY, BEVERLEY 1929, CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS
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Following is an intriguing article written by Charles Smith in 1861, about his sons when staying at his sheep station, experiencing the appearance of about two hundred unknown Natives:

***Perth Gazette and Independent Journal of Politics and News* (WA: 1848-1864), Fri 22 Feb 1861, p.2**
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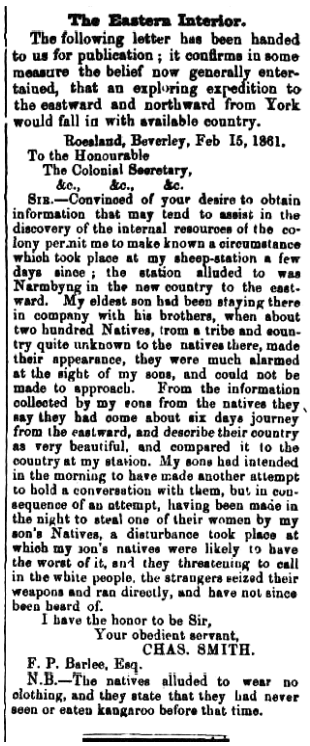
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Our Project is mainly about the Blechynden and extended families. The story of Charles Smith and his family would fill another book. We can only touch on them here. Sue Wheatley (nee Susanne Broun) has done a considerable amount of research on Charles Edwin Blechynden and Charles Smith and family relating to 'Roesland'.

Charles Smith's daughter Amelia Jane Smith (1843-1904) married Charles Frederick Broun (1839-1927) 27 Feb 1862. A Church of England wedding at Gilgaring, WA. [Reg. 1732], registered under Charles Frederick Brown. Sue commented: *During this period, it is noted that he may have then resided at the home of his father-in-law – Charles Smith – property named "Roesland", located at Mt Kokeby. He may have then "Leased" Roesland in 1883.* Their first child Frances Ann Broun was born on 4 Jan 1863 at 'Roesland', Beverley, WA [Reg. 6829], registered under Francis Ann Brown.

***Eastern Districts Chronicle* (York, WA: 1877 - 1927), Mon 24 Nov 1884, pg 2**
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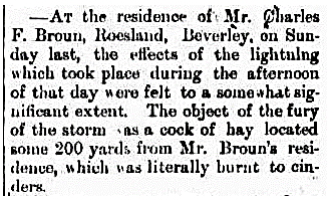
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Page 36 of the **Charles Smith history by Sue Wheatley** reads: *'In the Eastern Districts Chronicle of the 22 Feb 1884 Charles Smith advertised - To Let.* Research on *Trove* shows that the advertisements were repeated over some considerable time. For example, they occurred on 6 May; 2 & 23 Jun; 7 & 14 Jul; and 4 Aug 1884. At this time, Charles Smith was aged 81 years and was probably very keen to sell. His wife, Ann Smith (nee Chapman), had passed away on 1 Jul 1881, Edwards Crossing, WA [Reg, 10980], aged 67 Years.

Eastern Districts Chronicle **(York, WA: 1877 - 1927), Mon 2 Jun 1884, pg 2**
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Charles Smith died 14 Sep 1886, WA [Reg. 14193], aged 86 years. The following article gives a brief summary of the life of Charles and his time on 'Roesland'. Note: The article mentions St Peter's churchyard, however, various gravesite websites confirm it was St Paul's, Edwards Crossing.

West Australian **(Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Mon 4 Oct 1886, pg 3**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article3759031.txt

THE LATE MR. CHARLES SMITH.

(COMMUNICATED.)

On Tuesday, the 14th September,1886, Mr. Charles Smith died at the advanced age of 86, at Beverley, at the residence of his son, Mr. Horace Smith. His remains were interred in St. Peter's churchyard, near the graves of his wife and daughter. Taking into consideration the scattered condition of the settlers of this district, the funeral was exceedingly well attended. All classes of society seemed alike anxious to sympathise with the family, and to shew their regard for their departed and very aged friend.

Mr. Smith has left nine sons and one daughter to mourn their loss, three daughters having died before their father. The eldest, who married Mr. E. B. Lennard, J.P., died in the present year. The second daughter married a Mr. Curtis at the Vasse; the third daughter (the only one surviving), married Mr. Charles Broun, third son of Mr. Peter Broun, for many years Colonial Secretary in this colony, who came here with the Governor as one of the Government staff in 1829. The youngest daughter, who married Mr. H. H. Sewell, died in 1876.

Forty-two years ago Mr. Smith settled in the Beverley district upon land granted by the Crown according to property introduced by the early settlers. His hospitable character was proverbial. Everyone, from the highest to the lowest, including the aborigines, were all welcome at Roesland, and, situated as that homestead is, on the high-road to all the southern portion of Beverley, Mr. and Mrs. Smith's kindness and hospitality were indeed often accepted, and have been appreciated by many a weary traveller. The homes of isolated settlers were as land-marks in the early days, and "going as far as Roesland to-day" was the common expression of those who were travelling to and from the south.

The late Mr. Chas. Smith arrived here in 1831, as agent for Gillibrand, of Sydney, New South Wales. Shortly after his arrival in this colony, Mr. Smith married a Miss Chapman, and after a short stay at Fremantle, and some years' residence in Perth, and at the Half-way-House, York road, he finally moved to the Avon in the Beverley district, and established a homestead on his estate, which he named Roesland, where he remained till within a few months of his death. Mr. Smith had some years retired from business. He was foremost and active in promoting all movements tending to the welfare of the district. He held the first appointment as Chairman of the Beverley Roads Board after the coming into force of the Roads Board Act. And it is to the foresight and public spirit of the deceased gentleman that Beverley obtained some years ago the telegraph

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As one of the pioneer settlers, therefore, Mr Smith has left behind him examples of the energy and endurance as characteristic of Britain's sons in whatever clime their lot may be cast. We linger as we write of these old friends of our younger days, and if we take a retrospective glance at the past, and think of the many trials they had to contend with, the dark cloud which so repeatedly overshadowed their path and prospects, we cannot do less than remember them as brave heroes, veterans indeed of the early struggles of Western Australia.

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On Tuesday, the 14th September,1886, Mr. Charles Smith died at the advanced age of 86, at Beverley, at the residence of his son, Mr. Horace Smith. His remains were interred in St. Peter's (ed. Actually St Paul's at Edwards Crossing) churchyard, near the graves of his wife and daughter. Taking into consideration the scattered condition of the settlers of this district, the funeral was exceedingly well attended. All classes of society seemed alike anxious to sympathise with the family, and to show their regard for their departed and very aged friend.

Mr. Smith has left nine sons and one daughter to mourn their loss, three daughters having died before their father. The eldest, who married Mr. E. B. Lennard, J.P., died in the present year. The second daughter married a Mr. Curtis at the Vasse; the third daughter (the only one surviving), married Mr. Charles Broun, third son of Mr. Peter Broun, for many years Colonial Secretary in this colony, who came here with the Governor, as one of the Government staff in 1829. The youngest daughter, who married Mr. H. H. Sewell, died in 1876.

Forty-two years ago, Mr. Smith settled in the Beverley district upon land granted by the Crown according to property introduced by the early settlers. His hospitable character was proverbial. Everyone, from the highest to the lowest including the aborigines, were all welcome at Roesland, and, situated as that homestead is, on the high-road to all the southern portion of Beverley, Mr. and Mrs. Smith's kindness and hospitality were indeed often accepted, and have been appreciated by many a weary traveller. The homes of isolated settlers were as land-marks in the early days, and "going as far as Roesland to-day" was the common expression of those who were travelling to and from the south.

The late Mr. Chas. Smith arrived here in 1831, as agent for Gillibrand, of Sydney, New South Wales. Shortly after his arrival in this colony, Mr. Smith married a Miss Chapman, and after a short stay at Fremantle, and some years' residence in Perth, and at the Half-way-House, York Road, ***he finally moved to the Avon in the Beverley district, and established a homestead on his estate, which he named Roesland, where he remained till within a few months of his death.*** *Mr. Smith had some years retired from business. He was foremost and active in promoting all movements tending to the welfare of the district. He held the first appointment as Chairman of the Beverley Roads Board after the coming into*

force of the Roads Board Act. And it is to the foresight and public spirit of the deceased gentleman that Beverley obtained some years ago the telegraph line to that town. He was often called to the chair at public meetings, for which he was well qualified. In social gatherings he was apt and cheerful, and in conversation fluent and agreeable.

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Headstone of Charles Smith,
St Paul's churchyard,
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Following the death of Charles Smith, his sheep and sheep runs were advertised to be sold by public Auction. This is followed by a notice to public CREDITORS and PERSONS having any Claims or Demands upon or against the Estate of Charles Smith, late of Roesland.

***Eastern Districts Chronicle* (York, WA: 1877 - 1927), Sat 5 Mar 1887, pg 3**
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Sheep and Sheep Runs.
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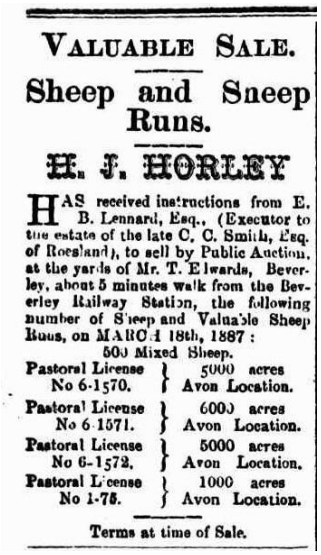
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Daily News **(Perth, WA: 1882 - 1955), Tue 12 May 1887**
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Dated this 26th day of April, 1887.

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West Australian **(Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Tue 14 Jun 1887, pg 2**
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FREEHOLD ESTATE LOCATION (60) known as Roesland, containing 320 acres more or less, situated about two miles from the rising town of Beverley. Has a river frontage with an abundant supply of both spring and river water. The premises consists of a seven roomed brick dwelling, without buildings, attached is a half acre orchard in full bearing. Together with 80 acres of land cleared, fenced and in a good state of cultivation.

Also.—Freehold Estate Location A, containing 1160 acres more or less, known as the Old House, situated about eight miles from Beverley. Has a river frontage with a never failing supply of water, and is in close proximity to the Beverley-Albany Railway line.

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[Ed. In 1954, the size of 'Roesland' was recorded as being 353 acres by the Blechynden Partnership].

CHARLES EDWIN BLECHYNDEN (1848-1918) & CAROLINE MARY DAVIES (1850-1942), Cont'd

One can imagine Charles and Caroline were delighted when their first child **Frank Harrison Blechynden** was born 15 Jul 1873 in Beverley, WA [Reg. 15052], recorded under Bleychenden. They

had been married for just over a year when Charles Edwin's father, Harrison, died on the 17 Jul 1873 at 'Babbyalla' Beverley, WA [Reg. 6696], (recorded under Bleychenden), aged 71 years. The funeral was held at St Paul's Church at Edwards Crossing where he was laid to rest. With the loss of the head of the family, it was a sad time for the family.

Following Harrison's passing, Charlotte continued to live at 'Babbyalla' with her three youngest sons. Thomas Harrison, Jesse and Joseph working the farm. Henry George Blechynden was married in York to Mary Ann Reilly on 7 May 1874 took up land at Mt Kokeby, the property being known as 'Erindale.'

When their next child was born Charles and Caroline had moved to Bridgetown, once more searching for the right place to raise their family. **Alice Matilda Blechynden** was born on 10 Jun 1875, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 16530] and baptised on 18 July of that year. Through the 1870s, the newly gazetted town named Bridgetown was growing steadily. Charles's brother John Blechynden and his wife Elizabeth (nee Green) were now well established in their home 'Bridgedale' and now had eight children, their eldest son, John William aged 14 years. Sadly, they had lost their fifth child Charlotte, when she died as a baby in 1869. Walter and his wife Jane Needs, farming at 'Glenpennant', in Nyamup, 17 kilometres south east of Manjimup, now had two children, their second newly born. (The township of Manjimup was not gazetted until 1903).

Charles and Caroline returned to Beverley and their next child **Albert Edwin** was born on 25 May 1877, registered in Beverley, WA [Reg. 182218] and was christened 17 Jun 1877. One can imagine the grief when this baby died at 'Speldhurst', on 10 Nov 1877, WA [Reg. 9454], aged 5 months. At this stage Frank Harrison was aged four and his sister, Alice Matilda, two.

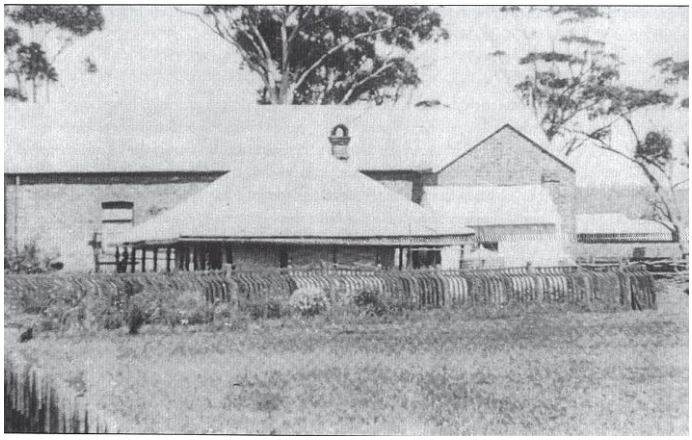
Charles's brother Thomas Harrison Blechynden (1849-1933) married Annie Maria Dunham 24 Sep 1877 and they moved to and farmed at Wagin.

The next two children were born at 'Seaton Ross', (Beverley**): Ernest Walter** born 20 Sep 1878, WA [Reg. 19698], (recorded as Earnest), and **Sydney Thomas** born 2 Jan 1881. WA [Reg. 21301], (recorded under Sidney Thomas Blechynden).

Their sixth child **Horace Edwin** was born on 12 Nov 1882, was also registered as being born at 'Seaton Ross', (Beverley), WA [Reg. 23602].

On 13 Sep 1882, Charles' younger brother Jesse William (1851-1934) was married at York to Emma Sarah Dunham. He and Emma remained working on the farm at 'Babbyalla'

At this stage: Frank aged nine years, Alice seven years and Ernest four years, were of school age. With the development of the newly designated town of Beverley, Charles and Caroline's children now had the opportunity of a formal education. Pages 90-93 of *Beverley: Our journey through time* tells the history of the first official school in the newly designated town.



Our journey through time: *Plate 26 – The first school in the Beverley townsite.*

Their seventh child **Herbert William** was born on 16 Feb 1886, his birth registered as Beverley, WA [Reg. 28870]. Baby Herbert did not live long, dying 21 Feb 1886 at Beverley, WA [Reg.13481] aged five days. One can imagine Charles and Caroline were devastated.

An enormous change took place when the owner of 'Babbyalla', Edward Hamersley died. Bevan Hamersley inherited the property and took up residence there in 1888. Following their departure from 'Babbyalla', Charles Edwin younger brother Thomas became a farmer at Wagin, and his other younger brother, Jesse a farmer in Beverley.

In 1888 Charles Edwin Blechynden purchased 'Roesland', so named because it was surveyed by Mr. Roe at the time that he surveyed the Beverley township. Shortly after this, he purchased the larger property of 'Redhill' on Government condition.[5] Six years later Mr George Shenton offered to sell 'Killibin', a small property of about 170 acres and this was added.

Following the evacuation of 'Babbyalla' in 1888, Charles Edwin's mother, Charlotte, and his youngest brother, Joseph, moved to live with Charles Edwin and his wife Caroline at 'Roesland'. Charles and Caroline now had five surviving children: Frank Harrison, aged 15 years, Alice Matilda - 13 years, Ernest Walter - 10 years, Sydney Thomas - seven years, and Horace Edwin - six years. (Alick George Robus was not yet born).

One year later, Charlotte Blechynden (nee Robus) died on 13 Sep 1889 at 'Roesland'. The funeral was held at St Paul's Church, Edwards Crossing and she was buried at the Edwards Crossing Cemetery next to her husband Harrison.

Writings by his son Horace record, *"Charles Edwin was a Beverley Church Warden from 1890 to 1901. He then lived in North Fremantle for a time,* (see more in the paragraph, "Reminiscing" further on). *On his return to Beverley, he was the Church People's Warden from 1908 until his death in July 1918."*

Charles and Caroline's eighth child, **Alick George** was born 22 Feb 1892, Beverley, WA [Reg No. 448]. Charles's younger brother Joseph Blechynden was married, 4 Oct 1893 at Beverley to Grace Hancock. Joseph purchased the eighty-acre freehold property known as 'Gilgering', about 1904.

WA POSTAL DIRECTORY
The WA Directory 1893-1894 | State Library of WA (slwa.wa.gov.au)

Charles Edwin Blechynden: Postal records show that Charles Edwin Blechynden was recorded as being at Roesland 1894, 1895. He does not appear to be recorded alphabetically or in Beverley in 1897-1898. 1899-1903 he is recorded under Edwin Blechynden, farmer Beverley. In 1904, his postal address was John St, North Fremantle and from 1905-1908, Ainslie Rd, North Fremantle. By 1910 and 1912, he was once again living in Beverley. In 1904, Charles Edwin was aged 57 years, planning his retirement, accompanying his daughter Alice Matilda to the city, his sons managing the farm.

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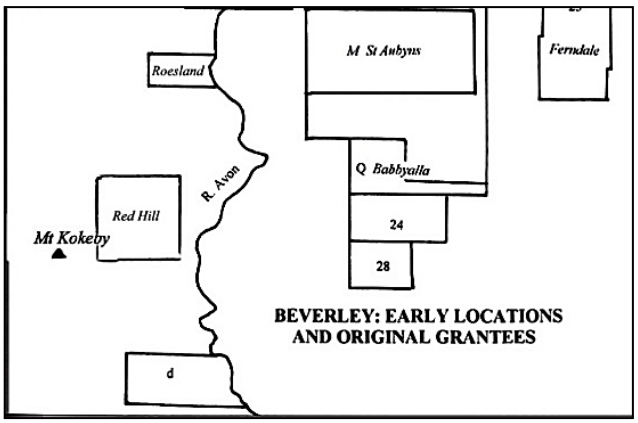

Map: Beverley Our Journey through time, p. 11.
(The approximate positions of Red Hill, Roesland and Mount Pleasant have been digitally added)

[5] From 1887, the government sponsored wider agricultural settlement, beginning with deferred payments on land grants. The Great Southern Railway, opened in 1889, facilitated agriculture along its length, linking farms to markets in an era of deficient roads. Pastoral leases were extended to 21 years. An Agricultural Commission in 1891 resulted in a decade of government initiatives. The *Homestead Act 1893* granted free (conditional) rural land parcels, with incentives expanded in 1898. See pg 19, https://www.wa.gov.au/system/files/2022-10/Thematic_History_of_WA.pdf

Via Lindsay Adams: "Re your question re the location of 'Killibin', the couple of photos attached describe where the arable part of the block is in relation to 'Mt Kokeby'. It is only a relatively small block (13.85 Ha). The green line from 'Killibin' to 'Mt Kokeby' (298m) is an old surveyed road.

Map showing 'Mt Kokeby' and 'Killibin'

Map showing closer view of 'Killibin'

'Killibin' was particularly notable as the location of a communal shearing shed that was built in 1917 and used until about 1980. Shortly after the photo was taken it was demolished. According to my father's understanding, the Blechyndens at 'Burnside' farm - just south of the townsite of Mt Kokeby - used to drive their sheep up the Great Southern Hwy to 'Killibin' in order to use the shed."

Communal shearing shed, at Killibin, Apr 1981, now demolished.

The following article is an excellent write up of the history of Charles Edwin Blechynden and family and provides a good overview of the family history for this branch. It is from the excellent ***BEVERLEY BOOK, 1946,*** Compiled and published by Alf. T. Thomas, a member of the WA Historical Society, and approved by The Beverley Road Board.

"Roesland" and "Redhill" by F. and H. Blechynden (Ed. Frank Harrison and Horace Blechynden), pgs. 50-51.

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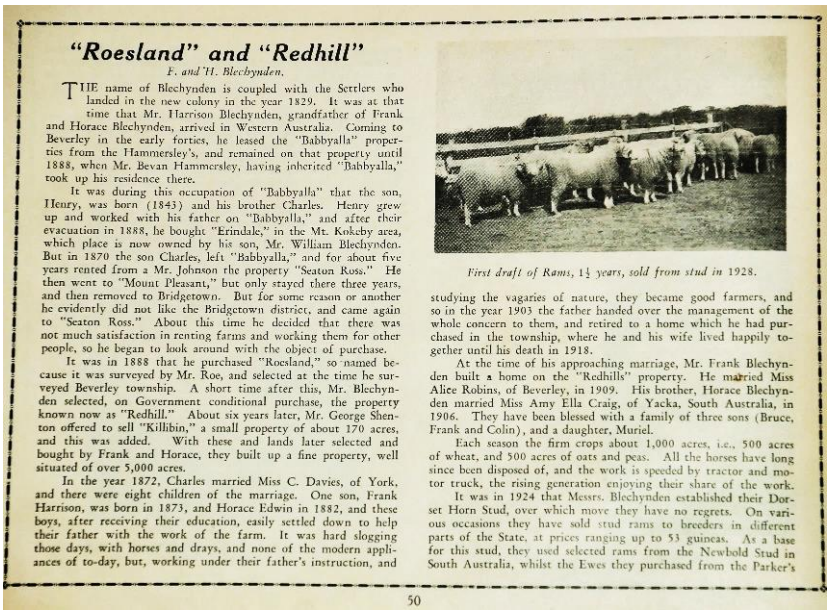

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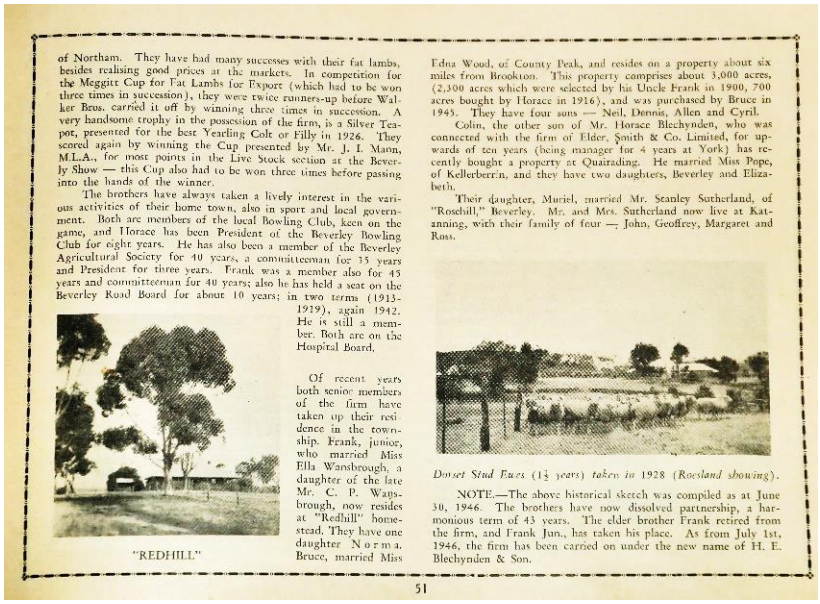

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The brothers have always taken a lively interest in the various activities of their home town, also in sport and local government. Both are members of the local Bowling Club, keen on the game, and Horace has been President of the Beverley Bowling Club for eight years. He has also been a member of the Beverley Agricultural Society for 40 years, a committeeman for 35 years and President for three years. Frank was a member also for 45 years and committeeman for 40 years; also he has held a seat on the Beverley Road Board for about 10 years; in two terms (1913-1919), again 1942. He is still a member. Both are on the Hospital Board.

Of recent years both senior members of the firm have taken up their residence in the township. Frank, junior, who married Miss Ella Wansbrough, a daughter of the late Mr. C. P. Wansbrough, now resides at "Redhill" homestead. They have one daughter Norma. Bruce, married Miss Edna Wood, of County Peak, and resides on a property about six miles from Brookton. This property comprises about 3,000 acres, (2,300 acres which were selected by his Uncle Frank in 1900, 700 acres bought by Horace in 1916), and was purchased by Bruce in 1945. They have four sons — Neil, Dennis, Allen and Cyril.

Colin, the other son of Mr. Horace Blechynden, who was connected with the firm of Elder, Smith & Co. Limited, for upwards of ten years (being manager for 4 years at York) has recently bought a property at Quairading. He married Miss Pope, of Kellerberrin, and they have two daughters, Beverley and Elizabeth.

Their daughter, Muriel, married Mr. Stanley Sutherland, of "Rosehill," Beverley. Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland now live at Katanning, with their family of four — John, Geoffrey, Margaret and Ross.

"REDHILL"

Dorset Stud Ewes (1½ years) taken in 1928 (Roesland showing).

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The brothers have always taken a lively interest in the various activities of their hometown, also in sport and local government. Both are members of the local Bowling Club, keen on the game, and Horace has been President of the Bowling *Club for eight years. He has also been a member of the Beverley Agricultural Society for 40 years, a committeeman for 35 years and President for three years. Frank was a member also for 45 years and committeeman for 40 years, also he has held a seat on the Beverley Road Board for about 10 years, in two terms (1913-1919), again 1942. He is still a member. Both are on the Hospital Board. Of recent years both senior members of the firm have taken up their residence in the township. Frank, junior, married Miss Ella Wansbrough, a daughter of the late Mr. C. P. Wansbrough, now resides at the "Redhill" homestead. They have one daughter Norma. Bruce married Miss Ellen Wood, of County Peak, and resides on a property about six miles from Brookton. This property consists of about 3,000 acres, (2,300 acres which were selected by his Uncle Frank in 1900, 700 acres bought by Horace in 1916), and was purchased by Bruce in 1945. They have four sons – Neil, Dennis, Allen and Cyril.*

Colin, the other son of Mr. Horace Blechynden, who was connected with the firm of Elder Smith & Co. Limited, for upward of ten years *(being manager for 4 years at York) has recently bought a property at Quairading. He married Miss Pope of Kellerberrin, and they have two daughters, Beverley and Elizabeth.*

Their daughter, Muriel, *married Mr. Stanley Sutherland, of "Rosehill," Beverley. Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland now live at Katanning, with their family of four – John, Geoffrey, Margaret and Ross.*

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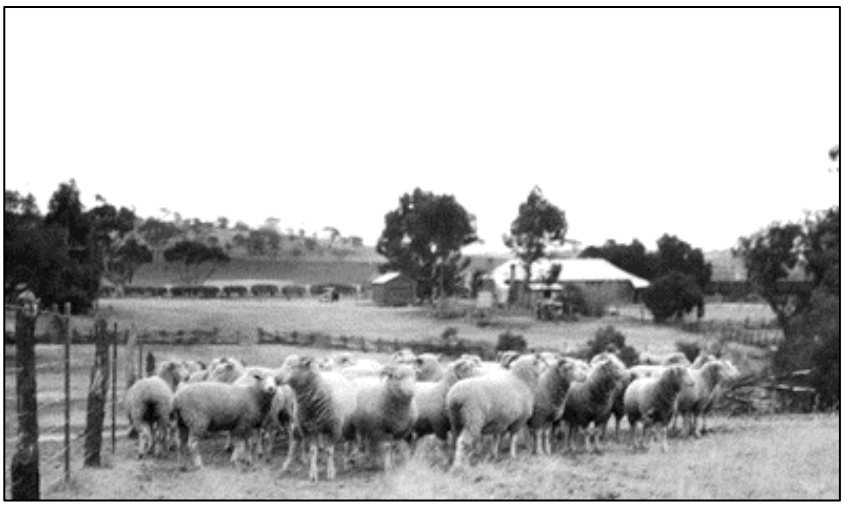
From 1940-1946 the original 'Roesland' homestead was occupied by Bob and Biddy Eyre. Bob was a workman on the Blechynden properties of 'Roesland' and 'Red Hill' and Biddy was also working at the 'Red Hill' house. Records of Bob's wages showed an increase in early 1940 when Bob and Biddy were married.

Photo of Bob and Biddy Eyre taken at Roesland.
Courtesy Kevin Eyre, their second son.

NOTE: The actual historic 'Roesland' homestead no longer exists with not even stone footings visible. The former 'Redhill' homestead with much associated farming infrastructure has been extensively developed over the generations and remains in the family. All the farms have been amalgamated into one large enterprise and, as explained by Lindsay Adams below, renamed as 'Roesland'.

During the Spring Back to Beverley 150 Years event held on 24-25 Sep 2022, a number of descendants of the Blechynden family and others associated with 'Roesland' gathered together, their aim, locating the original property site of the historical 'Roesland' homestead. Much discussion was held, comparing the site with the photo to the left:



'Roesland'. Dorset ewes. Train and homestead and large trees in background. Undated, but after July 1889 when the train started running. Courtesy Lindsay Adams

Many pieces of pottery and glass were found on the ground indicating where the home site had been and from a site nearby where it is believed many people camped during the construction of the new railway line.

Angela Blechynden, Mark Wheatley, Di Black, Lindsay Adams, Sue Wheatley and David Adams, the current property owner, standing near one of the original trees near the homestead. photo via Ken Blechynden

***Western Mail* (Perth, WA: 1885 - 1954), Thu 22 Apr 1937, pg 3**
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BOUNTIFUL BEVERLEY

Image of 'Roesland':

'Roeslands', Mr. F. Blechynden's homestead, which is said to be one of the oldest, in the district. Its name originated from the famous surveyor Roe.

Note: Roeslands should be Roesland. Now demolished.

A LONELY UNMARKED GRAVE:
Via Donna Logothetis, a descendant of this family tree, 2019:

The following little story can make us to pause for a moment as a remembrance for those babies and others who were stillborn in the early days of the Beverley district.

A lonely, unmarked grave by a fig tree near a dam. Courtesy Donna Logothetis

When I visited Beverley, a friend took us out to the original farm but on the way, we stopped at a property which originally was owned by the Smith family and is now owned by Frank Blechynden. It is used for some farming but no house on the property. There is nothing there but a fig tree and a dam. Apparently near the dam is buried twin babies but no-one seems to know from which family they belonged to. Here is a pic of the dam where the twins are buried, there is no grave or markings at all so no-one knows exactly where they are, all we know is that they are buried near the dam. It is to the left off Great Southern Highway on the way out to Kokeby and sits to the right of Avon River.

The photo above was taken of the area just across the creek near the old 'Roesland' homestead site we visited. "Other family members also confirm the story that there is allegedly an unmarked grave there where twins are supposed to be buried".

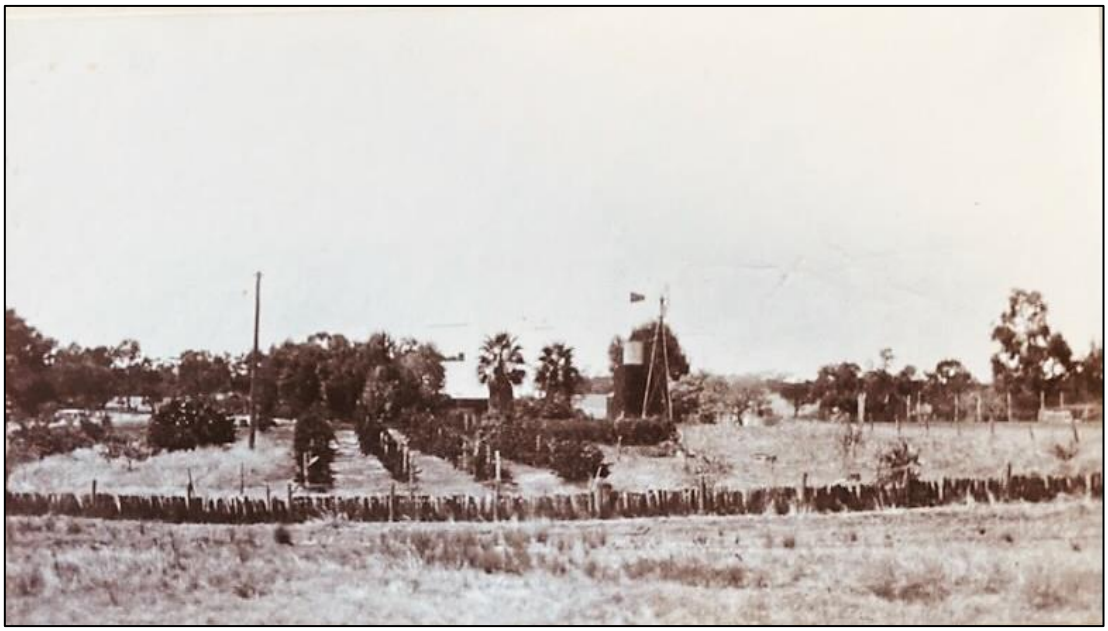
Photo taken near the old 'Roesland' homestead site, where there is thought to be an unmarked grave of twin babies. Sep 2023 by Di Black.

This grave is not to be confused with the marked lonely grave on the south edge of Beverley town for Francis Joseph Wansborough. See photos below.

Lonely grave: Francis Joseph Wansborough, born 27 Oct 1882, died 26 Dec 1883, Beverley, WA, Parents: Joseph Wansbrough and Matilda Messingham. Photos via Angela Blechynden

The following three photos are of the now demolished original 'ROESLAND' homestead:

'Roesland'. Courtesy Libby Peacock and Beverley Matthews



'Roesland'. Courtesy Libby Peacock

Note the Palisade fencing style used in the fence in front of the orchard.

Berkshire-Middle Yorkshire Cross Porkers, 4 months, bred by and property of F & H Blechynden, Roesland, Beverley (as pictured in Elders Weekly, May 2, 1929). Courtesy Lindsay Adams.

Lindsay's comments: On the back of the original of this photo my grandmother, Ella (wife of Frank Robus B), has written 'Pigs at Roesland'. There is a stamp on the back of it from Owen Bros, Photographers etc, Beaufort St, Perth. This suggests to me that the photo was perhaps taken by an Elders Weekly photographer and then a copy given to or obtained by my grandparents.

Red Hill Homestead taken in 1942, apparently after renovations following storm damage two years earlier.

Aerial view of 'Redhill', taken 1962. Courtesy Lindsay Adams

Modern Day 'Red Hill' homestead and associated buildings, now named 'ROESLAND.'
Courtesy Lindsay Adams.

'Roesland' homestead, 2022

'Roesland'. (Previously, 'Red Hill')

'Roesland' Wool Bale.
Courtesy Lindsay Adams.

Per Lindsay Adams: The current 'Roesland' is actually the old 'Red Hill'. The homestead (just to the right of the wheat silos on top of the hill in the first picture) is the original Red Hill home built by Frank Harrison Blechynden just prior to his marriage to Alice Robins in 1909. It is where the portraits of Horace Edwin & Amy 'Ella' and my grandparents hang.

NAME CHANGE OF THE WHOLE FARM: (Via Lindsay Adams). Just prior to Frank Robus' passing in 1995, his grandson David asked him about his thoughts on changing the name of the whole farm (i.e., the combined 'Red Hill' and 'Roesland' farms) to just 'Roesland'. Apparently, he thought it was a great idea. So, that is exactly what my brother did from that moment onwards.

Returning to the story of Charles Edwin and family:

Charles Edwin and Caroline Blechynden's children grew up, married, and began their own lives and families, except for Alick. More details can be read in the individual chapters following.

The first wedding in the family was when Ernest Walter Blechynden married Beatrice Annie Walker, 1903 at Beverley. In 1906, the family celebrated two weddings. Sydney Thomas Blechynden married Kathleen Priscilla Simpson in Beverley and Horace Edwin Blechynden married Amy 'Ella' Craig in Jun 1906, in Fremantle. In 1909 they celebrated two more weddings: Frank Harrison Blechynden married Alice Matilda Robins at Subiaco and Alice Matilda Blechynden married Edwin John 'Jack' Chandler 26 Aug 1909, St Mary's Anglican Church at Beverley. Note. Two *Alice Matilda's* is correct. See also further on.

WW1 loomed, cast a shadow over the world and young men from WA began to enrol, amongst them Alick who signed his attestation papers at Blackboy Hill on 15 Mar 1915. It must have been a worrying time for the family when he proceeded overseas. Tragically ALICK GEORGE ROBUS BLECHYNDEN died 28 Feb 1917. Killed in action – FRANCE - buried Warlencourt British Cemetery. See more details in his section.

WA Livestock Brands 1912-1962

https://www.carnamah.com.au/livestock-brands?search=Blechynden

WA LIVESTOCK BRANDS 1912-1962 BLECHYNDEN – BEVERLEY DISTRICT

Surname	Name	Property	Brand	Year
Blechynden	Alfred W.	Morbinning, East Beverley	B6Q	1924
Blechynden	B. E. D.	Burnside, Mt Kokeby	BB7 and 50D, 17E	1962
Blechynden	B. K.	Haily, Mt Kokeby	7BK and 111D, 111E	1962
Blechynden	F. & H.	Roesland, Beverley	BL5	1912
Blechynden	F. & H.	Roesland, Beverley	BL5	1924
Blechynden	F. W. D.	Halk Hill, Morbinning, via Beverley	N0W and 53F, 28D	1962
Blechynden	H. E.	Morbinning, Beverley	JE1	1926
Blechynden	H. E. Est	Morbinning, Beverley	JE1 and 40A, 41B	1962
Blechynden	H. H.	Manadale, Mt. Kokeby	HH5	1912
Blechynden	H. H.	Manadale, Mt. Kokeby	HH5	1924
Blechynden	S. T.	East Lynne, Beverley	S1B	1912
Blechynden	S. T.	East Lynne, Beverley	S1B	1924
Blechynden	S. T.	East Lynne, Beverley	S1B and 10A, 16C	1962
Blechynden	W. & A.	Erindale, Kokeby	5WB	1912
Blechynden	W. & A.	Erindale, Kokeby	5WB	1924
Blechynden & Co.	F. R.	Roesland Beverley	BL5 and 39C, 5E	1962
Blechynden (jrn)	W. H.	Erindale, Mt Kokeby	5WB 16B, 16E	1962

Electoral Roll:

1903, 1906 Charles Edwin Blechynden, John St, North Fremantle, farmer, Caroline, housewife, Alice 'Mathilda', domestic, daughter. See the section further-on re Alice Matilda Blechynden.
1910, 1913, 1917 Charles Edwin Blechynden, Edward St, Beverley, farmer, Caroline, married.
1925, 1931, 1937 Caroline Blechynden, Edward St, Beverley, married.

WA Motor Vehicle Registrations 1915-1928- Blechynden, Beverley District – Dodge Ford Chrysler Chev

https://www.carnamah.com.au/car-registrations =Blechynden&page=1

Surname	Name	Address	Vehicle	Plate	Registered	Year
Blechynden	C. E.	Beverley	Ford 20 H.P.	BE • 69	Beverley Road Board	1917-18
Blechynden	F.	Red Hill Beverley	Buick	BE • 69	Beverley Road Board	1924-25
Blechynden	F.	Beverley	Buick	BE • 69	Beverley Road Board	1925-26
Blechynden	F.	Beverley	Buick	BE • 69	Beverley Road Board	1926-27
Blechynden	F. H.	Red Hill, Beverley	Ford 20 H.P.	BE • 69	Beverley Road Board	1919
Blechynden	F. H.	Red Hill, Beverley	Ford 20 H.P.	BE • 69	Beverley Road Board	1922-23
Blechynden	F. H.	Red Hill, Beverley	Ford	BE • 69	Beverley Road Board	1923-24
Blechynden	F. H.	-	Buick	BE • 69	Beverley Road Board	1927-28
Blechynden	H.	Beverley	Overland	BE • 88	Beverley Road Board	1924-25
Blechynden	H.	Beverley	Studebaker	BE • 88	Beverley Road Board	1925-26
Blechynden	H.	Beverley	Studebaker	BE • 88	Beverley Road Board	1926-27
Blechynden	Horace	Beverley	Overland 20 H.P.	BE • 88	Beverley Road Board	1922-23
Blechynden	Horace	Beverley	Overland	BE • 88	Beverley Road Board	1923-24
Blechynden	Horace	Beverley	Studebaker	BE • 88	Beverley Road Board	1927-28
Blechynden	S. T.	East Beverley	Ford 20 H.P.	BE • 6	Beverley Road Board	1917-18
Blechynden	S. T.	East Beverley	Ford 20 H.P.	BE • 6	Beverley Road Board	1919
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Blechynden	S. T.	-	Essex	BE • 188	Beverley Road Board	1924-25
Blechynden	S. T.	East Lynne Beverley	Essex	BE • 188	Beverley Road Board	1925-26
Blechynden	S. T.	East Lynne Beverley	Dodge	BE • 188	Beverley Road Board	1926-27
Blechynden	W. H.	Mount Kokeby	Chevrolet 19 H.P.	BE • 62	Beverley Road Board	1923-24
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Blechynden	W. H.	-	Chevrolet	BE • 62	Beverley Road Board	1927-28
Harrison & Blechynden	W. & A.	Mount Kokeby	Chevrolet 20 H.P.	BE • 62	Beverley Road Board	1917-18

DEATH OF CHARLES EDWIN BLECHYNDEN

Charles Edwin Blechynden died 22 Jul 1918, Beverley, WA [Reg. 19]. He was buried in the Beverley Cemetery.

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Eastern Districts Chronicle (York, WA : 1877 - 1927), Friday 2 August 1918, page 3

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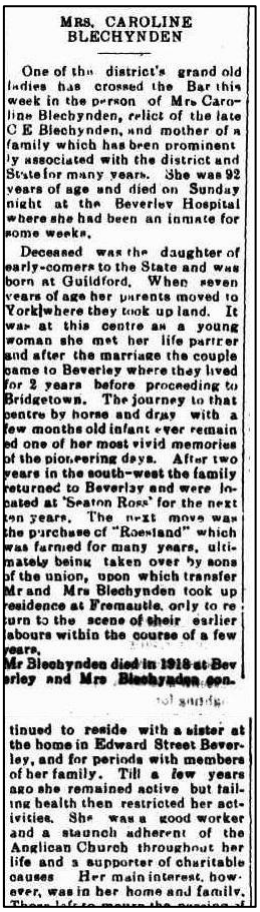
Caroline Blechynden (nee Davies), sitting, 90th birthday, 1940 with her five-living offspring.

Ernest Walter 'Ernie' (1878-1957), Frank Harrison (1873-1955), Alice Matilda Chandler (nee Blechynden), Sydney Thomas 'Sid' (1881-1959) and Horace Edwin (1882-1960), and Caroline Blechynden (nee Davies) sitting. Courtesy Lindsay Adams

DEATH OF CAROLINE MARY BLECHYNDEN (NEE DAVIES)

Caroline Mary Blechynden (nee Davies) died 8 Nov 1942, aged 92 years, at Beverley, WA [Reg No. 40]. She is buried together with her husband, Charles Edwin, in the Beverley Anglican Cemetery.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 13 Nov 1942, pg 5**
13 Nov 1942 - MRS. CAROLINE BLECHYNDEN (nla.gov.au)



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Grave and headstones of Charles Edwin Blechynden and Caroline Blechynden (nee Davies), Beverley Cemetery, WA

Headstone: Charles Edwin Blechynden (1848-1918) Beverley Cemetery, WA

Headstone: Caroline Mary Blechynden (Nee Davies) (1850-1942), Beverley Cemetery, WA

FIRST CHILD OF CHARLES EDWIN BLECHYNDEN & CAROLINE DAVIES

1. BLECHYNDEN, FRANK HARRISON (1873-1955) & ROBINS, ALICE (1871-1941)

Frank Harrison was Charles Edwin and Caroline Blechynden's first child. He was born on 15 Jul 1873 in Beverley. He married Alice Matilda Robins in Subiaco in 1909. They farmed 'Red Hill' and 'Roesland' in partnership with Frank's brother Horace and his wife Amy 'Ella' (nee Craig). Frank and Alice had no children. Alice passed away on 7 Jul 1941 at the age of 69 and Frank on 14 Dec 1955 at the age of 82; both in Beverley. They are buried together in the Beverley Anglican Cemetery.

When their father, Charles Edwin, retired. In 1903, Frank Harrison and his brother, Horace Edwin, took over the Roesland and farms. In 1909, he built a substantial home at 'Red Hill' (still in use today) in preparation for his new bride.

FRANK HARRISON BLECHYNDEN (1873-1955) married **ALICE MATILDA ROBINS (1871-1941)** in 1909, Subiaco, WA [Reg. 59].

Wedding Frank Harrison Blechynden and Alice Matilda Robins. Courtesy Lindsay Adams

Unfortunately, we don't know the names of all the people in this excellent photo. The gentleman in the middle is certainly the groom, Frank Harrison Blechynden.

On the back of the photo, it indicates that the bridesmaids are Alice's younger sisters Edna & Dora (written Dooreen), however there is no way of telling which is which (although Dooreen's name is written first - maybe she is the one on the left?). Our best deduction is that the three ladies in white are: Doreen, bride Alice then Edna.

Note: With marriage, Alice Matilda Robins became Alice Matilda Blechynden, having the same name as Frank's younger sister, Alice Matilda Blechynden. This at times caused some confusion. Both women were both married in the same year, 1909, with Alice Matilda Blechynden becoming Alice Matilda Chandler. Alice Matilda Blechynden (nee Robins) became a teacher and taught for many years at the first school established in Beverley.

Alice Matilda Robins was born 1871, Guildford, WA [Reg. 13425]. Her father, **WILLIAM BALDWIN ROBINS (1839-1907)** and mother, **ROSALIE MATILDA CHESTER (1850-1915)**, were married in 1870 in Middle Swan, WA [Reg. 3059]. The next few pages provide details about Alice Matilda Robins' parents, and a brief history of her grandparents.

Via Australian/European Family Tree, Ancestry, William Robins was born 30 Aug 1839, Swan River Colony, Guildford, WA. Parents: **BENJAMIN ROBINS (1807-1863)** and **ELIZABETH MARY 'BETSY' DEVENISH (1820-1913)** who were married 18 Jul 1838, Beverley, WA. Benjamin Robins had migrated to the Swan River Colony via the ship *Hooghly* in 1830 and died 1 Dec 1863, Walter Hall Farm, Guildford, WA [Reg. 2253]. Elizabeth Mary Robins (nee Devenish) died 23 Feb 1913, Guildford, WA, [Reg. 20]. Together, Benjamin and Elizabeth had 14 children, as follows, all were born in Guildford, WA.

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2. CECILIA ELIZABETH ROBINS (1841-1866) was born 15 Apr 1841, Beverley, WA. She died 1866, Guildford, WA [Reg. 3168], aged 25 years.
3. SARAH ROBINS (1842-1842) was born Sep 1842, Seaton Ross, (Guildford), WA [Reg. 107). Sarah Robins died aged three weeks in Oct 1842, Guildford, WA [Reg. 30].

4. ALFRED GEORGE ROBINS (1843-1878) married HELLEN 'Ellen' HORLEY (1843-1878) 1871, York, WA [Reg.3233]. Registered as Ellen. Her death registered as Helen.
5. ANNIE LUCY ROBINS (1846-1938) married HENRY HAWKINS SEWELL (1847-1896) 1876, Beverley, WA [Reg. 4442].
6. CHARLES FREDERICK ROBINS (1847-1865) was born 1847, Guildford, WA [Reg.] Can't find a registration. He died 1865, Helena, WA [Reg. 2998], aged 18 years.
7. BETSY DEVENISH ROBINS (1849-1917) married SYDNEY CHESTER (1845-1911) 1871, Middle Swan, WA [Reg. 3218]. Marriage name registered as Sidney, death as Sydney.
8. ANDREW PHILLIP ROBINS (1851-1936) was born 1851, Guildford, WA [Reg. 1634], registered as Andrew Phillips. Andrew died 8 Apr 1936, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400014], registered as Andrew Phillip.
9. ROBERT HENRY ROBINS (1853-1938) was born 1853, Guildford, WEA [Reg. 2291]. He died 1938, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400036].
10. AMELIA ROBINS (1854-1918) was born 1854, Guildford, WA [Reg. 2615]. She died 1918, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400041], aged 63 years. Electoral Roll: 1910 Amelia Robins, Waylan St, Guildford, spinster, with her mother, Elizabeth Mary Robins, widow.
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12. LEWIS ROBINS (1859-1925) married ISABELLA MCLEAN (1864-1944) 12 Nov 1902, County Peak, (Beverley), WA [Reg. 15].
13. ELLEN MATILDA ROBINS (1860-1898) married HENRY JAMES HORLEY (1856-1899) 1885, Guildford, WA [Reg. 5992].
14. THEODORE STANLEY ROBINS (1863-1953) married FANNY CELICIA SMITH 1906, Perth, WA [Reg. 100074].

***Swan Express* (Midland Junction, WA: 1900 - 1954), Fri 28 Feb 1913, pg 3**
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Returning to Alice Matilda Robins' paternal parents:

William Baldwin Robins, Guildford, farmer, was registered as a member of the *United Grand Lodge of England Freemason Membership, 1751-1921, 2 Dec 1874. Frank Harrison Blechynden who married William's daughter, Alice Matilda Robins, also became a member of the Freemason's. William passed away on 21 Feb 1907, 'Boyagarra', East Brookton, (Beverley), WA [Reg.5], late of Beverley and Guildford.

***Western Mail* (Perth, WA: 1885 - 1954), Sat 30 Mar 1907, pg 30**
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***ROBINS.** —On Feb 21, at "Boyagarra," East Brookton, William Baldwin Robins, aged 68 years, late of Beverley and Guildford.*

Headstone of William Baldwin Robins and Rosalie Matilda (nee Chester). Via Ray Worthington, Family Tree, Ancestry.

See *Western Mail* (Perth, WA) Sat 30 Mar 1907 for confirmation of date and place. Gravestone is recorded as 2 Dec 1906 which is incorrect.

Alice's mother, **Rosalie Matilda Chester** was baptised 17 Jul 1850, Perth, WA, [Reg. 1363650]. Her parents were **JOSEPH CHESTER (1807-1886)** and **SUSANNA SWAINE (1817-1884)**. Rosalie died 4 Feb 1915, Beverley, WA [Reg. 9] and is buried in the Beverley Anglican Cemetery.

JOSEPH CHESTER was born 14 Jan 1807, Foxley Green Bray, Berkshire, England. He died 7 May 1886, Perth, WA [Reg. 13886]. His first marriage was to **CATHERINE HARRIETT BREWER (1809-~1842)**, 26 Dec 1832, St Martin in the Fields, Westminster, England. Their two children were **Charles Joseph Chester (1834-1924)**, and **Catherine Harriet Brewer Chester (1835-1919)**. Both born in England. Catherine must have died about 1842 prior to Joseph's second marriage to **SUSANNA SWAINE** on 21 Dec 1842, Saint Leonards, Shoreditch, London, England. The three children born to this second union were: **Granada William Chester** born in England, in 1843, who died very young; **Sydney Chester (1845-1911)** and **Emily Jane Chester (1847-1864).**

Joseph Chester migrated to WA via the *Orient*, arriving in Fremantle on 20 Mar 1848, with his wife, Susanna (nee Swain) and four children as follows:

1. CHARLES JOSEPH CHESTER (1834-1924) married CLARA ROSSER (1839-1925), 26 Dec 1866, Walkerville, SA [pg. 427 Vol 69].
2. CATHERINE HARRIET BREWER CHESTER (1835-1919) married JOHN WILLIAM HARDY (1833-1913), 24 Jun 1867, Res of William Harvey, Glenburnie, SA [pg. 154 Vol 73].
3. SYDNEY CHESTER (1845-1911) married BETSY DENENDISH ROBINS (1849-1917), 8 Feb 1871, Guildford, WA [Reg. 3218].
4. EMILY JANE CHESTER (1847-1864) married CHARLES HANWITH HORDEN (1840-1882) in 1864 in Albany, WA [Reg. 2858].

Joseph was an upholsterer and cabinet maker who was active in the Swan River Mechanics' Institute, established in 1851. He and Susanna resided in Perth until around 1856, when Joseph, took over the *Rose and Crown Hotel* in Guildford. Joseph Chester's Cottage is one of the oldest places remaining in the City of Vincent in metropolitan Perth, WA. Alice Matilda Robins' mother, Rosalie born in 1850, was the eldest of three children born in WA.

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7. ALICE CHESTER (1862-1867) was born 1862, [Reg No 6272]. She died 1867, aged 5 years, [Reg. 3647].

Rosalie Chester and William Robins had seven children together as follows:

1. ALICE MATILDA ROBINS (1871-1941) was born 1871, Guildford, WA [Reg. 13425]. She married **FRANK HARRISON BLECHYNDEN (1873-1955)** in 1909, Subiaco, WA [Reg. 59].
2. BENJAMIN ROBINS (1874-1961) was born 25 Aug 1874, Perth, WA [Reg. 15685]. His first marriage was to m.2 GRACE BARRETT-LENNARD (NEE SEWELL), (1875-1960) 1898, Perth WA [Reg. 1270]. She went on to married EDWARD ERNEST BARRETT-LENNARD (1870-1897) 15 Jul 1896, Upper Swan, WA [Reg. 985]. Benjamin died 18 Sep 1961, Perth, WA [Reg. 2670].
3. IDA ROSALIE ROBINS (1878-1966) was born 1878, Perth, WA [Reg. 19303. She married STEPHEN TELFER COUPER (1867-1917), 1901, Beverley, WA [Reg. 3]. Ida died 1966, Canning, WA [Reg. 13].
4. HUBERT WILLIAM ROBINS (1881-1956) (electoral rolls, have his name as Herbert) was born 1881, Beverley, WA [Reg. 22009]. He married ANNIE YOUNG GOLLAN (1884-1969), 1908, York, WA [Reg. 15]. Registered as Hubert. Hubert died 1956, Perth, WA [Reg. 276], registered as Hubert.
5. ALFRED ROBINS (1883-1883) was born 1883, Beverley, WA [Reg. 23658]. Alfred died aged 2 months, 1883, WA [Reg. 11657].
6. EDNA LOUISA ROBINS (1885-1972) was born 1885, Perth, WA [Reg. 26184]. She died 23 Aug1972, Rossmoyne, WA.

7. DORA ELMA ANNIE ROBINS (1890-1965) was born 1890, Beverley, WA [Reg. 368]. Recorded as Dora Emlee. Electoral Roll, registered as Dora Elma Annie. She married MAURICE CHRISTMAS

(1906-), 1926, Perth, WA [Reg. 761]. Registered as Dora Elina Robins. Dora died 1965, Como, WA [Reg. 692]. Registered as Dora Elma Annie.

In 1924, Frank Harrison Blechynden, started a Dorset Horn Sheep stud and won many prizes with fat lambs. He was an Agricultural Society Committee man for 40 years. On Beverley Road Board for 10 years (1913-19) and (1942-1946), on the Beverley Hospital Board and a very keen bowler. In partnership with Horace Blechynden, Frank sent a sample of wheat to a Melbourne Exhibition in 1906. Together they had a stallion to stand for mating: *Young Murray Prince* - £3 single mare, £5 for two, £7 for three - money returned for all mares not proving in foal. (BJ. Aug 1905). Frank was also a very good rifle shooter (1905) and good bike rider (Beverley Times, 14 Oct 1905). He won prises at the Beverley Agricultural Show for poultry (a drake and duck eggs) and vegetables. (Oct 1905). In 1946, he left the partnership with his brother Horace, with nephew Bruce (Horace's son) taking over.

Frank Harrison Blechynden was twice Grand Master of the Beverley Masonic Lodge being first installed in 1911 and again in 1928. (Via his obituary, see further on).

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Frank Harrison Blechynden, Beverley Masonic Lodge.
Comment via Margaret Kidd: He is dressed as a Worshipful Master.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Sat 22 Aug 1914, pg 5**
22 Aug 1914 - THE MASONIC BALL. (nla.gov.au)

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Mrs. L. W. Chidlow, white sateen with tunic of ninon and trimmings of white fur.

Mrs. Fawcett, vieux rose, crepe coat and basque of shadow lace.

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Western Mail **(Perth, WA: 1885 - 1954), Thu 22 Apr 1937, pg 20**.
22 Apr 1937 - THE ROESLANDS ESTATE. (nla.gov.au)

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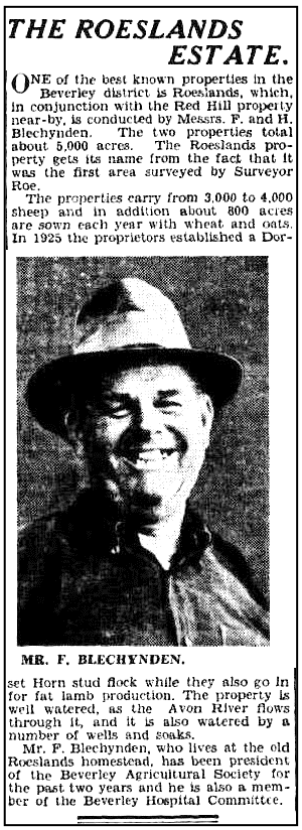
Ed. This article unfortunately incorrectly refers to Roesland as Roeslands. This has been corrected in the text. It also incorrectly indicates that Frank lived at the Roesland homestead. Comment via Lindsay Adams: * My understanding is that Frank Harrison lived in the 'Red Hill' house from the time he built it in 1909 until he decided to retire into Beverley around 1946 (when my grandparents, Frank & Ella, moved into the 'Red Hill' home).



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Beverley Times **(WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 12 Jan 1945, pg 5**
12 Jan 1945 - Grass Fire. (nla.gov.au)

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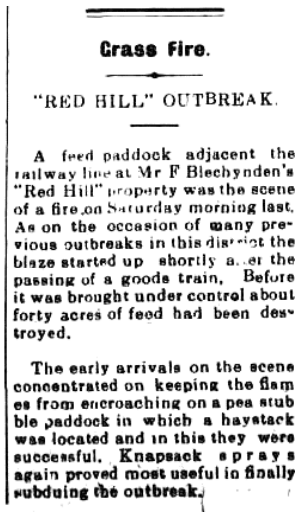

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Alice Matilda Blechynden (nee Robins) died 7 Jul 1941, Beverley, WA [Reg. 40].

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 11 Jul 1941, pg 3**
11 Jul 1941 - OBITUARY (nla.gov.au)

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It must have been a very sad time for Frank and the Blechynden and Robins families with the loss of Alice. Frank was aged 68 years at the time of her death.

80th BIRTHDAY OF FRANK HARRISON BLECHYNDEN, 1953

Thank you to Libby and Lindsay for the following: *Back: L-R, Adults: Ernie, his wife Beatrice Annie (nee Walker); Syd, his wife Kathleen (nee Simpson); Horace, his wife Amy 'Ella' (nee Craig); Ella May (nee Wansbrough), her husband Frank Robus [to her front]- 3rd child of Horace; Nancy (nee Pope), wife of Colin; John Sutherland, his mother Muriel [behind]- 2nd child of Horace*; *Frank Harrison Blechynden - the birthday boy! Stan Sutherland, husband of Muriel; Edna (nee Woods), wife of Bruce; Colin - 4th child of Horace*; *Bruce 1st child of Horace*; *two of Bruce's boys, Dennis and Allen.*
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Comments via Libby: Muriel & Stans' youngest missing - Norma Franks only child and Margaret, Ross and Geoff Sutherland - probably at Boarding school. Horace's four children are here – Frank, Bruce, Muriel and Colin and most of their offspring.

The four sons of Charles Edwin Blechynden at Frank Harrison Blechynden's 80th birthday, 'Red Hill', 15 Jul 1953. L-R: Ernest Walter 'Ernie' (1878-1957), Sydney Thomas 'Sid' (1881-1959), Horace Edwin (1882-1960) and Frank Harrison (1873-1955). Courtesy Lindsay Adams

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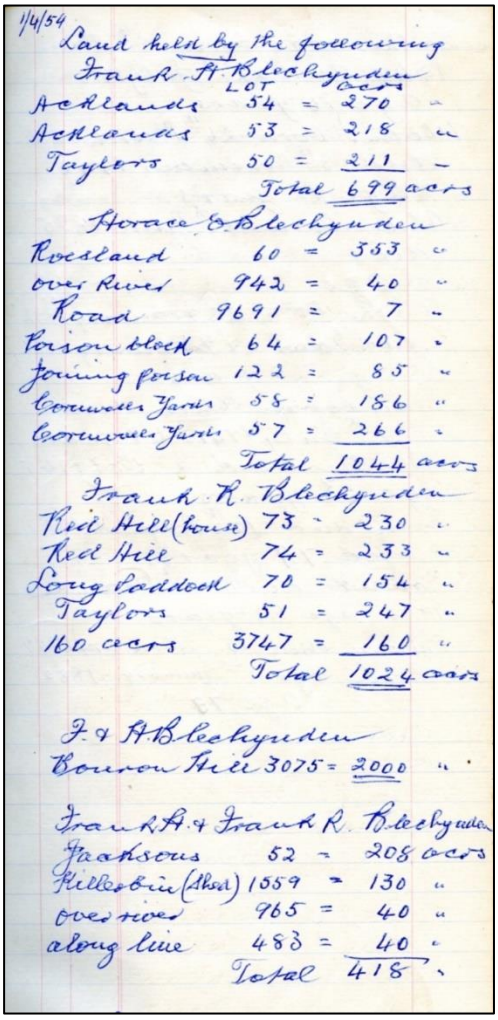
1954 BLECHYNDEN LEDGER DETAILING 'RED HILL' & 'ROESLAND' LAND HOLDINGS



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Land held by the following
Frank A Blechynden

	LOT		Acres
Ackrands	54	=	270 "
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Taylors	50	=	211 "
		Total	699 acrs

Horace E Blechynden

Roesland	60	=	353 "
over River	942	=	40 "
Road	9691	=	7 "
Parson block	64	=	107 "
Joining parson	122	=	85 "
Commons Yards	58	=	186 "
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		Total	1044 acrs

Frank R. Blechynden

Red Hill (house)	73	=	230 "
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Long Paddock	70	=	154 "
Taylors	51	=	247 "
160 acrs	3747	=	160 "
		Total	1024 acrs

F & A Blechynden

Bowron Hill	3075	=	2000 "

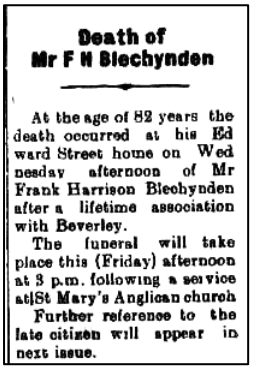
Frank A & Frank R. Blechynden

Jacksons	52	=	208 acrs
Hillsbin (Alsd)	1559	=	130 "
over river	965	=	40 "
along line	483	=	40 "
		Total	418 "

List of the land holdings of Charles Edwin Blechynden's line in Beverley, Apr 1954

Frank Harrison Blechynden died 14 Dec 1955, Beverley, WA [Reg. 41]. Burial: 16 Dec 1955, St. Mary's Cemetery, Beverley, WA.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 16 Dec 1955, pg 2**
16 Dec 1955 - Death of Mr F N Blechynden (nla.gov.au)



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Further reference to the late citizen will appear in next issue.

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***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 23 Dec 1955, pg 3**
23 Dec 1955 - MY FRANK HORRISON BLECHYNDEN (nla.gov.au)

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Headstone of Frank Harrison Blechynden (1873-1955) and Alice Matilda Blechynden (nee Robins) (1871-1941), Beverley Anglican Cemetery, WA.

SECOND CHILD OF CHARLES EDWIN BLECHYNDEN & CAROLINE DAVIES

2. BLECHYNDEN, ALICE MATILDA (1875-1949) & CHANDLER, EDWIN JOHN (1864-1936)

Alice Matilda Blechynden was born in 10 Jun 1875, Bridgetown, WA [Reg. 16530]. Baptised 18 Jul 1875.

Alice Matilda Chandler (nee Blechynden).
Courtesy Carline Humphrey

ALICE married **EDWIN JOHN CHANDLER (1864-1936)** 26 Aug 1909, St Mary's Anglican Church, Beverley, WA [Reg. 21]. Alice, was aged 34 years of age, John about 45 years of age. More details further on.

Alice died 20 Jun 1949, at her residence, 240 Hamersley Road, Subiaco, WA [Reg. 1228]. Via Gilchrist/Cameron Family Tree.

Looking through some old family books, a bible was found belonging to Alice Matilda Blechynden, the second child and only daughter of Charles Edwin and Caroline Blechynden. It is inscribed '*Miss A Blechynden, Roesland'* on the inside front cover and '*Miss A M Blechynden'* on the inside back cover. Interestingly, the bible seems to have originally come from the Fremantle Gaol, which was initially named 'Convict Establishment WA'.

https://fremantleprison.com.au/history-heritage/history/the-convict-era/

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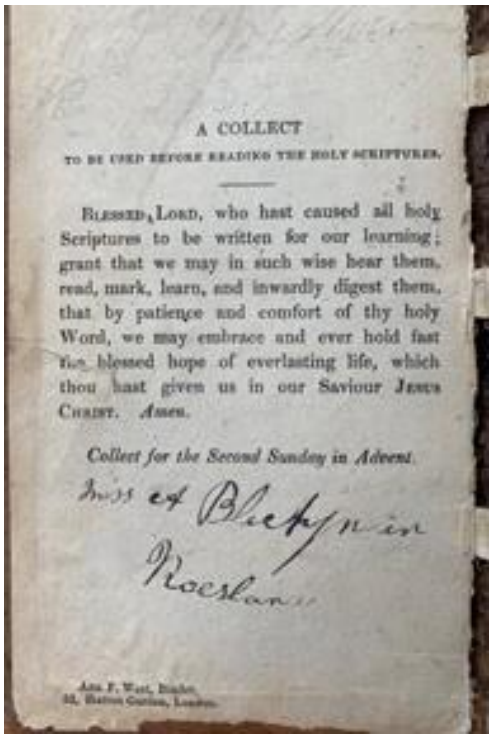


A COLLECT

TO BE USED BEFORE READING THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.

BLESSED LORD, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour JESUS CHRIST. *Amen.*

Collect for the Second Sunday in Advent.

Miss A Blechynden
Roesland

Image of the Bible belonging to Miss A Blechynden.
Courtesy Lindsay Adams

The Bible appears to have been acquired by Miss Alice Matilda Blechynden prior to her marriage to Jack Chandler in 1909. Perhaps it was a gift from her parents.

Looking at the Electoral Roll, for a short while between 1903-1906, her parents Charles Edwin, Caroline and Alice Matilda Blechynden lived together at the same electoral address in North Fremantle. This was of course not far from the prison.

It is interesting that there was another Alice Matilda Blechynden, named as such by marriage, when her brother Frank Harrison Blechynden married Alice Matilda Robins in 1909, in Subiaco. Both couples were married in 1909.

Electoral Roll:

1903. 1906, Alice Matilda Blechynden, John St, North Fremantle, domestic, Caroline, housewife and Charles Edwin Blechynden, farmer, same address. Alice Matilda Blechynden is shown here as living with her parents.
1910 Edwin John Chandler, 262 Fitzgerald St, Perth, engineer, fitter and electrician. In 1899 he and his new wife Mary Jane lived in VIC. Mary Jane Chandler (nee Gardiner) died in 1906 in WA.
1913 Edwin John Chandler 113 Kimberley Street, Leederville, fitter, Alice Matilda Chandler, married.

WA POSTAL DIRECTORY
https://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/explore-discover/wa-heritage/post-office-directories
Postal records show that Charles Edwin Blechynden was recorded as being at 'Roesland' 1886, 1889. In 1904 his postal address was John St, North Fremantle and from 1905-1908, Ainslie Rd, North Fremantle. Charles Edwin was aged 57 years, planning his retirement. He and Caroline, with his daughter Alice Matilda in Fremantle, his sons managing the farm. By 1910 and 1912, he was once again living in Beverley.

Surmising: Alice Matilda Blechynden was aged 29 years in 1904. She was recorded in the Electoral Roll as being a domestic. Edwin John and Mary Jane Chandler were married and their first child Ernest William Chandler was born in VIC in 1899. Their second child Louise May Chandler was born 1901, Perth, WA. In 1902 - 1906, Edwin John Chandler's postal address was recorded as 28 Lindsay St, Perth. The Chandler's third child Jessie Chandler died aged 3 months in 1904, in Perth. His wife Mary Jane Chandler died 1 Jan 1906, in Fremantle, (more details following). Perhaps Alice Matilda as a domestic assisted Edwin Chandler following the death of his wife Mary Jane?

ALICE MATILDA BLECHYNDEN (1875-1949) married **m.2 EDWIN JOHN 'JACK' CHANDLER (1864-1936)** 26 Aug 1909, St Mary's Anglican Church, Beverley, WA [Reg. 21]. This was his second marriage.

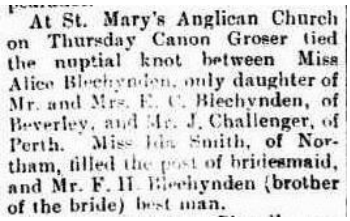
Wedding of Alice Blechynden to Edwin John 'Jack' Chandler, 26 Aug 1909. Courtesy Carline Humfrey. Front: best man, Frank Harrison Blechynden, (Alice's brother); bridesmaid, Ida Smith, (Alice's cousin); Groom, Edwin John 'Jack' Chandler; bride: Alice Matilda Blechynden; Louisa May Chandler (Jack's daughter); "Mother Smith", Emma Amelia 'Milly' Smith (nee Davies), sister of Alice's mother (Caroline Blechynden (nee Davies). "Mother Smith's" name recorded on the back of the photo. Back: Not yet identified.

Speculating: Alice's parents Charles Edwin and Caroline Blechynden, a couple of her brothers, plus brothers of the Chandler family would be in the photo.

Note: Bridesmaid, Ida Matilda Hope Smith was born 1888, Northam, WA [Reg. 1012]. Parents: Eleanor Davies and David Frederick Smith. Ida Smith married Robert Hitchcock 1910. Northam, WA [Reg. 11). Alice's mother Caroline Blechynden (nee Davies) had two sisters who both married a Smith.

1. CAROLINE DAVIES (1850-1942) married **CHARLES 'EDWIN' BLECHYNDEN (1848-1918)**, 1872, Beverley, WA [Reg. 3421].
2. EMMA AMELIA DAVIES (1852-1931) married **JOHN THOMAS SMITH** (1854-1915), 1884, Northam, WA [Reg. 5795].
8. ELEANOR DAVIES (1863-1926) married **DAVID FREDERICK SMITH** (1863-1958) 1886, Wilberforce, WA [Reg. 6401], (Ida's parents).

***Great Southern Leader*, Fri 27 Aug 1909**
27 Aug 1909 - Beverley Notes. (nla.gov.au)


At St. Mary's Anglican Church on Thursday Canon Groser tied the nuptial knot between Miss Alice Blechynden, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Blechynden, of Beverley, and Mr. J. Challenger, of Perth. Miss Ida Smith, of Northam, filled the post of bridesmaid, and Mr. F. H. Blechynden (brother of the bride) best man.

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CHANDLER, EDWIN JOHN (1864-1936) was born 1864, Stroud, Gloucestershire, England, sixth child of ten children of **REUBEN CHANDLER (1821-1892)** and **EMMA FRANCIS ALLEN (1834-1912)** who were married 1851, Randwick, Gloucester, England. Edwin died 1 May 1936, Wembley, WA [Reg No. 767].

The Reuben Chandler family came to Sydney, Australia on the *Samuel Plimsoll* in 1878. Passenger list *Samuel Plimsoll* in 1878:

Chandler Reuben - Builder 50	Chandler Isabell 26 - Tailoress
Chandler Emma 44	Chandler Mary 23 - Tailoress
Chandler Ernest 10	Chandler Ada 20, Tailoress
Chandler Louisa 8	Chandler Emma 12, Tailoress
Chandler Alfred 4	Chandler Samuel 18
Chandler Annie 28, Tailoress	**Chandler Edwin 14**

PIONEERS OF THE PRESTON, compiled by Dianne Black, Janet Holman and Jean Northover, p. 328.

" Reuben Chandler farmed at Orange, Bathurst, New South Wales. A disastrous year saw the family return to Sydney. At some stage in the 1880s Reuben resumed his original trade of building. He died in 1892 and was buried at Bathurst. . .

Sam and his two younger brothers embraced the Seventh-day Adventist religion and the three brothers moved to WA. Their religious conviction was without doubt nurtured by Sam's mother who was a devout Methodist/Congregationalist. Emma Chandler died in 1912 at a church meeting in Sydney. One of Sam's younger brothers was a foundation member of the early Seventh-day Adventist Church at North Fitzroy in Melbourne."

Edwin John Chandler 's first marriage prior to moving to WA was in 1899 to Mary Jane Gardiner, Fitzroy, VIC. More details following. Two of Edwin's brothers Ernest and Samuel Chandler were married and had families in WA. In this chapter we have only followed up on Edwin and his siblings who came to WA.

Following is a brief description of Edwin John Chandler's brothers, Samuel Allen Chandler and Ernest Edward Chandler:

SAMUEL ALLEN CHANDLER (1873-1913) married Selina Ellen Chapman (1859-1937), 5 Apr 1899, Donnybrook, WA [Reg. 1594]. They had three children who were all born in Perth, WA.

1. FREDERICK ALLEN CHANDLER (1900-1977), married CATHERINE HALEY "PAT' MELL (1904-1989), 1927, Perth WA [Reg. 440]. They had four children: Ellen, Rosemary, Margaret and Julie.

2. ELSIE MAY CHANDLER (1902-1981) married JAMES MCKENZIE CLARK (1901-1982), 1926, Canning, WA [Reg. 14]. They had two children: Valma McKenzie Clark and Margaret Jean Clark.

3. CLARA ELLEN CHANDLER (1904-1941) married THOMAS STEWART BRASH (1905-1986), 1935, Chatswood, [Reg. 17160]. They had three children: Stewart Brash, Elton Brash and Clara Olwen Brash, born in NSW.

ERNEST EDWARD CHANDLER (1868-1961) married *ADA GERTRUDE GARDINER (1879-1907), 1901, Perth, WA [Reg. 1447]. They had one child: FREDA CHANDLER (1904-1978) was born 1904, Perth, WA. [Reg. 4468]. FREDA married SYDNEY THOMAS FLETCHER (1904-1982), 1936 Hornsby, NSW [Reg. 20360].

Freda's mother Ada Gertrude Chandler (nee Gardiner) died 2 Nov 1907, Marrickville, NSW [Reg. 14435]. A few years later Ernest married again. The family did not return to WA.

m.2 ERNEST EDWARD CHANDLER (1868-1961) married JESSIE MARIA FORSYTH (1881-1965), 1912 Parramatta, NSW [Reg. 7002]. They had two children: Alan Thomas Chandler (1913-1995) and Bessie Louise Chandler (1919-1995).

Note: *Mary Jane Gardiner (following) and *Ada Gertrude Gardiner were sisters, both born in Echuca, VIC, parents William Sherman Gardiner (1848-1938) from Cork in Ireland and Ann Jane Hughes (1847-1936) from County Fermanagh, Northern Ireland.

CONTINUING WITH THE STORY OF EDWIN JOHN CHANDLER AND HIS FIRST MARRIAGE:

m. 1 EDWIN JOHN CHANDLER (1864-1936) married ***MARY JANE GARDINER (1872-1906) Minnie,** 17 Feb 1899, Fitzroy, VIC [Reg. 1940].

GARDINER MARY JANE 'MINNIE' (1872-1906) (Via Winsome Family tree, Ancestry) was born 1872, Echuca, VIC. Parents: **WILLIAM SHERMAN GARDINER (1848-1939)** and **ANN JANE HUGHES (1847-1936)** were married 8 Nov 1871, Brighton, VIC [Reg. 3613]. Mary Jane Chandler (nee Gardiner) died 1 Jan 1906, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 6]. She is buried at the Karrakatta Cemetery, Nedlands.

WILLIAM SHERMAN GARDINER (1848-1939) was born 24 Feb 1848, Mallow, County Cork, Ireland. William died 27 Apr 1939, Nedlands, WA [Reg. 100730]. Emigration: Irish, Departure, Plymouth, England via the *Hougoumont*, arrival Melbourne, VIC, 19 May 1869.

ANN 'ANNA' JANE HUGHES (1847-1936) was born 6 Nov 1847, Antrim or Armagh, Ireland. Ann died 13 Sep 1936, Claremont, WA [Reg.101621]. Parents: Ephraim Hughes and Ann Parker. Buried Karrakatta Cemetery, WA.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM SHERMAN GARDINER (1848-1939) and **ANN JANE HUGHES (1847-1936):**

1. MARY JANE GARDINER (1872-1906) married **EDWIN JOHN CHANDLER (1864-1936)** 17 Feb 1899, Fitzroy, VIC [Reg.1940), registered as Jno Edwin Chandler.

2. EPHRAIM WILLIAM GARDINER (1874-1908) married **EMILY MARGURITE SMITH (1880- 1900)**, Boulder, WA [Reg. 317].

3. GEORGE FRANCIS GARDINER (1875-1930) was born 1875, Echuca, VIC [Reg. 15592]. George died 1930, Perth, WA [Reg.101879].

4. ETHEL MAUDE GARDINER (1877-1880) was born 9 Aug 1877, Echuca, VIC. She died aged 2 years 1880, VIC [Reg. 8205]. Registered under Gardener.

5. ADA GERTRUDE GARDINER (1879-1907) married ERNEST **EDWARD CHANDLER (1868-1961)** 1901, Perth, WA [Reg. 1447].

6. HAROLD RUPERT GARDINER (1881-1883) was born 26 Jul 1881, Bright, VIC [Reg. 14366]. Harold died aged 2 years 25 Jun 1883, Richmond, VIC [Reg. 6415].

7. NATHANIEL SYDNEY GARDINER (1883-1967) married **SUSAN MATILDA MEDITATION WHITE (1874-) 'Susie'** 31 Aug 1904, Norwood, SA [pg. 87 Vol 220]. They moved to WA. **m2. NATHANIEL SYDNEY GARDINER (1883-1967)** married **m2. DOROTHY ALMA MAHLBERG** 1954, Fremantle WA [Reg. 42].

8. MILLICENT AYLMER GARDINER (1887-) married **HARRY JOSEPH POWELL** 1912, Leederville, WA [6].

9. HERBERT CECIL GARDINER (1890-1928) married **ROSALIND WHITE (1884-1959)** 1926, Hornsby, NSW [Reg. 12891]. Moved to WA.

10. RICHARD JOHN GARDINER (1893-1963) married **DOROTHY GERTRUDE MAIS (1894-1977)** 1913, Perth, WA [Reg. 100456].

Electoral Roll:

1910 William Sherman Gardiner, Queens Park, WA, farmer, Ann Jane, married.
1914 William Sherman Gardiner, 23 Leeder St, Leederville, commission agent, Ann Jane, married.
1931 William Sherman Gardiner, Kelmscott, orchard employee, Annie Jane, Hill View, Karragullen, house keeper.

WEDDING

CHANDLER—MILLS.

The marriage of Miss Mae Mills, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mills, of Northampton, Western Australia, to Mr. Ernest W. Chandler, of Sydney, eldest son of Mr. E. J. Chandler, of West Leederville, was celebrated on March 1 at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, St. Leonard's, Sydney, by Pastor A. H. White. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a charming gown of ivory georgette, over satin, heavily beaded in crystal beads. Her court train of silver lame was lined with shell pink georgette, and finished with ruchings of silver ribbon and tiny sprays of orange blossoms. The long lace veil was held in place by a coronet of silver lame and pearls, with a cluster of orange blossoms on either side. A shower bouquet of asters and roses, finished with tulle and wide satin ribbon, was carried. The two bridesmaids, Miss Mae Chandler, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Lily Ingram, wore frocks of georgette, with trimmings of guipure lace, the former being of pervenche blue and the latter peach. Both wore a tulle bandeau and carried posies of pastel shaded asters and roses. The train-bearer, little Velma Lawson, who wore a dainty frock of ivory crepe de chine, carried a silver slipper filled with rosebuds. The best man was Mr. Vernon Brooke and Mr. Keith Ingram acted as groomsman. The reception was held at the Cammeray Hall, Suspension Bridge, North Sydney, the mother of the bride receiving her guests in a smart French pleated frock of black marocain, with oriental trimmings and a high-crowned felt hat to tone. A posy of crimson roses was carried. The bride left for her honeymoon, which was spent at the Blue Mountains, wearing a hand-painted frock of cyclamen crepe de chine, covered with a smart coat of brick Ottoman and a vagabond hat of felt.

EDWIN JOHN CHANDLER (1864-1936) & MARY JANE GARDINER (1872-1906) HAD THREE CHILDREN:

1. CHANDLER, ERNEST WILLIAM (1899-) was born in VIC in 1899, VIC [Reg. 26503], recorded under Ernt Wm Chandler, father recorded as Edwin Jno (John) Chandler and mother as Gardiner. **ERNEST** married **CATHERINE 'MAY' MILLS (1906-)** 1 Mar 1927, North Sydney, NSW [Reg. 2107]. He was mentioned on his father's death notice in 1936 as being in New Zealand.

Electoral Roll:

1922 Ernest William Chandler, 115 Kimberley Street, Leederville, WA, motor driver.

***Geraldton Guardian*, 26 Apr 1927.** 26 Apr 1927 - WEDDING (nla.gov.au)

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Ernest William Chandler (1899-) and Catherine May Mills (1906-) 'Mae' had a least one child:
Terence James Chandler: birth notice is in the ***Western Mail*, 7 May 1931, pg 43.**

CHANDLER (nee Mae Mills).—On April 18, at The Moorings Private Hospital, Denham-street, Bondi, Sydney, N.S.W., to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Chandler, of 270 Arden-street, Coogee, Sydney, N.S.W.—a son (Terence James). Both well.

2. CHANDLER, LOUISE 'MAY' (1901-) was born 1901, Perth, WA [Reg. 4581], father, Edwin John Chandler, mother, registered as Minnie Gardiner. **LOUISE** married **RUDOLPH SCHICK (1900-~1980)**, 1928, Hornsby, NSW [Reg. 6474], recorded as May L Chandler.

3. CHANDLER, JESSIE (1904-1904) was born, registered 1904, Perth, WA [Reg. 4464]. He died 21 Apr 1904, Perth, WA [Reg. 1954] at age three months.

Mary Jane Chandler (Nee Gardiner) died 1 Jan 1906, Perth, WA [Reg. 6]. When she died her children: **Ernest William** was aged seven years and **Louise May** was aged five years.

Following his wife Mary Jane's death, Edwin John Chandler remarried.

m. 2 EDWIN JOHN CHANDLER (1864-1936) married **ALICE MATILDA BLECHYNDEN (1875-1949)** 26 Aug 1909, St Mary's Anglican Church, Beverley, WA [Reg. 21]. Alice, was aged 34 years of age, John about 45 years of age. Alice Matilda became mother to Edwin John's children, **Ernest William** and **Louise May** who, were now aged 10 and 8 years. A year later she had a child of her own, Albert.

3rd CHILD OF ALICE MATILDA BLECHYNDEN & EDWIN JOHN 'JACK' CHANDLER

3. CHANDLER, ALBERT BLECHYNDEN (1910-1969) was born 22 May 1910, Kimberley St, Leederville, WA [Reg. 90]. Albert died 23 Aug 1969, Gosnells, (Canning), WA [Reg. 146].

Alice Chandler (nee Blechynden) with her son Albert Blechynden Chandler. Courtesy Carline Humfrey

Albert Blechynden Chandler.
Courtesy Lucia Bender

ALBERT married **VERA EILEEN THOMAS (1916-2015)**, 26 Apr 1945, St Mary's Church, West Perth, WA [Reg. 861]. Albert was a 34-year-old bachelor and Vera Eileen was a 29-year-old spinster.

Vera Eileen Thomas died 17 Jul 2015, aged 99 years. Albert's occupation was listed as a Truck Driver (now Soldier) and his place of residence was Beverley. His father Edwin John was deceased at the time of the marriage and his father's previous occupation was listed as an Engineer. It's noted also that Vera's parents, Edwin Thomas and Elizabeth Nock, were both deceased at the time of the marriage. Her father Edwin Thomas's occupation was listed as a Miner. Albert Blechynden Chandler and Vera Eileen Thomas had no children. (Stated on his death certificate).

Electoral Roll:
1949 Albert Blechynden Chandler, 240 Hammersley Rd, Subiaco WA, bus driver.
1954, 1958, 1868 Albert Blechynden Chandler, 82 Evelyn St, Gosnells, farmer, Vera Eileen, home duties.

Via Lucia Bender: What I know about my maternal grandfather Albert Blechynden Chandler.
It seems that when he was 23 years of age, Albert was the father of Esther Raine Swarbrick. See details below.

ESTHER 'RAINE' SWARBRICK (1933-2022), daughter of Albert Blechynden Chandler and Ethel Swarbrick. (Adopted)
*It begins with my dear 88-year-old mother **Esther Raine Swarbrick** being adopted as a child. My mother "Raine" was born on 7 Apr 1933. I have a copy of The Adoption of Children Act, 1896, and Amendments, 1. Application for Order of Adoption under Section3 (or 4) of Act. It states that Esther Raine was born at Nurse Reid's Hospital in Subiaco. Her mother is listed as **Ethel Swarbrick** – single woman from 14 Shakespeare Street Mount Hawthorn, WA – domestic. (18 years old). Her father is listed as **Albert Chandler**, Pangbourne Street Wembley Park, WA – Canvasser. (22 years old).*

*Her adoptive parents were **Alfred Louis Swarbrick & Grace Olive Swarbrick** of 14 Shakespeare Street, Mount Hawthorn – Motor Mechanic & wife. At the time of the adoption Ethel was also living at 14 Shakespeare Street, Mount Hawthorn. Ethel Swarbrick lived with her sister Dulcie May and her widowed father, previously at the family home Nanson Street, Wembley Park. (a few streets from Pangbourne). **Ethel Swarbrick** was born 12 Apr 1915. She later married Ron Kersting and they had three sons.*

My mother did not find out until her late seventies that she was adopted. This was quite devastating to her. Her "Auntie" Ethel was confirmed to be her mother. They loved each other very much, but the news was difficult at the time for my mum. And now at 88 she wants to know more!

Esther Raine Swarbrick aged two years.
Courtesy of Lucia Bender, her daughter

We are all happy that Mum was adopted into the family of her real mum's relatives, so that she grew up knowing her family. We all have fond memories of Alf and especially of Grace who adopted

two other children and gave birth to one son. Grace lived to be 102 years old!

Due to the long timeframe before my mum found out about her adoption her mother Ethel was well into her nineties and was only able to give my mum small amounts of information about the situation around her birth. So far, I know Albert Chandler to have been employed as a canvasser, stove maker, truck driver & soldier.

Alice Matilda Chandler (nee Blechynden), 1940. Cropped from a family photo of her mother Caroline's 90th birthday.

Electoral Roll:

1906 Alice Matilda Blechynden, John Street, North Fremantle, home duties.
1910 Edwin John Chandler, 262 Fitzgerald Street, Perth, engineer, fitter and electrician.
1913, 1917, 1925, Edwin John Chandler, 113 Kimberley Street, Leederville, fitter, Alice Matilda, married.
1931 Edwin John Chandler, 60 Pangbourne Street, Wembley Park, labourer, Alice Matilda, married.
1936 Alice Matilda Chandler, 60 Pangbourne Street, Wembley Park, married.
1943 Alice Matilda Chandler, Edward Street, Beverley

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1903, 1904, Chandler Edwin J, 28 Lindsay St, Perth
1906, 1908 Chandler E, 262 Fitzgerald St Perth
1915, Chandler Edwin John, 115, Kimberley St, Leederville
1938, 1940, 1941 Chandler Mrs Alice, 60 Pangbourne Street, Wembley Park

Edwin John Chandler died 1 May 1936, Wembley, WA [Reg No. 767].

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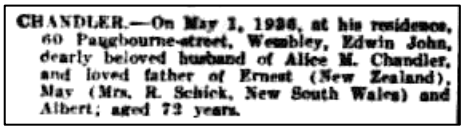
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Alice Matilda Chandler (nee Blechynden) died 20 Jun 1949, at her residence, 240 Hamersley Road, Subiaco, WA [Reg. 1228]. Via Gilchrist/Cameron Family Tree.

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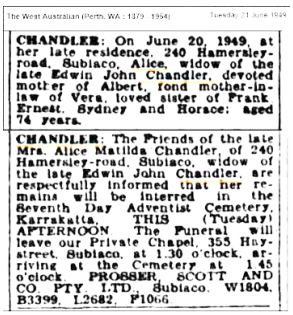
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Albert Edwin Blechynden was born 25 May 1877, Beverley, WA [Reg. 18288]. His birth name written as Albert Edwin. baptised 17 Jun 1877, Speldhurst, WA.

With their two children, Frank almost four years and Alice almost two years of age, Charles Edwin and Caroline Blechynden must have welcomed the birth of their third child. Sadly, their joy was not to last for long as baby Albert died at the age of five months. Albert Edwin Blechynden died 10 Nov 1877 [Reg. 9454]. The name of baby written as Albert Edward.

FOURTH CHILD OF CHARLES EDWIN BLECHYNDEN & CAROLINE DAVIES

4. BLECHYNDEN, 'ERNIE' WALTER (1878-1957) & WALKER, BEATRICE ANNIE (1882-1945)

Ernie Blechynden was born 20 Sep 1878, 'Seaton Ross', Beverley, WA [Reg. 19698]. Recorded as Earnest. baptised 13 Oct 1878. Parents recorded as Caroline Davis and Edwin Blechynden. Occupation: Government Clerk and Farmer, Bruce Rock.

Ernest Walter Blechynden, cropped from a photo titled, sons of Charles Edwin Blechynden. Courtesy Lindsay Adams

Ernest Walter Blechynden died 10 Aug 1957, Wagin Hospital, aged 79 years, registered place, Katanning, WA [Reg. 58]. Burial: 13 Aug 1957, St Mary's Cemetery. Beverley, WA.

ERNEST married **BEATRICE ANNIE WALKER (1882-1945)** 1903, Beverley, WA [Reg. 4]. Beatrice was born Jul 1882, Urchfont, Devizes, Wiltshire, England, baptised 6 Aug 1882. She was the eldest daughter of **THOMAS GEORGE WALKER (1858-1937)** and **ANNIE SMITH HIBBERD (1847-1891)**.

Beatrice died 2 Oct 1945, Corrigin Hospital, registered at Bruce Rock, Beverley, WA [Reg. 15]. Aged 63 years. Buried Beverley Anglican Cemetery.

The following two and a half pages provide details of Beatrice Annie Walker's family background. The story of Ernest and Beatrice resumes there.

WALKER, THOMAS GEORGE (1858-1937), was born 27 Mar 1858, Great Milton, Oxfordshire, England. He died on 23 Nov 1937, Beverley, WA [Reg. 42]. **THOMAS** married **m. 2 ANNIE SMITH ALEXANDER (NEE HIBBERD) (1847-1891)** widow, 4 Aug 1881, Urchfont, Wiltshire, England. Via Daniel Henry Faulkner Family Tree, Ancestry, Annie was baptised 22 Dec 1847, Hammersmith, London, Middlesex, England. She died Jan 1891, Devizes, Wiltshire, England.

m. 1 ANNIE SMITH HIBBERD (1847-1891) married **SIMON THOMAS ALEXANDER (1846-1877)**, 3 Oct 1867, Urchfont, Wiltshire, England. **ANNIE** and **SIMON** had two (known) children: **GEORGE ALEXANDER (1868-)** AND **CHARLOTTE ALEXANDER (1873-1942).** Simon died 10 Nov 1877, Devizes,

Wiltshire, England. He was buried on 16 Nov 1877, in Urchfont, Devizes. At the time of their father's death, George was aged approximately nine years and Charlotte four years. In 1881, Annie married again:

m. 2 ANNIE SMITH ALEXANDER (NEE HIBBERD) (1847-1891), widow**,** married **THOMAS GEORGE WALKER (1858-1937):** 4 Aug 1881, Urchfont, Wiltshire, England.

From this marriage Annie had five more children. With the two from her previous marriage, the total was now seven. More details on them all following.

Thomas George Walker

Annie Smith Alexander (nee Hibberd)

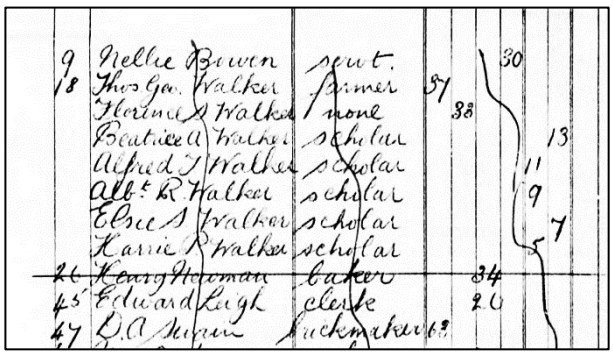
Following his wife Annie's death in 1891, Thomas married a second time.

m2. THOMAS GEORGE WALKER (1858-1937) married **FLORENCE SUSAN HUMPHRIES (1862-1949)** on 7 Oct 1894, Bampton, Oxfordshire, England. Florence was born 6 Apr 1862, Woburn, Bedfordshire, England. She died 28 Jul, 1949, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400019].

EMMIGRATION:

Thomas George and Florence Walker and his five children from his first marriage, emigrated from England to Albany, WA via the ship *Orizaba*, 18 Oct 1895: Naples Ismailia Colombo Albany Adelaide Melbourne Sydney.

The two older children, George Walker, now 23, and Charlotte Walker, 18, remained in England.



Passenger record from the Orizaba, showing Thomas George Walker 37, Florence 33, and five accompanying children Beatrice 13, Alfred 11, Albert 9, Elsie 7, and Harry 7.

CHILDREN OF THOMAS GEORGE WALKER (1858-1937) and **ANNIE SMITH ALEXANDER (NEE HIBBERD) (1847-1891).** Marriages following the emigration of the five children to WA,

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2. ALFRED 'FRED' THOMAS WALKER (1884-1955) was born 1884, Urchfont, Wiltshire, England. He died 29 Nov 1955, Beverley, WA [Reg No. 2987], aged 71 years. **m.1. ALFRED** married **SOPHIE SMITH (1884-1953)** 1909, Beverley, WA [Reg. 7]. **SOPHIE** was born 29 Mar 1884, Beverley, WA [Reg. 25039], Father **LEWIS HERBERT SMITH** and mother, **MARY WILSON BLOOMFIELD**. Sophie died 1953, Perth, WA [Reg. 3041].

LEWIS HERBERT SMITH (1853-1940) and **MARY WILSON BLOOMFIELD (1862-)** were married 1878, Beverley, WA [Reg. 4556]. Brother of Eva Smith who married Harry Percy Walker, 1919, Beverley, WA [Reg. 24].

m.2. ALFRED THOMAS WALKER married **m.2 MARJORY PHILLIPA MUNCKTON (NEE DAVEY) (1908-2004)**, 1955, York, WA [Reg. 3].

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3. ALBERT RICHARD WALKER (1886-1949) was born 1886, Urchfont, Wiltshire, England. He died 6 Nov 1949, Beverley, WA [Reg. 35], aged 63 years and is buried in the Beverley, Anglican Cemetery.

Electoral Roll:
1910, 1931, 1949 Albert Richard Walker, Beverley, farmer.

4. ELSIE SELINA WALKER (1888-1950) was born 1888, Urchfont, Wiltshire, England. **ELSIE** died 28 Oct 1950, Beverley, WA [Reg. 43], aged 62 years. She married **FRANCIS BARRETT-LENNARD (1882-1959)**, 1910, Beverley, WA [Reg. 17].

5. HARRY PERCY WALKER (1889-1965) was born 27 Nov 1889, Devizes, Wiltshire, England. He died 17 Mar 1965, Quairading, WA [Reg. 904]. **HARRY** married **EVA SMITH (1888-1963)**, 10 Sep 1919, Beverley, WA [Reg. 24]. They had four children: Nancy, Colin, Patricia and Betty. **EVA** was born 18 Jan 1888, Beverley, WA [Reg. 243], daughter of **LOUIS HERBERT SMITH (1853-1940)** and **MARY WILSON BLOOMFIELD (1862-)**. Sister of Sophie who married Alfred Thomas Walker. Eva Walker (nee Smith) died 22 Sep 1963, York, WA [Reg. 22].

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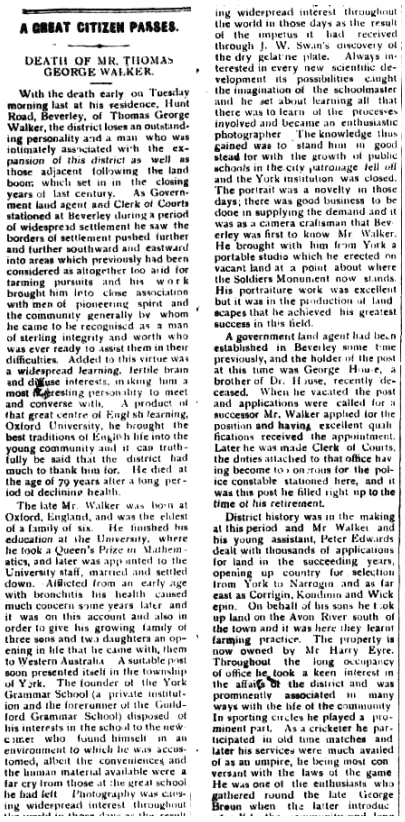

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DEATH OF MR. THOMAS GEORGE WALKER.

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The late Mr. Walker was born at Oxford, England, and was the eldest of a family of six. He finished his education at the University, where he took a Queen's Prize in Mathematics, and later was appointed to the University staff, married and settled down. Afflicted from an early age with bronchitis his health caused much concern some years later and it was on this account and also in order to give his growing family of three sons and two daughters an opening in life that he came with them to Western Australia. A suitable post soon presented itself in the township of York. The founder of the York Grammar School (a private institution and the forerunner of the Guildford Grammar School) disposed of his interests in the school to the new comer who found himself in an environment to which he was accustomed, albeit the conveniences and the human material available were a far cry from those at the great school he had left. Photography was causing widespread interest throughout the world in those days as the result of the impetus it had received through J. W. Swan's discovery of the dry gelatine plate. Always interested in every new scientific development its possibilities caught the imagination of the schoolmaster and he set about learning all that there was to learn of the processes involved and became an enthusiastic photographer. The knowledge thus gained was to stand him in good stead for with the growth of public schools in the city patronage fell off and the York institution was closed. The portrait was a novelty in those days; there was good business to be done in supplying the demand and it was as a camera craftsman that Beverley was first to know Mr. Walker. He brought with him from York a portable studio which he erected on vacant land at a point about where the Soldiers Monument now stands. His portraiture work was excellent but it was in the production of landscapes that he achieved his greatest success in this field.

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The late Mr Walker was well versed in English literature and was a lover of the best in poetry and prose as well as keeping himself abreast of every new development in the scientific world so that his mind was a mine of information on countless subjects. His knowledge was freely given to any who sought information and was valued by the community in the early days of the district's history. Much could be written of his manifold services, of his good humour and tolerance, but suffice it to say that with his passing a notable citizen and a good and faithful servant of the district is lost to us.

Deceased is survived by a widow, three sons (Fred, Richard and Harry) and two daughters Mrs E Blechynden, (Babakin) and Mrs F Barrett-Leonard. There are many grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The funeral of the deceased took place at the Anglican Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, following a service at St Mary's at which the Rev. Bartlett paid a tribute to the departed as a great citizen and as a

man who was ready for the Call when it came. The service at Church and graveside was well attended despite the short notice given and among those present were several representatives of adjacent districts. The coffin-bearers were Messrs. W Fairhead, O Smith, and J and W Shackles and Messrs. F Blechynden, D H Forbes, H D Snith. H A Marshall, F Bremner and W R Gillespie acted as pall bearers. Floral tributes were received from the following:

Loving Wife and Rich; Sons and Daughters; Fred, Sophie and family; Harry, Eva and family; Frank, Elsie and family; Millie and Keith; Herbert and Flo Walker and family; Beverley Rifle Club; Mrs Hunter, Jean and Grace; Mr and Mrs J. K. McLean and family; Mr and Mrs Peter Edwards and Boys; E. M. Pith; Syd and Kate; Horace, Ella and Colin; Ernie, Beatie and family; Mr and Mrs W. R Gillespie; Miss M. Hamersley: Mr and Mrs Alan Hinde; Mr and Mrs W. S Jarrett; Mr and Mrs F. H Blechynden; Mr Townsend and family; E. E. Shackles and Sons; Jim and Lily Weather; Clara and Jim Mann; J L. McGowan; Mr and Mrs Colin McLean and family and Mrs Wansbrough; Mr and Mrs W J Gillett; Elder, Smith and Co. Ltd.; Tom and Essie; Mr and Mrs W H Bateman; Mrs McManus and family; Mr and Mrs Snook. and Miss. Snook; Mr and Mrs Birch and family; Mr and Mrs Webb and Cyril; Mr and Mrs F H Burrows; Jack and Enid; Mr and Mrs E Ford, Reta and Miss Edwards; Mr and Mrs GEL Wrench; Mr and Mrs Tickle and family from "The Cottage"; Staff of Beverley Coop; Allan McGrath; F McDonald and family; Mr and Mrs D H Forbes and family; E M Gulliver; Mr and Mrs M. Miller and Jack; Mr and Mrs H W Robin; and Isabel.

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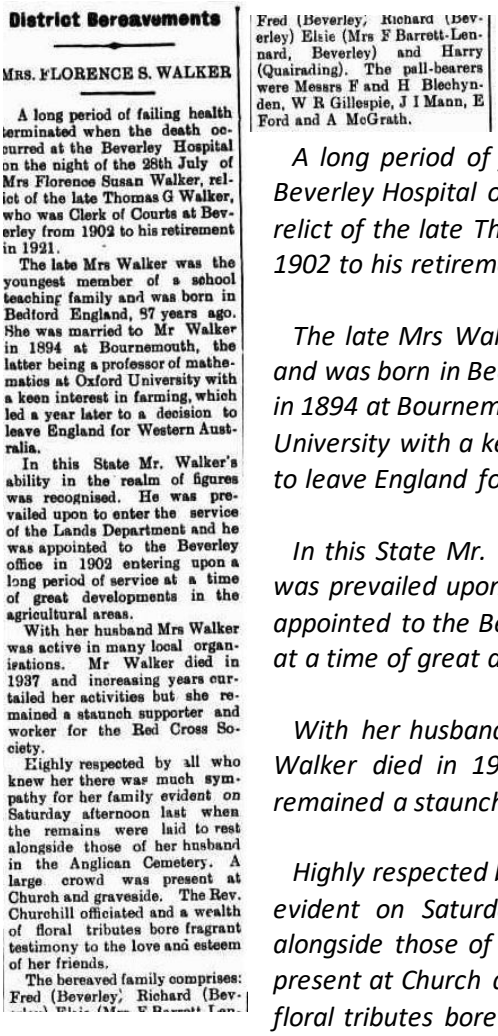

District Bereavements

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"When farming area around Bruce Rock was opened up for selection, Ernest Walter and Beatrice left Beverley and took up farmland at Babakin. Their farm was called "Hillside". At this stage they had three children - Caroline; Edwin (Ted); Ernest (Jack)'

Ernest Walter Blechynden and Beatrice Annie Blechynden (nee Walker), 1934, (cropped). Courtesy Peter Valentine

While they were waiting to be able to build a shelter, they lived in a tent. A very, nice home was eventually built and I have a vague memory it - especially the lovely garden and fruit trees. Ernest and Beatrice farmed there many years and their four children grew up there.

Uncle Ted and Aunty Gladys worked on the Faulkner farm nearby as well as helping out at "Hillside". My Father (Jack) and Mother (May) were living and working at "Hillside" too.

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MR. ERNEST WALTER BLECHYNDEN (1878-1957)

***Western Mail* (Perth, WA: 1885 - 1954), Thu 9 Oct 1930, pg 31**
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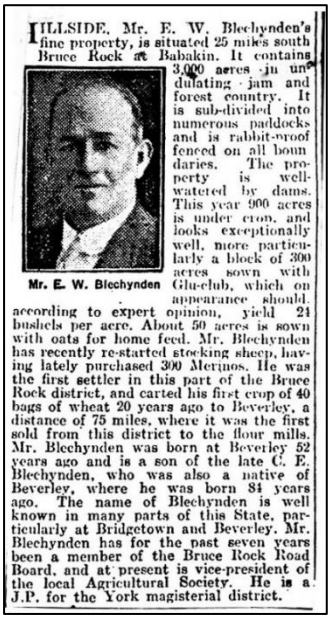

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Kurrenkutten is a small WA rural location within the local government area of Corrigin. It is located approximately 211kms from Perth.

Map showing Kurrenkutten.

Beatrice Annie Blechynden (nee Walker) died 6 Oct 1945, Corrigin Hospital, (Bruce Rock), WA [Reg. 15].

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 5 Oct 1945, pg 2**
05 Oct 1945 - OBITUARY (nla.gov.au)

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Mother and Rich; Elsie, Frank and Tom; Harry, Eva and Family; Sophie Fred and Family; Syd and Kate; Ella Frank and Norma; Horace and Ella; Alice and Frank; Stan, Muriel and Family; Ted and Gladys; Dad, Carol, Elsie and Bert and Family; Bruce, Edna and Family; Launa and Arnold; Doc and O Hodgson and Family; All at Talbot; Mr and Mrs E Ford and Reta: Grace and Harold Hick and Mrs Simpson; Albert and Vera; Mr and Mrs Mat Miller and Jack; H Eyre; Mr and Mrs J K. McLean and Family; Mr and Mrs E B Simmons; Mary and Peter Thomas; Mr and Mrs H Branson and Family; Tom and Essie Burgess; Colin and Nancy; Ottie, Milton and Family; Olive and Jim Clark; Mr and Mrs D Treloar; Enid, Jack and Family; Mr and Mrs John McLean and Family; Mary and Peter; Jack and May.

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Ernest Walter Blechynden died 10 Aug 1957, Wagin Hospital, registered place, Katanning, WA [Reg. 58]. Burial: 13 Aug 1957 Place: St Mary's Cemetery. Beverley, WA.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 16 Aug 1957, pg 1**
16 Aug 1957 - BABAKIN PIONEER (nla.gov.au)

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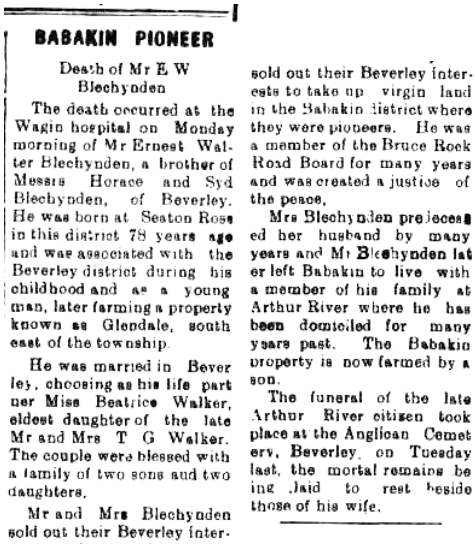

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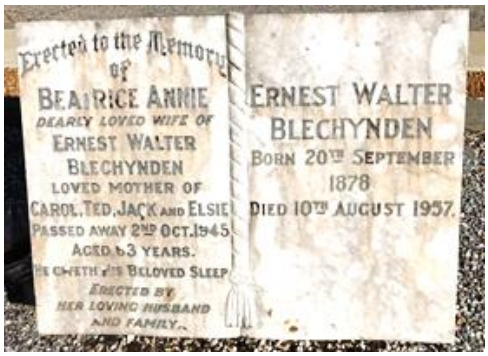

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1st CHILD OF ERNEST WALTER BLECHYNDEN & BEATRICE ANNIE WALKER

1. BLECHYNDEN, BEATRICE CAROLINE 'CAROL' (1904-1965) was born 21 Jan 1904, at Beverley, WA [Reg. 7279]. Beatrice did not marry, nor did she have any children.

Beatrice Annie Blechynden (nee Walker) holding Beatrice Caroline, 12 Aug 1906. Courtesy of Val Valentine.

Electoral Roll:
1925, 1931, 1943, 1949, Beatrice Caroline Blechynden, Babakin, home duties.

Beatrice Caroline Blechynden died 17 Nov 1965, Beverley, WA [Reg. 3680]. Buried Beverley Cemetery

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 19 Nov 1965, pg 11**

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2nd CHILD OF ERNEST WALTER BLECHYNDEN & BEATRICE ANNIE WALKER

2. BLECHYNDEN, EDWIN 'TED' THOMAS (1906-1972) was born 27 Jan 1906, Beverley, WA [Reg. 13].

The Boys' Pig Club

It appears that Edwin along with many other sons of farmers applied for and joined The Boy's Pig Club and as such was granted a pig. Following are inserts from articles about the Boys Pigs Club.

***Sunday Times* (Perth, WA: 1902 - 1954), Sun 3 Sep 1916, pg 5**
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The Boys' Pig Club

"With the exception of a few applications which are the subject of correspondence: our list of approved and registered applications for membership in the Boys' Pig Club is now complete.. .
. . . The following names bring the total up to 686:- . . . Edwin Thomas Blechynden . . .

give "The Sunday Times" greater pleasure than to be able to supply every deserving applicant with a sow, but our resources are limited. The following names bring the total up to 686:—

William Henry Argus, Gerald Thomas Anstey, Avon Gilbert Ashman.

John Stanley Bail, William Stanford Bagshaw, Guy Brockman, Jack Charles Bassett, Spencer Bernard Bignell, Harold Frederick James Best, Richard Cleve Burges, Carl Bailey, Ralph Stanley Boothey, Louis Huetson Beurteaux, Frederick Charles Borgward, Edwin Thomas Blechynden, Jack Stanley Forrest Beattie, George Edward Stephen Best, Geoffrey Lionel Bell.

There are many articles found in *Trove* on The Boys' Pig Club. It appears it was very popular at that time in Australia and the USA.

"Our object is not simply to encourage pig raising, and thus establish a flourishing industry within the State, but we seek to do this through the younger generation. In this way we hope to organise and educate the farmers of tomorrow to appreciate the value of the pig as a moneymaker on the farm."

The girls protested:

It will be noticed that we have registered one girl's name. We are receiving many letters from girls protesting against being excluded from participating in the work of the club. After reading what the girls say, we are compelled to confess that they make out a good claim as to their eligibility for membership. . . . This is what the girls say for themselves:

No. 1 writes: "The boy gets the pig if he is lucky. He brings it home and tells his sister to look after it for him. Now, sir, the girl on the farm milks cows, feeds calves and pigs, and looks after other things.

Why not trust her with a pig? She will look after it. I will give you my word I will if I get one. . . . Kindly, think again; women have to do a lot of work in wartime."

For those interested, follow the link below on one of The Pig Club Essays on "How I raised my pig."

***Northern Herald* (Cairns, Qld: 1913 - 1939), Sat 24 Sep 1932, pg 36**
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EDWIN 'TED' THOMAS BLECHYNDEN (1906-1972) married **GLADYS LAURA FAULKNER (1905-1984)** 6 Apr 1932, Babakin, WA [Reg. 31]. They did not have any children.

***Wheatbelt Wheatsheaf and Dampier Advocate* (Merredin, WA: 1930 - 1939), Tue 19 Apr 1932, pg 2**
19 Apr 1932 - WEDDING BELLS. (nla.gov.au)

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Following are details about Gladys Laura Faulkner and her family.

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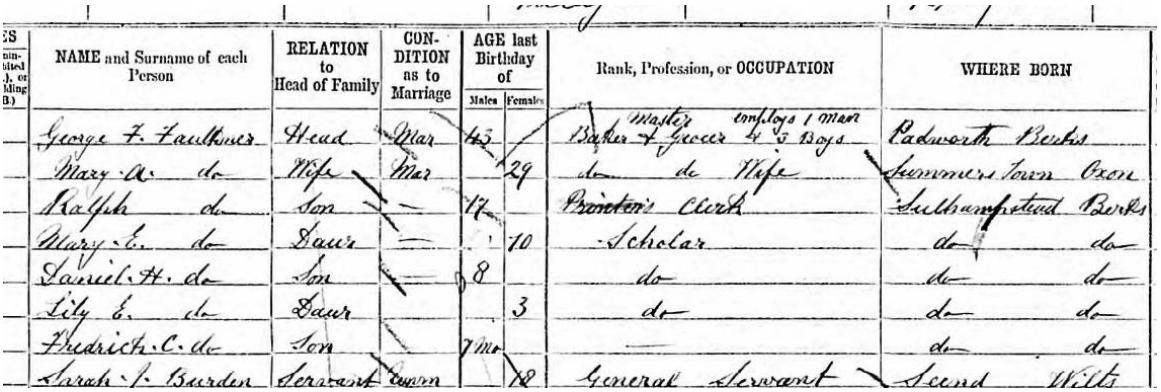
DANIEL was born 1873, Sulhampstead, Berkshire, England. Parents: **GEORGE FREDERICK FAULKNER (1837-1889)** and **MARY ELIZABETH WILCOX (1839-1877)** who were married 3 Jun 1860, St Marylebone, Middlesex, England. They had six children:

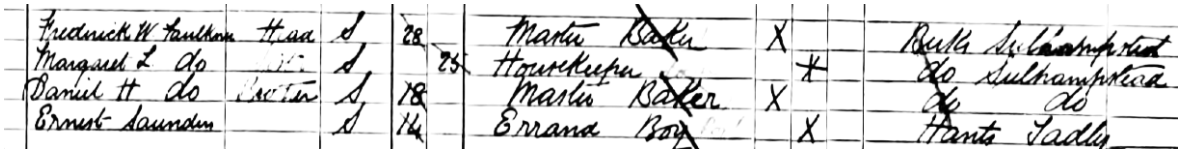
1. THOMAS GEORGE FAULKNER (1861-1944)
2. FREDERICK WILLIAM FAULKNER (1862-1947)
3. RALPH FAULKNER (1864-1922)
4. MARY ELIZABETH FAULKNER (1870-1947)
5. **DANIEL HENRY FAULKNER (1873-1961)**
6. LILY EDITH FAULKNER (1878-1962).

Census 1881 Berkshire: Daniel H Faulkner aged 8 years.



NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CONDITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of Males	AGE last Birthday of Females	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN
George F. Faulkner	Head	Mar	43		Baker & Grocer Master employs 1 man & 3 Boys	Padworth Berks
Mary A. do	Wife	Mar		29	do do Wife	Summers Town Oxon
Ralph do	Son	—	17		Printer's Clerk	Sulhampstead Berks
Mary E. do	Daur	—		10	Scholar	do do
Daniel H. do	Son	—	8		do	do do
Lily E. do	Daur			3	do	do do
Frederick C. do	Son		7 mo		—	do do
Sarah P. Burden	Servant	Unm		18	General Servant	Secnd Wilts

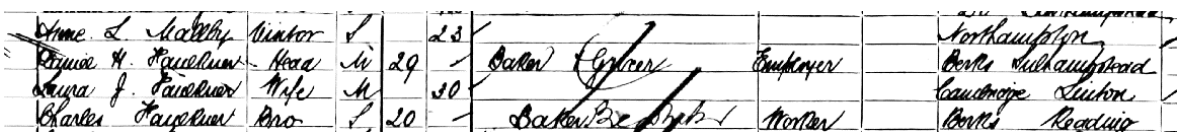
Census 1891 Hampshire: Daniel H Faulkner, Master Baker, aged 18 years.



Frederick W Faulkner	Head	S	28		Master Baker	X			Berks Sulhampstead
Margaret L do	Wife	S		25	Housekeeper		X		do Sulhampstead
Daniel H do	Brother	S	18		Master Baker	X			do do
Ernest Saunders		S	14		Errand Boy		X		Hants Sadler

m. 1 DANIEL HENRY FAULKNER (1873-1961) and **LAURA JANET STARLING (1867-1910)** were married Jul 1899, Linton, Cambridgeshire, England.

Census 1901, Berkshire: Daniel F Faulkner, 29 years and wife Laura, 30 years, plus Charles his brother, via his father's second marriage to Mary Anne Bates, 1879, Oxford, Oxfordshire, England.



Anne L. Malby	Visitor	S		23				Northamptonshire
Daniel H. Faulkner	Head	M	29		Baker Grocer	Employer		Berks Sulhampstead
Laura J. Faulkner	Wife	M		30				Cambridgeshire Linton
Charles Faulkner	Bro	S	20		Baker Baker	Worker		Berks Reading

Laura Janet Faulkner (nee Starling) died 1910, in Berkshire, England. Daniel Faulkner emigrated from England, arrival October 1910, Fremantle, WA. Gladys was only five years old when her mother died and her father emigrated to Australia. Gladys joined her father five years later – see following.

m. 2 DANIEL HENRY FAULKNER (1873-1961) married **BLANCHE 'TOTTIE' MARTIN (1875-1940)** 1914, Perth, WA [Reg. 247].

Gladys Laura Faulkner, emigrated to WA via the ship *Omrah*, arriving Fremantle, 5 Aug 1915 to join her father and his new wife Blanche.

BLANCHE 'TOTTIE' MARTIN (1875-1940) was born 3 Jul 1875, Clunes, VIC [Reg. 14778]. Parents: **WILLIAM MARK ROGERS MARTIN (1845-1891)** and **MARY SMITH (1844-1929)** who were married 1

Sep 1869, VIC [Reg. 2655]. Blanche Faulkner (nee Martin) died 28 Aug 1940, Bruce Rock, WA [Reg. 120002]. William and Mary had twelve children as follows:

1. LOUISA MARTIN (1870-1950),
2. ELLEN MARTIN (1872-1944),
3. WILLIAM MARTIN (1874-1916),
4. **BLANCHE MARTIN (1875-1940),**
5. MINA MARTIN (1876-1958),
6. JOHN FREDERCK MARTIN (1878-1934),
7. ADA MARY MARTIN (1880-1944),
8. CAROLINE MARTIN (1881-1966),
9. MABEL MARTIN (1883-1967),
10, NORMAN GORDON MARTIN (1885-1909),
11. SYDNEY SMITH MARTIN (1886-1911), and
12. GEORGE HARRISON MARTIN (1888-1951).

William Mark Rogers Martin died in VIC in 1891, VIC [Reg. 9872]. Mary Martin (nee Smith) died 1929, Boulder, WA [Reg. 700009]. Records show that following Williams Martin's death, Blanche, her mother and her siblings all moved to WA.

Electoral Roll:
Mary Martin, widow with six of her children in Kalgoorlie, WA.
1910 Mary Martin, 76 Forrest St, Kalgoorlie, widow, Ada Mary Martin, spinster, Blanche Martin, spinster, George Harrison Martin, grocer, Louisa Martin, spinster, Norman Gordon Martin, labourer, Sydney Smith Martin, clerk.

DANIEL HENRY FAULKNER (1873-1961) and **BLANCHE MARTIN (1875-1940**) had one child. **LUCY 'TRIXIE' FAULKNER (1916-2011)** was born 1916, Northam, WA [Reg. 132]. She married **FRANK WILLIAM SMITH (1910-2004)** 1934, Bruce Rock, WA [Reg. 24].

Electoral Roll:
1925, 1937 Daniel Henry Faulkner, Melverley, Babakin, farmer, Blanche, married.
1943 Daniel Henry Faulkner, Melverley, Babakin, farmer.

The following article shows Gladys as matron of honour at her sister Trixie's wedding.

***Bruce Rock Post & Corrigin & Narembeen Guardian* (WA: 1924 - 1948), Thu 10 Sep 1936, pg 2**
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WEDDING *BELLS.*

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Mrs E. W. Blechynden, at the piano, provided the usual wedding music.

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***Bruce Rock Post and Corrigin and Narembeen Guardian* (WA: 1924 - 1948), Thu 5 Sep 1940, pg 2**
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***Bruce Rock Post and Corrigin and Narembeen Guardian* (WA: 1924 - 1948), Thu 5 Sep 1940, pg 5**

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***Merredin Mercury and Central Districts Index* (WA: 1912 - 1954), Thu 10 Mar 1949, pg 7**
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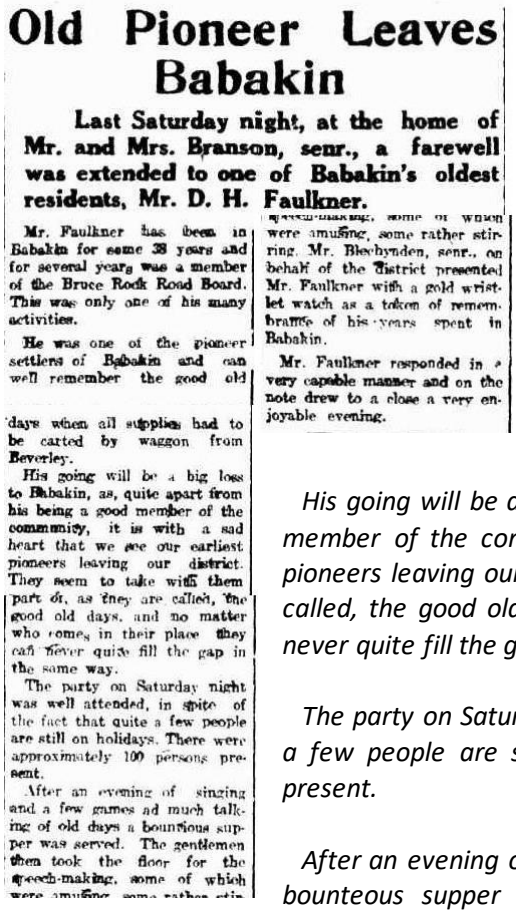

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EDWIN served in WW2. Service Number – 29399. Place of enlistment - PERTH WA: Next of Kin - BLECHYNDEN GLADYS. Flight Mechanic, RAAF.

Electoral Roll:
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1931 Edwin Thomas Blechynden, Babakin, farmhand
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BABAKIN RIFLE CLUB: Edwin Thomas Blechynden belonged to the Babakin Rifle Club and proved to be a competitor to be reckoned with. Follow the link below to view more of the scores.

***Corrigin Chronicle and Kunjin-Bullaring Representative* (WA: 1925 - 1943), Thu 1 Sep 1938, pg 4**
01 Sep 1938 - BABAKIN NEWS (nla.gov.au)

E. T. Blechynden appears in many of the events.

Gladys Laura Blechynden (nee Faulkner) died 29 Oct 1984, Beverley, WA.

Edwin 'Ted' Thomas Blechynden died 13 Aug 1972, Fremantle, WA. Buried Beverley Cemetery.

BABAKIN RIFLE CLUB.

The results of the Central District Rifle Union annual prize meeting, held at Merredin last week-end, indicate that the Babakin Club members were in excellent form. A. H. Bee won the Grand Aggregate and the team all three Teams' trophies. The awards were:—

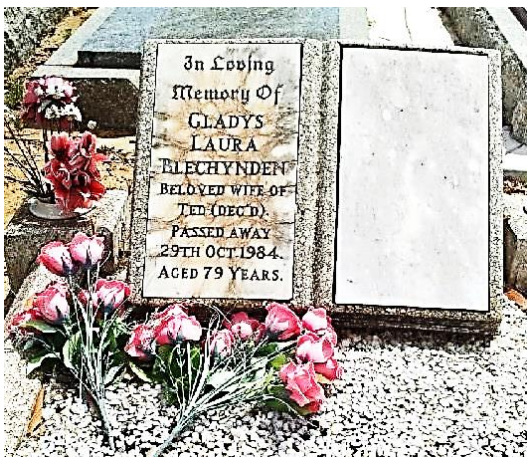
The Wadderin (500 yards),—10/- prize, W. S. Gimson, 33; 5/- prizes, A. H. Bee 33, R. F. Lutley 32, J. S. Boyd, 32

The Babakin-Bilbarin (300 yards), —10/- prize, W. S. Gimson, 34; 5/- prizes, A. H. Bee 33, R. J. Jacobs 32, E. T Blechynden 32; 5/- Tyros, J. S. Boyd 32.

The Merredin (500 yards), – 5/- prizes, R. J. Jacobs 33, W. S. Gimson 33, A. H. Bee 33.

The Kununoppin (600 yards),— 1st £1/15/-, A. H. Bee, 49; 5/- prizes, C. W. Bee 47, R. F. Lutley 46; 5/- Tyros, W. S. Gimson 45.

The Kalgarin-Hyden Service match, 500 yards,—1st £1/15/-, A. H. Bee 34; 3rd tie 11/8, W. S. Gimson, 33;



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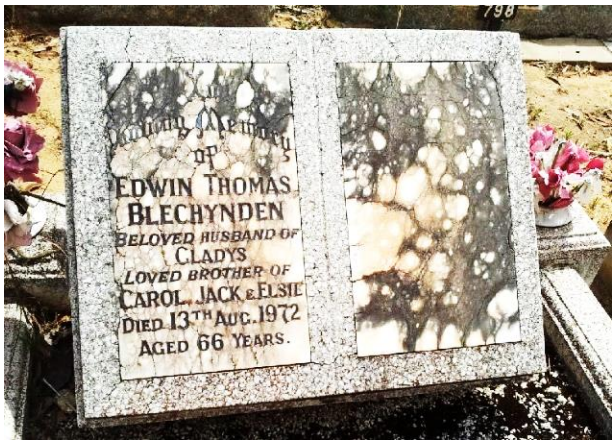

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3rd CHILD OF ERNEST WALTER BLECHYNDEN & BEATRICE ANNIE WALKER

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Ernest John (Jack) Blechynden, 1926. Courtesy Val Valentine

JACK married **ELLEN 'MAY' BRANSON (1909-1987)** Bruce Rock, in 1934, WA [Reg. 15].

***West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Sat 14 Jul 1934, pg 1**
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Wedding Photo of Ernest John (Jack) and together with their parents at Babakin 26th May, 1934.

Howard and Ethel Branson, Ellen 'May' (Blechynden (nee Branson), Ernest John 'Jack', Beatrice (Beatie) and Ernest (Ernie) Blechynden. Courtesy Val Valentine.

Wedding Photo of Ernest John (Jack) and Ellen May (Mae) Blechynden, (nee Branson) 26th May 1934, Babakin. Courtesy Val Valentine.

Wedding photo: Ernest John 'Jack' Blechynden and Ella May (nee Branson), 26th May 1934.

ELLEN MAY BRANSON (1909-1987) (Via Phillip Mouritz Family Tree) was born 24 May 1909, East Murchison, WA [Reg. 15]. Parents: **HOWARD HENRY BRANSON (1881-1960) and ETHEL MAY CARRETT (1889-1963)** who were married 1906, Cues Patch, East Murchison, WA [Reg. 8]. Ellen was the eldest of six children, more details following. Ellen died 18 Apr 1987, Trayning, WA. Buried at the Trayning Cemetery.

Ellen May Branson, 17 years,1926,

Ernest John 'Jack' Blechynden, 1927 at "Hillside", Babakin. Courtesy Val Valentine

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The following page contains details of Ellen May Branson's parents, Howard Henry Branson and Ethel May Carrett and a brief history of her grandparents:

HOWARD HENRY BRANSON (1881-1960) Via Branson Family Tree, Ancestry.

Howard Henry Branson was born 19 Dec 1881, Kanyaka, Frome, Flinders Range, SA [p. 66 Vol. 274]. Parents: **JOHN JAMES BRANSON (1853-1913)** and **ELLEN JANE MUNCHENBERG (1854-1888).** 'Ellen Jane' was born as Johanne Eleonore Munch

JOHN JAMES BRANSON (1853-1913) married **'ELLEN' MUNCHENBERG (1854-1888)** 5 Apr 1874, SA [p. 70, Vol.99]. Recorded as Ellen. Howard Henry Branson died 9 Nov 1960, Bruce Rock, (Williams), WA [Reg. 1], registered in 1961]. 'Ellen Jane' Branson (nee Munchenberg) died 1888, Greenock, SA [p. 21 Vol 174]. Recorded as Ellen Jane. John James Branson died 1913, Mt Margaret, WA [Reg. 22]. John and Ellen had eight children as follows, all born in SA:

1. EMILY JANE BRANSON (1874-1933)
2. MAY ELLEN BRANSON (1876-1906)
3. WALTER ARTHUR NORMAN BRANSON (1880-1961)
4. CHARLES BRANSON (1879-1944)
5. **HOWARD HENRY BRANSON (1881-1960)**
6. OLIVE EDITH BRANSON (1884-1914)
7. CLAIR HUBERT BRANSON (1886-1967)
8. LAURA BLANCHE BRANSON (1888-1971)

Emily, May, Walter, Olive and Claire all married and remained in SA. Following are details of Arthur, Howard and Laura who moved to WA.

4. ARTHUR NORMAN BRANSON (1880-1961) married **VIOLET PRISCILLA JANE MATTHEWS (1889-1968)** 1907, East Murchison. WA [Reg.4500013].

5. HOWARD HENRY BRANSON (1881-1960) married **ETHEL MAY CARRETT (1889-1963)** 1906, Cues Patch, East Murchison, WA [Reg. 8].

8. LAURA BLANCHE BRANSON (1888-1971) married **JAMES WILSON CAMPBELL (1881-1921)** 1909. Lawlers, WA [Reg. 4500012]. James served in France in WW1. 2 Apr 1918, wounded - gassed. SERN

950: POB Kyneton VIC: POE Kalgoorlie WA: NOK W Campbell Laura Blanche. James Wilson Campbell died 1921, Wooroloo Sanatorium, Northam, WA [Reg. 4900021], aged 40 years. Parents: Robert Campbell and Caroline Eliza Rice.

m.2 LAURA BLANCHE CAMPBELL (NEE BRANSON) (1888-1971) married **WILLIAM HENRY SAVAGE** 1921, Subiaco, Perth, WA [Reg. 101205].

Electoral Roll:
1903, 1906 John James Branson, Cues Patch, Lawlers, miner, Howard Henry, engine driver, Ethel May Branson, Newman St, Lawlers, married.

ETHEL MAY CARRETT (1889-1963), Ellen May Branson's mother, was born 1 Sep 1889, Blue Mountains, VIC. Parents: **GEORGE TEDDINGTON CARRETT (1865-1944)** and **ANNIE (MARY ANNE SELINA) PHIPPS (1864-1912)** who were married 1888, St George Church, Trentham, VIC [Reg. 6675]. Annie Carrett (nee Phipps) died 28 Jul 1912, Claremont, WA [Reg. 154]. George Teddington Carrett died 6 Oct 1944, Bruce Rock, WA [Reg. 21]. Ethel May Bransen (nee Carrett) died 1963, Perth, WA [Reg. 3306].

Electoral Roll: George and Annie Carrett
1906, 1910 George Carrett, Lawlers, WA, driver, Annie, home duties.
1916, 1925 George Carrett, Lawlers, engine driver.

HOWARD HENRY BRANSON (1881-1960) and **ETHEL MAY CARRETT (1889-1963)** had six children. The births were registered as follows: Ellen and Alma, East Murchison; George and Clare, Perth; Laurence and Donald in Beverley.

1. ELLEN MAY BRANSON (1909-1987) married **ERNEST JOHN 'JACK' BLECHYNDEN (1907-1985)** 1934, Bruce Rock, WA [Reg. 15].

2. ALMA MARY BRANSON (1912-1947) married **ARCHIBALD HAROLD BARCLAY (1903-1959)** 1932, Babakin, (Bruce Rock), WA [Reg.1200006].

3. GEORGE HOWARD BRANSON (1918-1999) married **ISLA MAY BURLINSON (1918-2007)** 31 Dec 1939, Nedlands, Perth, WA [Reg. 100149].

4. CLARE EMILY BRANSON (1921-1979) married **ROBERT EDWARD ARMSTEAD (1920-1990)** 1941, Mt Lawley, Perth, WA [Reg. 101493].

5. LAURENCE JAMES BRANSON (1927-2001), a twin, married **ROBIN JOY KEAYS (1932-2007)** 1950, Bruce Rock [Reg.24].

6. DONALD BRUCE BRANSON (1927-1927), a twin, was born 13 Jun 1927, Bruce Rock, WA. He died on 21 Sep 1927, Victoria Park, WA [Reg. 101330] aged three months and is buried at Karrakatta Cemetery.

***Leonora Miner* (WA: 1910 - 1928), Sat 12 Apr 1913, pg 3**
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Notice of Application for a Gold Mining Lease.

No 1172c
NOTICE is hereby given that I, Howard Henry Branson, of Lawlers, the undersigned, have made application this day for a gold mining lease under the provisions of the "Mining Act, 1904," of ground to be known as "The Queen," containing 6 acres, commencing - at datum peg about 2 chains north west of the north east peg of conditionally surrendered prospecting area No 648; thence 10 chains south west; 6 chains north west; 10 chains north east; 6 chains south east to datum peg. Ground applied for being part of conditionally surrendered P.A. No 648.

Dated at Lawlers this 5th day of Apr, 1913.

Signature of applicant — H. H. BRANSON.

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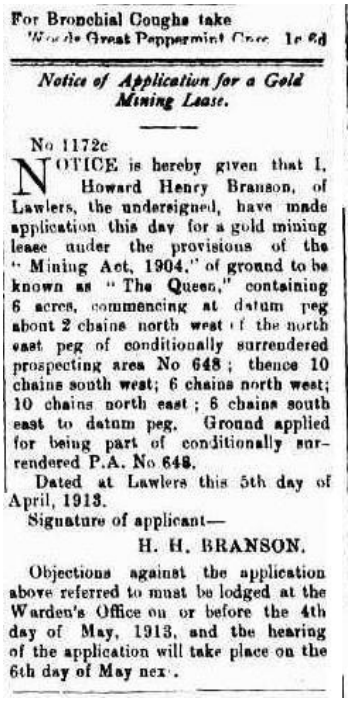
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Continuing the story of Ernest John 'Jack' Blechynden and Ellen May Branson:

CHILDREN OF ERNEST JOHN 'JACK" BLECHYNDEN AND 'ELLEN MAY' BRANSON: Lyn, Iris and Valerie

Three little Blechynden Girls -eldest daughter Evelyn (Lyn); second daughter Iris; third daughter Valerie - Christmas 1946. Trayning.

Iris and Valerie Blechynden in 1955 at Trayning farm, with their pair of wagon wheels, they rode around the property. Both photos courtesy Val Valentine.

The following photos are also courtesy Val Valentine.

Wedding photos: Ernest John 'Jack' and Ellen 'May' Blechynden with each of their daughters:

Bride: Iris Blechynden

Bride Evelyn (Lyn)Blechynden

Bride Valerie Blechynden

Jack and May Blechynden at their 50th Wedding Anniversary, 26 May 1984, Trayning, and their three daughters - Iris Lee, Evelyn (Lyn) Whittaker, and Valerie Valentine.

50th Wedding Anniversary of Jack and May Blechynden, Trayning, 26 May 1984, with sister Elsie Wheeler (nee Blechynden) and her husband, Bert Wheeler, and Gladys Blechynden, wife of the late Edwin Thomas Blechynden.

Ellen May's Parents, Howard and Ethel Branson

Ernest John (Jack) Blechynden, 24 Jan 1968.

Ernest John (Jack) Blechynden, aged 77 years, at Trayning, 26 May 1984

Electoral Roll:
1931 Ellen May Branson, Babakin, housewife, Ethel May, Howard Henry, same address.
1934 Ernest John Blechynden, Babakin, farmer
1937 Ernest John Blechynden, Babakin, farmer, Ellen May, "Hillside, Babakin, home duties
1943, 1949, 1954, 1958, 1980 Ernest John Blechynden, Trayning, farmer, Ellen May, home duties.

First car - a Chrysler – 1935, Ernest John (Jack) and Ellen May (May) Blechynden, Babakin. Courtesy Val Valentine

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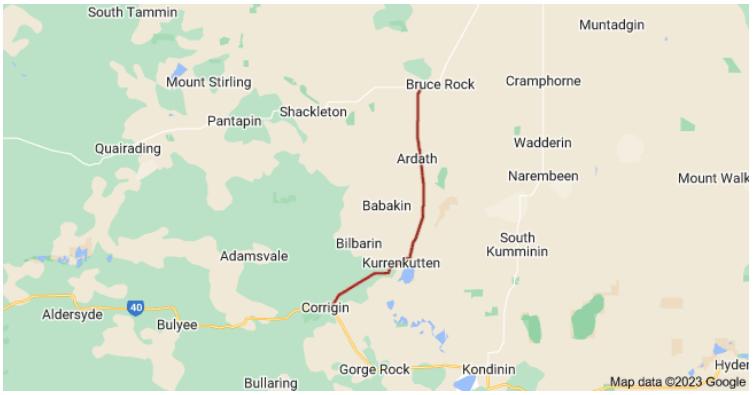
Babakin, - Wikipedia
Babakin is a small town located in the Wheatbelt region of between the towns of Bruce Rock and Corrigin.



Map showing Bruce Rock, Corrigin, and Babakin

Map showing Trayning, Kununoppin and Merredin

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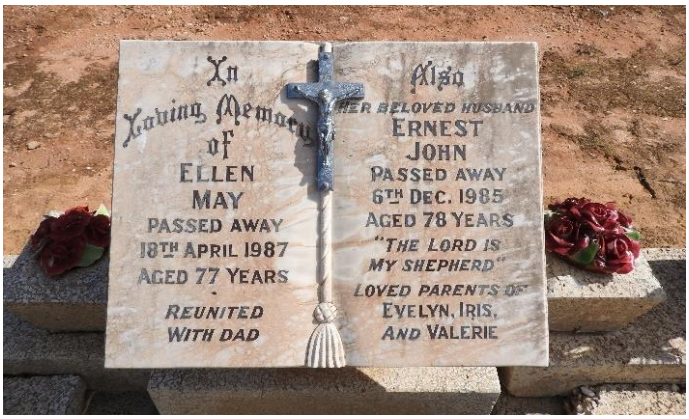

Headstone Ellen May and Ernest John Blechynden, Trayning Cemetery, WA.

Some of many insertions of sympathy

DEATHS

BLECHYNDEN (Ernest John): A true gentleman and friend. Deepest sympathy to May and family. June, Ron Shannon and family.

BLECHYNDEN (Ernest John): Our deepest condolences to Mrs Blechynden and family. From Les and Val Kordys.

BLECHYNDEN (E J): Fondest memories of Jack. Deepest sympathy to May and families Bill and Shella.

BLECHYNDEN (Jack): Passed away peacefully Dec 5, loved brother and brother-in-law of Elsie and Bert. Fond uncle of Jennie and Ernie. Happy memories

BLECHYNDEN (E J): Of Trayning. Passed away Dec 6.1985. A tribute to Jack esteemed and long time friend of the Chawner family. Sincere sympathy to May and the girls. From Doris Remoto.

BLECHYNDEN (Ernest John): Deepest sympathy to Mrs Blechynden and family. A fine gentleman at rest. Thank you for your years of support to the St Johns Ambulance Sub-Branch, Trayning.

BLECHYNDEN (Ernest John): Deepest condolences to May and family in the sad loss of your loved husband and father. Resting peacefully. Anna and Pat Kyne.

BLECHYNDEN (Jack): Loving memories of our dear friend for many years. Deepest sympathy to May and family. Marg, Ken Couper and family.

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BERTOLINI (S): In loving memory of Settimo 'Rest peacefully. Corado and Lina Cassettai, Ivo and Elsa Pieraccini.

BLECHYNDEN (Ernest John): Passed away peacefully 6.12.85 aged 78. Dearly loved and devoted husband of May for over 50 years. Father of Lyn, Iris and Valerie. Father-in-law of Peter Whittaker, Bob Lee and Peter Valentine. He was a man of integrity, steel true and blade straight. I bless the years I called him mine.
Farewell my dear old Mate. Our very grateful thanks to Doctor Radunovich, Matron Mitchell and all the nursing and domestic staff at Kununoppin Hospital for their marvellous care and kindness.

BLECHYNDEN (Ernest John): Slipped away peacefully 6.12.85 aged 78 years. Dearly loved father and father-in-law of Lyn and Peter Whittaker. Dearest Dar of Malcolm, Trevor, Kevin and Pauline Byng. An upright gentleman and a guiding light.

BLECHYNDEN (Ernest John): Wonderful father, friend and grandpa of Iris, Bob, John, Graham, Craig and Carolyn. Rest peacefully darling Dad. Your love and humour will always be with us.
So sadly missed

BLECHYNDEN (Ernest John): In loving memory of our wonderful dad. Val, Peter, Jody, Leonie and Kate Valentine.

BLECHYNDEN (Jack): Deeply missed. Deepest sympathy Nanna Bob, Jenny, Phil, Deborah, Trevor, Debbie, Ross, Nicola, Kevin, Theresa, Paul and Pauline.

4th CHILD OF ERNEST WALTER BLECHYNDEN & BEATRICE ANNIE WALKER

4. BLECHYNDEN, ALICE 'ELSIE' (1918-2014) was born 1918, Beverley, WA [Reg. 72], recorded as Alice Elsie. Alice died 2014, Albany, WA.

As detailed elsewhere in the Project, young country people in the 1930's wrote to "Aunt Mary" in the Western Mail about various topics. Here is a letter Elsie wrote when she was 12.

***Western Mail* (Perth, WA: 1885 - 1954), Thu 10 Apr 1930, pg 13**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article38519490.txt

If born in 1918 she would have been 12 years of age.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

Elsie Blechynden, Hillside, Babakin.
Dear Aunt Mary, I am glad to hear you enjoyed your holiday. It must be lovely in the old gardens in Melbourne. We have found a soak not far from the house, and the water is clear and fresh. I was glad to get back to school again after the summer holidays. There are only three members of our family at home. Dad went to Perth last night by train, Jack is working at Mr. Branson's, and Carol is at Beverley. It is rather hot here today, but we have been having cool weather. Our grapes and nectarines are ripe now, but most of the figs have gone. I have got 52 Tiny Trickles, and I am sending four puzzles in with this letter. We went to Beverley for a few days not long ago. I enjoyed myself immensely. The earthquake must have been terrible in Napier. It is awful to think of all the sick people being killed. About a fortnight ago I went to Bruce Rock and had some teeth filled. Well, Auntie, I must close now. I will write again soon. Give my love to the nurses and patients, and lots for yourself. I remain your loving niece, Elsie Blechynden.
Your house must seem quite empty with everyone away, Elsie. You will be glad when they all return, I am sure. AUNT MARY.

'ELSIE' ALICE BLECHYNDEN (1918-2014) married **HERBERT SAMUEL WHEELER (1901-1991) 'Bert'**, 1941, Perth, WA [Reg. 1011]. Recorded as Elsie A.

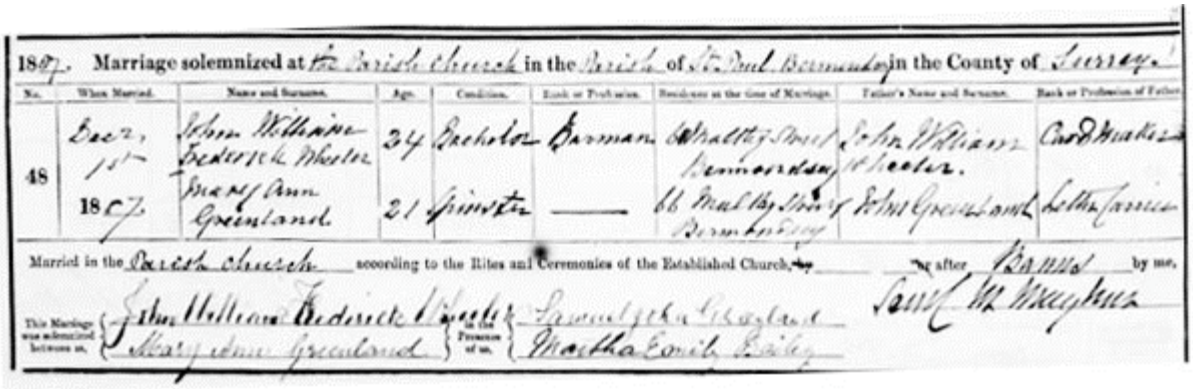
Elsie and Bert Wheeler, via patpit3, shared Aug 2013, Ancestry.

HERBERT SAMUEL WHEELER (1901-1991) 'Bert'

Herbert Samuel Wheeler was born 6 Apr 1901, Southwark, London, England. Parents: **JOHN WILLIAM FREDERICK WHEELER (1864-1954)** and **MARY ANN GREENLAND (1866-1949)** who were married 1 Dec 1887, St Paul, Bermondsey, England. Herbert Samuel Wheeler died 18 Oct 1991, Ardross, WA.

The following three pages contain details of Herbert Samuel Wheeler's parents **JOHN WILLIAM FREDERICK WHEELER (1864-1954)** and **MARY ANN GREENLAND (1866-1949)** and family.

MARY was born 1866, Rotherhithe, Surrey England. Mary Ann Wheeler (nee Greenland) died 19 Nov 1949, Lewisham, London, England.



1887. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of St. Paul Bermondsey in the County of Surrey.

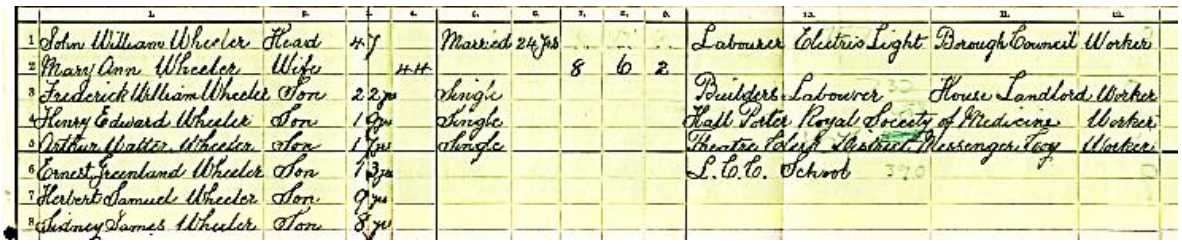
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
48	Dec. 1st 1887	John William Frederick Wheeler	24	Bachelor	Barman	Whatley Street Bermondsey	John William Wheeler	Coach Maker
		Mary Ann Greenland	21	Spinster	—	66 Malt Ely Street Bermondsey	John Greenland	Letter Carrier

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by Banns by me, Saml. Wm. Wrayburn

This Marriage was solemnized between us, John William Frederick Wheeler, Mary Ann Greenland. In the Presence of us, Samuel John Greenland, Martha Emily Bailey.

Copy of Marriage Certificate of John William Frederick Chester and Mary Ann Greenland.

Census 1911 John William Wheeler and family: Herbert Samuel Wheeler aged nine.



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1	John William Wheeler	Head	47		Married	24 yrs				Labourer	Electric Light	Borough Council Worker
2	Mary Ann Wheeler	Wife		HH			8	6	2			
3	Frederick William Wheeler	Son	22 yrs		Single					Builders Labourer	House Landlord	Worker
4	Henry Edward Wheeler	Son	19 yrs		Single					Hall Porter	Royal Society of Medicine	Worker
5	Arthur Walter Wheeler	Son	17 yrs		Single					Theatre Errand Boy	Messenger Boy	Worker
6	Ernest Greenland Wheeler	Son	13 yrs							L.C.C. School		
7	Herbert Samuel Wheeler	Son	9 yrs									
8	Sidney James Wheeler	Son	8 yrs									

Emigration: Herbert Samuel Wheeler, messenger, aged 18 and his brother Sidney James, cinema operator aged 16 were recorded on the passenger list of the *Orontes* bound from London to Australia, departing 21 Feb 1920.

CHILDREN OF JOHN WILLIAM FREDERICK WHEELER (1864-1954) and
MARY ANN GREENLAND (1866-1949):

It appears that Bessie E and Ernest Greenland Wheeler remained in England. Ernest Greenland Wheeler joined the services in England and was Killed in Action in France. Frederick William, Henry Edward, Arthur Walter, Sidney James and Herbert Samuel emigrated to WA. Tragically, Henry Edward Wheeler was also killed in action in France.

1. BESSIE E WHEELER (1882-) was born 1882, Copt Health, Warwickshire, England. No further details about Bessie known at this stage. She most probably remained in England.

2. FREDERICK WILLIAM WHEELER (1884-) was born 14 Apr 1884, baptised 30 Jun 1884, Watlington, Oxfordshire, Eng. Parents: Arthur Frederick Wheeler and Mary Anne Wheeler.

Electoral Roll:
1914, 1915 Frederick William Wheeler, 56 Cantonment St, Fremantle, WA, motor driver.
1916, 1917 Frederick William Wheeler, Broome Hill, labourer.

WHEELER Frederick William: Service Number - 2749: Place of Birth – Lenham, England: Place of Enlistment – Perth, WA: Next of Kin - (Mother) WHEELER Mary Ann.

Frederick William Wheeler served overseas, enlisting in Perth, WA. He signed his attestation papers 26 Apr 16. Occupation chauffeur, father deceased, mother Mary Ann Wheeler, Lenham Health, Kent, England. Date of embarkation 10 Oct 16. Australian Mechanical Transport Service (AMTS), Tidworth, Chelsea, England. 16 Aug 19 special leave 20 days. Disembarked Fremantle, WA, 4 Nov 19. We are not sure of his life following this. Electoral rolls record a Frederick William Wheeler in NSW as a teacher and another as a railway employee in NSW.

3. HENRY EDWARD WHEELER (1891-1918) was born 18 Jun 1891, London, England. He was killed in action in France on 24 Apr 1918. He is buried at Villers-Bretonneux, Departement de la Somme, Picardie, France. **HENRY** married **DAISY ELIZABETH DENNIS** 14 Oct 1916, Walworth Common, Southwark, England.

Henry emigrated to WA and served in WW1 in France. He enlisted in 1914, signing his attestation papers on 7 Oct 1914, occupation, farmer, father, ~~John Frederick Wheeler.~~ Wife, Mrs H. E. Wheeler, 61 Villa St, Walworth, London, England. During his time overseas he married Daisy Elizabeth Dennis in England in 1916.

WHEELER Henry Edward: Service Number - 1193: Place of Birth – London, England: Place of Enlistment - Blackboy Hill WA: Next of Kin - (Wife) WHEELER Daisy Elizabeth.

4. ARTHUR WALTER WHEELER (1893-1969) was born 6 Apr 1893, St Olave, Southwark, London, England. He died on 18 Oct 1969, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 2700265]. **ARTHUR** married **WINNIFRED VICTORIA ANNIE BASS (1897-1977)** 26 Dec 1917, Putney St John the Evangelist, England.

Emigrated to WA. He was married in England while serving in WW1 overseas. Served overseas in France. Signed his Attestation Papers 7 Oct 1914, occupation, farmer, father, ~~John Frederick Wheeler~~, Wife, Mrs. W. V. A. Wheeler, St Lawrence Garage, Gwendoline Av, Putney, London, England. WHEELER Arthur Walter: Service Number - 1195: Place of Birth – London, England: Place of Enlistment - Blackboy Hill WA: Next of Kin - (Wife) WHEELER W Y A. Wounded in Action on 23 Jun 1915. 14 Aug 1915, gunshot wound. 16 Dec 1918, returned to Australia per Leicestershire, for leave. Disembarked Australia 15 Jan 1919.

Electoral Roll:
1925, 1926, 1931 Arthur Walter Wheeler, Babakin, Bruce Rock, farmer, Winnifred Victoria Annie, home duties, Herbert Samuel, labourer.

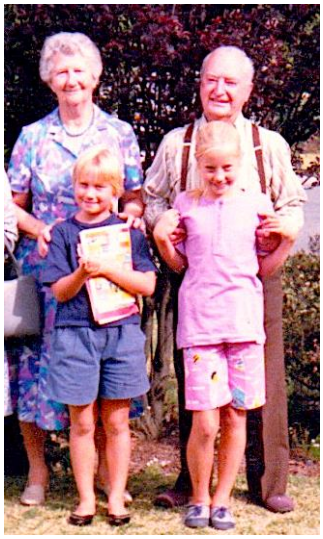
5. ERNEST GREENLAND WHEELER (1898-1917) was born 23 Mar 1898, Southwark, London, England. He was Killed in Action 6 Jun 1917, France, Flanders. Ernest served in the Manchester Regiment. He enlisted in 1916, aged 21 years. Short Service Attestation: Regiment number 5306. Note: Birth date registered as 1895. Ernest enlisted in Bermondsey, England, residence, Walworth. Rank: private. Battalion: 22 (County of London) Battalion (The Queens). Regimental number 680778.

6. SIDNEY JAMES WHEELER (1903-1960) was born 1903, Southwark, London, England. He married **FAITH MURIEL ALLEN** 1940, East Coolgardie, Kalgoorlie. WA [Reg. 1800001]. Sidney died in 1960 in Perth, WA [Reg. 102203].

Electoral Roll:
1943 **Sidney James Wheeler**, 37 Johnson St, Kalgoorlie, **Faith Muriel**, home duties.
1958 **Sidney James Wheeler**, 87a Clancy St, Kalgoorlie, miner, **Faith Muriel**, home duties.

7. HERBERT SAMUEL WHEELER (1905-1991) married **'ELSIE' ALICE BLECHYNDEN (1918-2014)** 1941, Perth, WA [Reg. 1011]. Herbert served in the Australian Airforce in WW2. Employment, bus driver, Education Department contract. Joined 16 May 1941. Reserve: Messman. Discharged CPL Cooks assistant, 14 Nov 1945. Service Number - 38998: Date of birth - 06 Apr 1905: Place of birth - LONDON ENGLAND: Place of enlistment – PERTH, WA: Next of Kin - WHEELER ELSIE.

CHILDREN OF 'ELSIE' ALICE BLECHYNDEN (1918-2014) and **HERBERT SAMUEL WHEELER (1901-1991)** - Jennifer and Ernie.



Aunt Elsie Wheeler (nee Blechynden) and Uncle Bert Wheeler (with Kate Valentine and Leonie Valentine, daughters of Valerie Blechynden). Taken about 1986. Courtesy Peter Valentine.

Via Val Valentine, daughter of Ernest John Blechynden:

"They had two children Jen and Ernie. Uncle Bert and Aunty Elsie farmed Grandad's farm at 'Babakin' - Uncle Bert received a war-service farm and they moved to Arthur River - Grandad Blechynden, sold the "Hillside" Babakin farm and went to live with Uncle Bert and Aunty Elsie.

They retired from there and lived in Applecross, quite close to Uncle Ted (Edwin Thomas) and Aunty Glad. When Uncle Bert died, Aunty Elsie went to live at the RAAF retirement home in Perth. Both Uncle Bert and Aunty Elsie had been in the Air Force during WW2. When Aunty Elsie needed more care, she went to Albany where her son Ernie and wife lived. Jenny, Aunty Elsie and Uncle Bert's daughter, married and I think she had 3 sons. It was after Uncle Bert had died that unfortunately Jenny had, think it was a blood clot to the head, and Jenny never recovered fully and lived in a Care Home - Aunty Elsie used to visit each week.
We visited Aunty Elsie and Uncle Bert and Uncle Ted and Aunty Glad quite often when we lived in WA. We left WA in 1975, when Peter got a job at James Cook University. After Uncle Bert died, when I was in WA, I would visit Aunty Elsie, and Aunty Glad. Unfortunately, I never had much to do with Jenny or Ernie.

Elsie and Herbert Wheeler, 50th Wedding Anniversary of Jack and May Blechynden, Trayning, 26th May 1984, cropped photo. Courtesy Val Valentine

Electoral Roll:
1922, 1925, 1926 Herbert Samuel Wheeler, Babakin, farm labourer, Arthur Walter, Babakin, Bruce Rock, farmer, Winnifred Victoria Anne (nee Bass), Babakin, home duties.
1937 Herbert Samuel Wheeler, Babakin, farm labourer
1943, 1949 Herbert Samuel Wheeler, Babakin, farm labourer, Elsie Alice, home duties
1954, 1958, 1968 Herbert Samuel Wheeler, Arthur River, farmer, Elsie Alice, home duties.
1972, 1977, 1980 Herbert Samuel Wheeler, 19 Bombard St, Applecross, Elsie Alice, home duties.

Elsie Alice Wheeler (nee Blechynden) died 2014, Albany WA. Published in *The West Australian* on 13 Jan 2014.

WHEELER (Elsie Alice): *1918 - 2014, 95 years Devoted Wife of the late Bert Wheeler, loved and respected Mother of Jenny and Ernie. Much loved 2nd Mum of Moya, devoted Granny of 6, Great Granny of 13 and Great -Great Granny of 1. Your never ending, love for family and friends will live on through.*

FIFTH CHILD OF CHARLES EDWIN BLECHYNDEN & CAROLINE DAVIES

5. BLECHYNDEN, SYDNEY THOMAS (1881-1959) & SIMPSON, KATHLEEN 'KATE' (1884-1961)

Sydney Thomas Blechynden He was born 2 Jan 1881, 'Seaton Ross', Beverley, WA [Reg. 21501], registered as Sidney Thomas Blechyden (sic). Spelling of his name varying: Sidney/Sydney in assorted records. Sydney died 11 Feb 1959, Swan District, WA [Reg. 20].

Sidney/Sydney (1881-1959), cropped from group photo: sons of Charles Edwin Blechynden: Frank's 80th birthday, Red Hill, 15 Jul 1953. Courtesy Lindsay Adams.

SYDNEY married **KATHLEEN 'KATE' PRISCILLA SIMPSON (1884-1961)** in 1906 in Beverley, WA [Reg. 3]. Name recorded as Sydney. They had no children.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Sat 10 Feb 1906, pg 5.**
10 Feb 1906 - Wedding. (nla.gov.au)

Wedding.

BLECHYNDEN—SIMPSON.

On Wednesday afternoon the marriage of Miss Kathleen Simpson, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Simpson, Beverley, to Mr. S. T. Blechynden, third son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Blechynden, Fremantle, was solemnised in the Sacred Heart Church, Beverley, by Father Lynch, of York. The church was filled with spectators, and as the bride walked up the aisle, leaning on the arm of her father, "The voice that breathed over Eden" was played on the organ by Mrs. Synott. The bridesmaids were Miss Nellie Simpson and Miss Blechynden, while the bridegroom was sustained through the trying ordeal by his brother, Mr. E. Blechynden, as best man. As the newly-wedded pair left the church Mendelsohn's "Wedding march" was played on the organ, and the usual showers of rice were rained upon them. The bride was handsomely attired in a costume of white crepè de chene silk, trimmed with Valencienne lace, chiffon and medallions, with veil of white tuille and wreath of orange blossoms, and carried in her hand a beautiful ivory bound 'prayer book,' the gift of the bridegroom. Miss Nellie Simpson, bridesmaid, wore a pretty cream voile gown with chiffon sleeves, and trimmed with cream lace and cream silk, with picture hat trimmed with hydrangeas. Miss Blechynden, the other bridesmaid, was dressed in white flowered muslin, with lace trimmings, white hat with feathers and flowers to match. Mrs. Simpson, mother of the bride, wore a beautiful French floral muslin frock, trimmed with white overlace and heliotrope ribbon, black picture hat with black feathers. Mrs. Blechynden, mother of the bridegroom, wore black voile, with overlace and white satin trimming. Mrs. McIvor, the bride's aunt, was dressed in Tussore silk, trimmed with Tussore, French sailor hat with French ribbons to match.

The wedding breakfast was held at the residence of the bride's parents. The Rev. Father Lynch proposed the health of the bride and bridegroom in a happy speech, to which Mr. Blechynden responded. The toasts of "Mr. and Mrs. Simpson," "Mr. and Mrs. Blechynden," "The bridesmaids," "Father Lynch," and "The ladies," were also duly honored and acknowledged. The happy couple left by the half-past five train for Perth, en route to Busselton, where the honeymoon will be spent.

The bride's travelling dress was a tailor-made gown of grey tweed, with picture hat trimmed with grey feathers and poppies to match.

The following is a list of the wedding presents:—

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Miss E. Simpson, fruit stand.
Miss G. Simpson, candlebra.
Miss W. Simpson, moustache cup.
Mrs. McIvor, silver egg stand.
Mr. and Mrs. Blechynden (parents of bridegroom), silver dinner cruet.
Miss Blechynden, gold-edged sugar basin and butterdish.
Miss A. Blechynden, biscuit barrel.
Messrs. H. and F. Blechynden, ormolu clock.
Mr. A. Blechynden, silver butter knife.
Mr. and Mrs. E. Blechynden, silver fruit stand.
Mr. H. Smith, M.L.A., lamp.
Miss Craig, gold-edged salad bowl and jam dish.
Mr. R. McClintock, silver-mounted pickle jar.
Miss Joyce, silver biscuit barrel.
Mrs. C. Austin, buggy rug.
Mrs. J. Fleet, serviettes.
Miss Clara Fleet, serviette rings.
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SIMPSON, KATHLEEN 'KATE' PRISCILLA (1884-1961) was born 19 Jul 1884, Normanville, Civil Yankalilla, SA [Pg. 387, Vol. 332], name written as Catharine Priscilla Simpson, father, **JOHN SIMPSON (1858-1938)** and mother, **MARGARET BACKSHALL (1863-1953)** who were married 16 Apr 1883, Pekina, SA [Pg. 1142, Vol. 136]. Registered under Mary Backshall. Kathleen Priscilla Blechynden (nee Simpson) died 18 Aug 1961, City of London, England. Ashes laid to rest in the Anglican Cemetery, Beverley, WA.

The following two pages provide details of Kathleen Priscilla Simpson's family background.

BACKSHALL, MARGARET KATE (1863-1953), Kathleen Priscilla Simpson's mother, was born 3 May 1863, Normanville, SA [Pg. 502, Vol. 28]. Father **EDWARD BACKSHALL (1832-1881)** and mother, **MARY HEFFRONN (1836-1908)** who were married 2 Sep 1856, Res of Mr Walsh Yankalilla, SA [Pg. 217, Vol. 27]. Margaret died 25 Nov 1953, Mount Lawley, WA [Reg. 6]. **EDWARD** and **MARY** had 12 children, three of whom moved to WA. Details as follows:

1. WILLIAM HENRY BACKSHALL (1857-1921)
2. GEORGE MICHAEL BACKSHALL (1859-1944)
3. MICHAEL JOHN BACKSHALL (1861-1938)
4. **MARGARET KATHERINE BACKSHALL (1863-1953)** see details above.
5. MARY ELLEN TERESA BACKSHALL (1864-1932)
6. FANNY MATILDA BACKSHALL (1866-)
7. THOMAS BACKSHALL (1868-1941)
8. NORA MARY BACKSHALL (1868-1960)
9. JAMES BACKSHALL (1870-1941)
10. **LYDIA BACKSHALL (1872-1953)** married **ARTHUR JOHN ASHTON**, 1898, N. Fremantle, WA [Reg. 550].
11. FREDERICK ANDREW BACKSHALL (1874-1968)
12. **BRIDGET CELIA BACKSHALL (1876-1963)** married **JOHN PATRICK O'NEIL** (1874-) 30 Jan 1895, Yankalilla, SA [They had two children: 1. MARY JANE O'NEIL (1896-) was born in SA. 2. MARIA CLARICE O'NEIL (1897-) was born in WA. m2. BRIDGET CELIA O'NEIL (NEE BACKSHALL) (1876-1963) married WILLIAM JAMES CRAIG (1873-1960) 8 Nov 1899, Henley Beach, SA [Pg. 499 Vol 201]. They had two children: OLIVE LAURIE CRAIG (1900-1977) born in QLD and KENNETH HOUSTON CRAIG (1902-1979) who was born in WA. The family remained in WA.

SIMPSON, JOHN (1858-1938), Kathleen Priscilla Simpson's father, was born 4 Dec 1858, Gawler River, SA [Pg. 572, Vol. 14], father, **JOHN SIMPSON (1817-1893)** and mother, **CATHERINE MALONEY (1832-1866)** who were married 6 Jul 1851, Gawler, SA [Pg. 411, Vol. 12]. John Simpson died 12 Mar 1938, Maylands, WA [Reg. 489]. **JOHN** and **CATHERINE** had four children, all born in SA.

1. WILLIAM SIMPSON (1852-1903),
2. MARY ANN SIMPSON (1854-1929),
3. JANE SIMPSON (1856-1915), and
4. JOHN SIMPSON (1858-1938).

m2. JOHN SIMPSON (1817-1893) married **MARGARET FITZGERALD (1833-1888)** 1866, Kapunda, SA [Pg. 237 Vol. 68]. They had three children, also born in SA:

1. ANN SIMPSON (1871-),
2. CHRISTOPHER SIMPSON (1871-1886), and
3. JAMES MARTIN SIMPSON (1873-).

John Simpson, his wives and the children from both marriages all lived and remained in SA except for his son **John Simson Jr. (1858-1938)**, who moved to WA.

JOHN SIMPSON (1858-1938) Jr. married **MARGARET KATHERINE BACKSHALL (1863-1953)** 16 Apr 1883. See details above. They had six children as follows:

1. KATHLEEN 'KATE' PRISCILLA SIMPSON (1884-1961) was born 19 Jul 1884, Normanville, SA [Pg. 387, Vol. 332]. She married **SYDNEY THOMAS BLECHYNDEN (1881-1959)** in 1906 in Beverley, WA [Reg. 3]. See the rest of this chapter for more details.

2. MARY ELLEN SIMPSON (1887-1965) was born 1887. She married ROBERT HAROLD MCCLINTOCK (1876-1948) 1907, Beverley, WA [Reg. 23]. Mary died 25 Feb 1965, Meltham, WA [Reg. 717].

3. ERNEST EDWARD SIMPSON (1889-1953) was born 1889, Cummundie, SA. He married CATHERINE JOSEPHINE KIRKWOOD (1896-1981) 1921, Beverley, WA [Reg. 5]. Ernest died 1953, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 81].

4. EILEEN NORAH SIMPSON (1892-1968) was born 2 Oct 1892, Port Pirie, SA [Pg. 433, Vol. 508]. She married JOHN BERNARD O'DEA (1884-1960) 29 Feb 1912, Dangin, WA [Reg. 10]. Eileen died 29 Jul 1968, Perth, WA.

5. GRACE LILIAN SIMPSON (1897-1983) was born 24 Mar 1897, Pirie, SA [Pg. 327, Vol. 561]. She married HAROLD HICKS (1898-1982) 14 Nov 1923, Perth, WA [Reg No 1053]. Grace died 19 May 1983, Royal Perth Hospital, WA.

6. WINNIFRED MARGARET SIMPSON (1901-1984) was born 1901, Perth, WA [Reg. 4185]. She married ROBERT ALEXANDER COE (1902-1982) 1923, Perth, WA [Reg. 855].

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Australasian **(Melbourne, VIC: 1864 - 1946), Sat 22 Nov 1930, pg 37**
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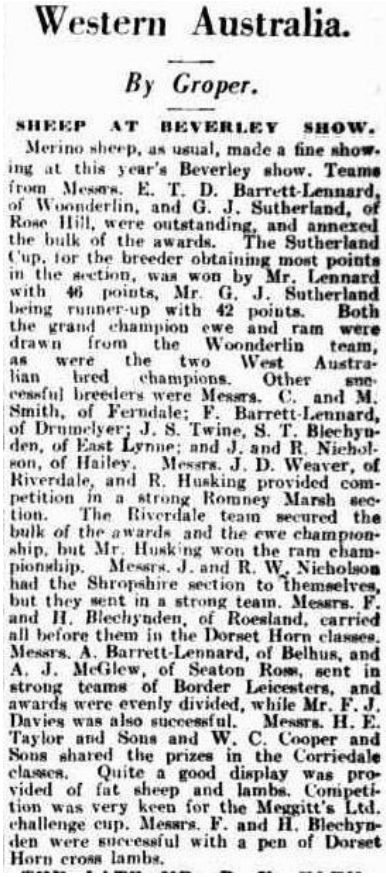

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Beverley Times **(WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 20 Feb 1959, pg 4**
20 Feb 1959 - The Late Sid. Blechya[?] (nla.gov.au)

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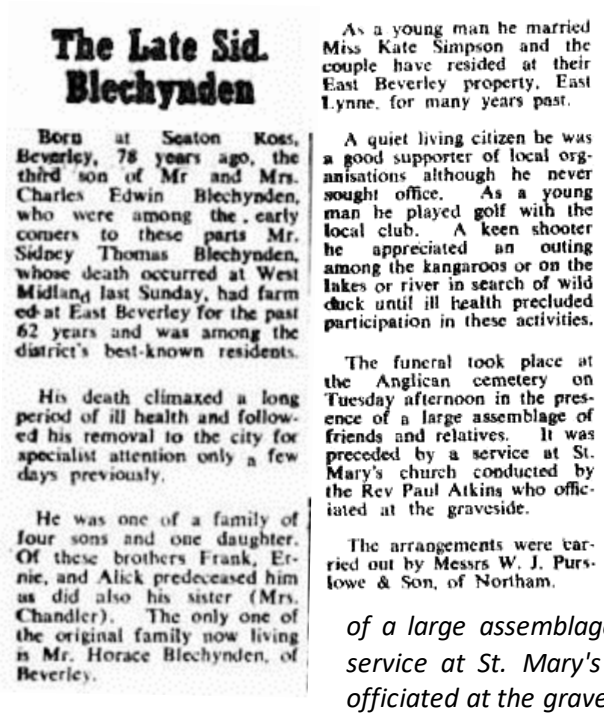

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***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 8 Sep 1961, page1**
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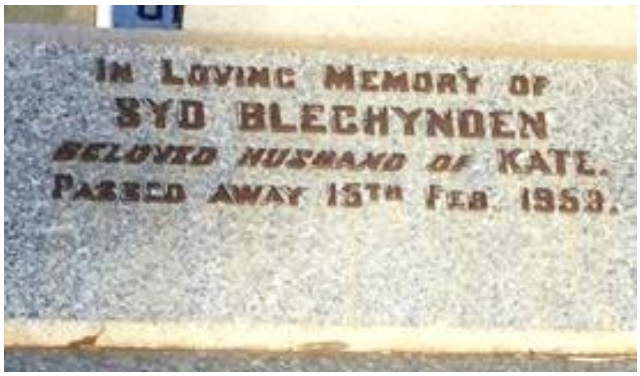

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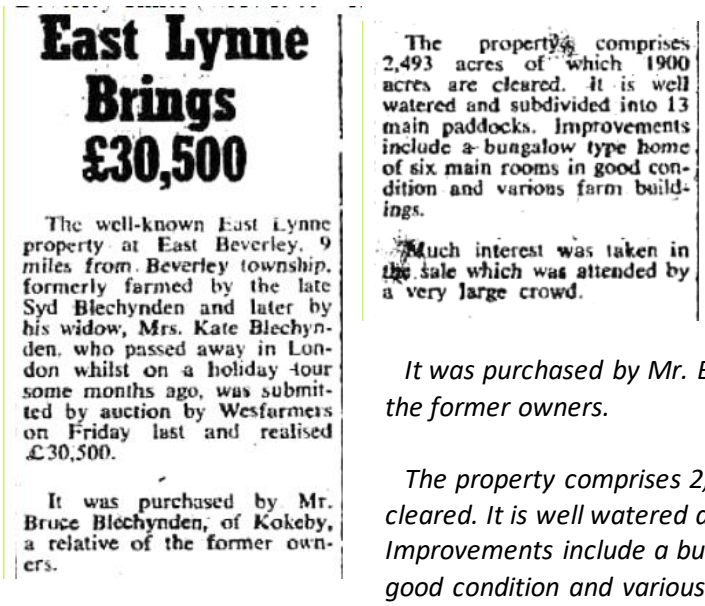

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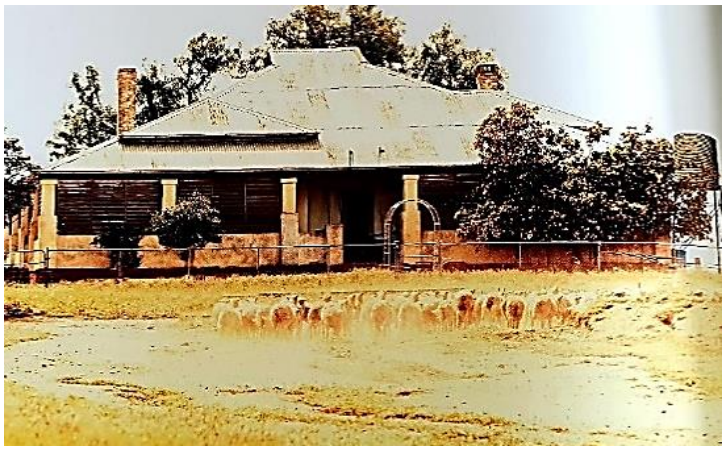

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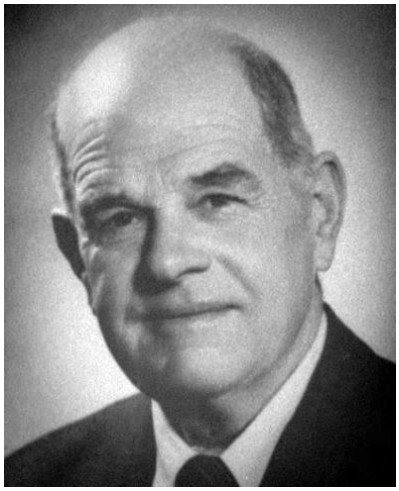

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Horace passed away on 2 Sep 1960 at the age of 77 and Amy 'Ella' on 15 Apr 1969 aged 89; both in Beverley. They are buried together in the Beverley Anglican Cemetery.

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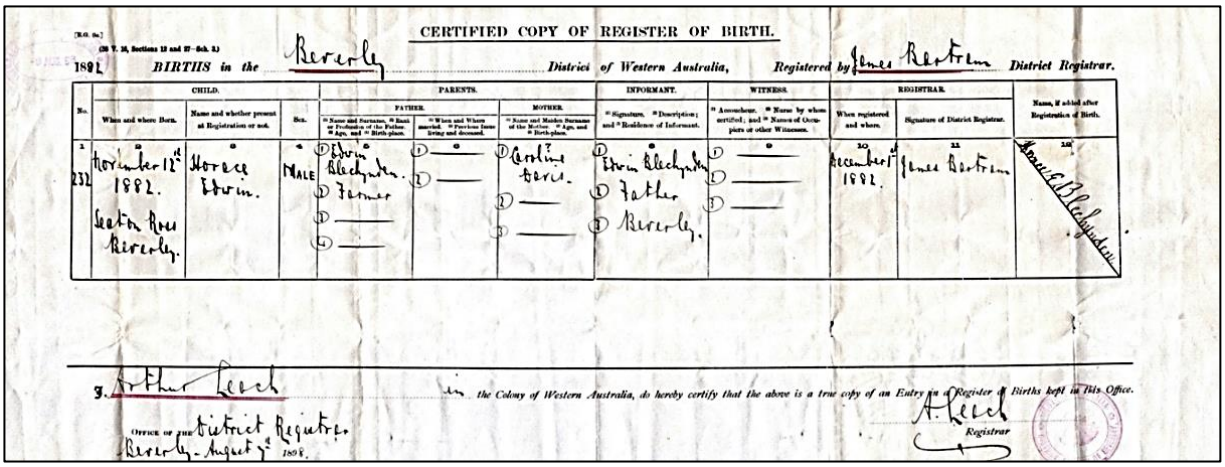
After the retirement of his father, Charles Edwin, Horace and Amy 'Ella' successfully farmed the 'Roesland' and 'Red Hill' properties just south of Beverley in partnership with Horace's older brother, Frank Harrison, and his wife, Alice.



CERTIFIED COPY OF REGISTER OF BIRTH.

1882 BIRTHS in the Beverly District of Western Australia, Registered by James Bertram District Registrar.

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3. Arthur Leech in the Colony of Western Australia, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an Entry in a Register of Births kept in this Office.

Office of the District Registrar Beverly. August 1st 1908.

A. Leech Registrar

Birth certificate of Horace Edwin Blechynden

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Sat 28 Jul 1906, pg 6**
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CRAIG, AMY 'ELLA' (1879-1969) was born on 27 Jul 1879 in Yackamorundie, SA, [Pg. No 397, Vol. 224], one of a family of eleven. She passed-away, in her 90th year, 1969, Beverley Hospital, WA [Reg. 7]. Her parents were **WILLIAM JOHN CRAIG (1848-1887)** and **m1. CHARLOTTE BOWLEY (1847-1907)** who married on 7 May 1869 in Clare, SA [Pg. No 317, Vol. 79]. They had 11 children, detailed further

below. **WILLIAM** was born 1848, Renfrewshire, Scotland. He died 11 Jul 1887, Yinyarrie, Clare, SA [Pg. No 349, Vol. 164]. His parents were **m.1 ARCHIBALD CRAIG (1822-1897)** and **ANNE RUSSELL (1826-1887)** who married on 25 Oct 1850 in Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland**.** Archibald was born 2 Jul 1822, Neilston, Renfrewshire, Scotland and died 20 Jul 1897, Claire, SA [Pg. 319 Vol 244].

Archibald and Anne had six children. Their first child, William John Craig, was born in Scotland as was their second child, Catherine. Sadly, Catherine died in 1852 on board the ship *Shackamaxon*. Their third child Archibald Craig was born 31 Dec 1853 on board the ship *Shackamaxon*. Their next three children were all born in SA. Details of the six are as follows:

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3. ARCHIBALD CRAIG (Jnr) (1853-1917),
4. JAMES CRAIG (1855-1909),
5. ALEXANDER CRAIG (1857-1912), and
6. SAMUEL CRAIG (1860-1864).

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4. JANETTE LYDIA CRAIG (1896-1986).

Archibald, his two wives and children all remained in SA except for **William John Craig** who moved to WA.

Amy 'Ella' Craig's mother, **CHARLOTTE BOWLEY (1847-1907)** was born 16 Nov 1847, Goodwood, Adelaide, SA [Pg. 28, Vol. 2]. She died 18 Apr 1907, St George St, Clarence Park, SA [pg. 448, Vol. 324]. Her parents were **HENRY BOWLEY (1817-1886)** and **MARY ANN DEERING GOLDSMITH (1817-1893).** Both Henry and Mary were both born in and emigrated from Sussex, England. They were married, 2 Mar 1842, Trinity Church, Adelaide, SA and had 14 children as follows, with Charlotte being their fifth:

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2. WILLIAM GEORGE BOWLEY (1843-1901),
3. ALFRED JOHN BOWLEY (1845-1917),
4. MARY ANN BOWLEY (1846-1905),
5. **CHARLOTTE BOWLEY (1847-1907)**,
6. RICHARD BOWLEY (1849-1923),
7. THOMAS BOWLEY (1850-1906),
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WILLIAM JOHN CRAIG (1848-1887) and **CHARLOTTE BOWLEY (1847-1907)** had 11 children, all born in SA. When their father died in 1887, the 11 children's ages ranged from one to 17. Amy 'Ella' was just six years old. Records show that four of the children: William, Annie, Archibald and Amy Craig moved from SA to WA. Details of the children are as follows:

1. WILIAM JAMES CRAIG (1870-1940) was born 28 Jun 1870, Koolunga, SA [Pg. No 22, Vol. 85]. He married MARGARET ALICE FLOOD (1869-1950), 1895, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 342]. They had six children, all born in WA: Vida Annie Reta, Irene Amelia, Amy Mildred, Hazel Ruth, Olive Charlotte and Gordon William. William died 18 Sep 1940, 56 Loftus St, Claremont, Perth, WA [Reg. 1714].

2. ALICE MARY CRAIG (1871-1966) was born 30 Sep 1871, Koolunga, SA [Pg. No 89, Vol. 101]. Her first marriage was to DANIEL ROBBIE (1868-1923) 5 May 1903, Residence of W J Craig, Clarence Park, SA [Pg. 659, Vol. 215]. They had eight children. Her second marriage (as a widow) was to JOHN HARRIS (1856-1934) (also a widower), 15 Dec 1926, High St, Kensington, Adelaide, SA [Pg. 942, Vol. 309]. Recorded as Ally Robbie. Alice Mary Robbie (nee Craig) died 12 May 1966 at Eralyn Rest Home, Morisett, NSW, Australia.

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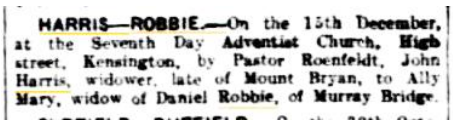
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4. EDMUND ERNEST CRAIG (1874-1964) was born 17 Oct 1874, Jamestown, SA [Pg. No 254, Vol. 144]. He married CAROLINE BADENOCH (1880-1964) 1 Jun 1904, Bridgewater, SA [Pg. 971, Vol. 219]. They had four children. Edmund died 30 Aug 1964, West Terrace, Adelaide, SA [Pg. 545, Vol. 968].

5. ARCHIBALD SEYMOUR BROUGHTON CRAIG (1875-1959) was born 30 Dec 1875, Broughton, SA [Pg. No 309, Vol. 160]. He married MARGARET LEIGHTON (1880-1977) 1904, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 786]. They had at least one child, born in WA. Archibald died Feb 1959, Cooranbong, Lake Macquarie City, NSW. Buried Avondale, Adventist Cemetery.

6. HERBERT HENRY CRAIG (1877-1951) was born 22 Aug 1877, Yackamorundie, SA [Pg. No 343, Vol. 188]. Herbert died 5 Aug 1951, SA [Pg. 4163, Vol. 771].

7. AMY 'ELLA' CRAIG (1879-1969) was born 27 Jul 1879 in Yackamorundie, SA [Pg. No 397, Vol. 224]. She married **HORACE EDWIN BLECHYNDEN (1882-1960)** 27 Jun 1906, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 117]. More details on Amy 'Ella' and Horace in this chapter.

8. CHARLOTTE RUSSELL CRAIG (1880-1899) was born 21 Dec 1880, Yacka, SA [Pg. No 265, Vol. 253]. Charlotte died 5 May 1899, Adelaide, SA [Pg. 488, Vol. 260].

9. EMILY ELSIE CRAIG (1882-1940) was born 31 Aug 1882, Moockra North, SA [Pg. No 484, Vol. 288]. Emily Else Craig died 9 Sep 1940, SA [Pg. No 4189, Vol 628].

10. ADA GRAYSON CRAIG (1884-1974) was born 23 Jun 1884, Clare, SA [Pg. No 285, Vol. 329]. Ada married ALBERT RICHARD POMEROY (1880-1930) 20 Aug 1904, Res of Mr. Pomeroy, Clarence Park, SA. They had four children. She died 5 Feb 1974, Glenelg, SA.

11. LILIAN MAY CRAIG (1886-1973) was born 31 Mar 1886, Clare, SA [Pg. No 241, Vol. 371]. She married FREDERICK JOHN FOWLER (1885-1925) 16 Oct 1907, in Unley, SA. They had at least one son and two daughters. Lilian May Fowler (nee Craig) 25 Jan 1973, aged 86. Buried, West Terrace Cemetery, Adelaide, SA.

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4. COLIN HORACE BLECHYNDEN (1916-1996).

More details on them and their families further on.

***Western Mail* (Perth, WA: 1885 - 1954), Thu 21 Jun 1934, pg 10**
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***Daily News* (Perth, WA: 1882 - 1955), Wed 14 Jul 1948, pg 8.**
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Daytime 'Home'

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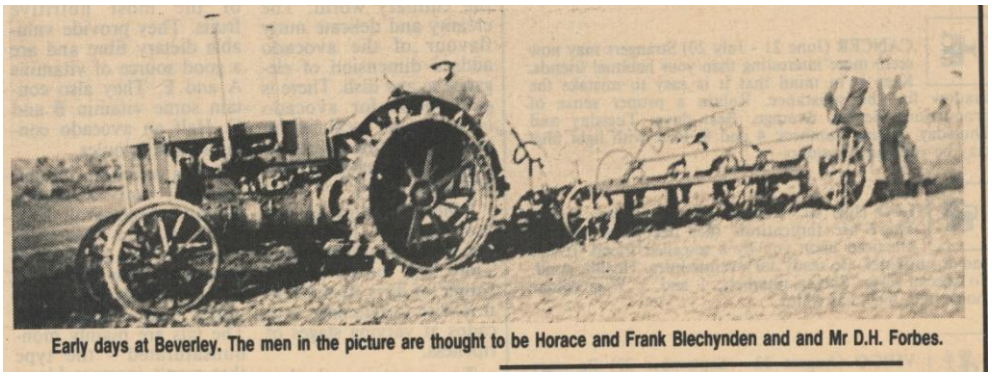

Early days at Beverley. The men in the picture are thought to be Horace and Frank Blechynden and and Mr D.H. Forbes.

Horace Blechynden, on a family outing. Proudly showing off their cars. Courtesy Suzanne Halsall

Photo titled: 'Going to Jack Blechynden's at Babakin'.

L-R: Frank Robus, Ella May (wife of Frank), Amy "Ella", Stan Sutherland (husband of Muriel Blechynden), Edna (wife of Bruce), Bruce, Horace Blechynden and Colin. Most likely, Muriel was taking the photo. Although the photo is not dated, it is almost certain that - all dressed up in their finery - the group is heading to the wedding of Ernest John 'Jack' Blechynden and Ellen 'May' Branson on 26 May 1934. Courtesy Lindsay Adams

Amy 'Ella' Blechynden's 69th Birthday, 27 Jul 1948
Held at Sutherland homestead in Katanning, WA.

L-R, Back Row: Allen & Dennis (sons of Bruce & Edna), Bruce, Geoff & Ross Sutherland.
Middle Row: Ella (wife of Frank), Edna (wife of Bruce), Stan & Muriel Sutherland, Amy 'Ella' (holding Byron Sutherland), Horace, Frank, Nancy (wife of Colin) & Colin.
Front Row: Norma (daughter of Frank & Ella), Neil (son of Bruce and Edna), Margaret & John Sutherland, Cyril (son of Bruce and Edna), Elizabeth and Beverley (children of Colin & Nancy).
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Many details of Horace and Amy 'Ella' and family can be read in the following newspaper articles:

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21 Nov 1952 - Mostly Personal (nla.gov.au)

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Horace Edwin Blechynden, passed away on 2 Sep 1960, at his home in Hunt Road, Beverley, at the age of 77. Registered in York, WA [Reg. 23].

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 9 Sep 1960, pg 3**
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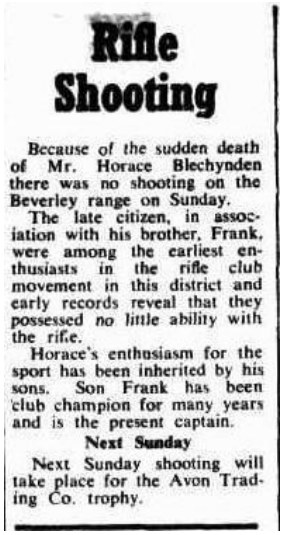

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Charles Blechynden married Miss C. Davis, of York, in 1872, and there were eight children of the union. Sons Frank and Horace Edwin (born 1882) were later to become associated with their father in the conduct of the "Roesland" and "Redhill" properties with which their names will always be associated.

The two followed progressive methods and became very successful farmers. Frank married and built a residence at "Redhill" and Horace after his marriage to Miss Amy Ella Craig, of Yacka, South Australia, continued to reside at the "Roesland" homestead where three sons, Bruce Frank and Colin, and a daughter, Muriel (now Mrs. Stan Sutherland, of Katanning) were born). The parents later retired to live in Beverley where they had purchased a home.

The brothers Frank and Horace established a Dorset Horn stud at "Roesland" in 1924 and had much success with fat lamb production as well as scoring well at agricultural shows. They were also interested in the breeding of farm horses which they exhibited with success. Frank died a few years ago.

Horace always displayed a lively interest in district activities and sport. He had a great love of bowls and was one of the oldest members of the Beverley Club which he served well as president for a very long period. He was for long a skipper in 'Pennant games and worked unceasingly in the Club's interests. Life membership was conferred on him some years ago in recognition of his sterling service. In recent years he has had to forsake active participation in the game but maintained his interest by frequent attendances at the green. He also showed a kindly interest in croquet with which Mrs. Blechynden is closely associated.

Rifle shooting was also one of his earliest sporting activities and he played a prominent part in the movement locally. The enthusiasm he manifested is retained by sons Colin, Bruce and Frank who have had outstanding success in the sport, the last named particularly. He was also at one time very fond of field shooting and could look back on many outings on lakes and river.

Another local organisation which over many years benefitted greatly from his activities and enthusiasm was the Beverley Agricultural Society of which he was president for a long period and a committeeman for nearly fifty years.

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Charles Blechynden married Miss C. Davies of York, in 1872, and there were eight children of the union. Sons, Frank and Horace Edwin (born 1882) were later to become associated with their father in the conduct of "Roesland" and "Redhill" properties with which their names will be always associated.

The two followed progressive methods and became very successful farmers. Frank married and built a residence on "Redhill" and Horace after his marriage to Miss Amy 'Ella' Craig of Yackamorundie, South Australia continued to reside in the "Roesland" homestead where three sons, Bruce, Frank and Colin and a daughter Muriel (now Mrs Stanley Sutherland, of Katanning) were born. The parents later retired to live in Beverley where they purchased a home.

The brothers Frank and Horace established a Dorset Horn stud at "Roesland" in 1924 and had much success with fat lamb production as well as scoring well at agricultural shows. They were also interested, in the breeding of farm horses which they exhibited with success. Frank died a few years ago.

Horace always displayed a lively interest in district activities and sport. He had a great love of bowls and was one of the oldest members of the Beverley Club which he served well as president for a very long period. He was for long a skipper in 'Pennant games and worked unceasingly in the Club's interests. Life membership was conferred on him some years ago in recognition of his sterling service. In recent years he has had to forsake active participation in the game but maintained his interest by frequent attendances at the green. He also showed a kindly interest in croquet with which Mrs. Blechynden is closely associated.

Rifle shooting was also one of his earliest sporting activities and he played a prominent part in the movement locally. The enthusiasm he manifested is retained by sons Colin, Bruce and Frank who have had outstanding success in the sport, the last named particularly. He was also at one time very fond of field shooting and could look back on many outings on lakes and river.

Another local organisation which over many years benefitted greatly from his activities and enthusiasm was the Beverley Agricultural Society of which he was president for a long period and a committeeman for nearly fifty years.

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Amy 'Ella' Blechynden (nee Craig), passed-away, in her 90th year, 1969, Beverley Hospital, WA [Reg. 7]. She was buried alongside her husband, Horace, at the Beverley Anglican Cemetery, WA.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 18 Apr 1969, pg 7**
18 Apr 1969 - Death of aged resident (nla.gov.au)

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***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Thu 24 Apr 1969, pg 3**
24 Apr 1969 - Nonagenarian's demise (nla.gov.au)

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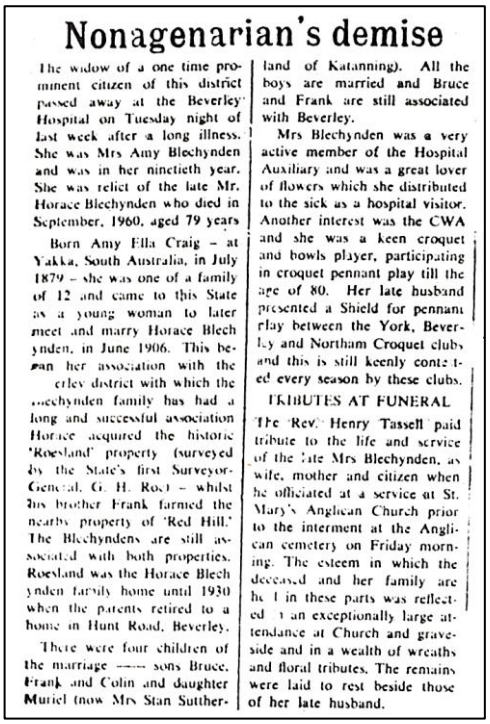
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1st CHILD OF HORACE BLECHYNDEN & AMY 'ELLA' CRAIG

Bruce Edwin Davies Blechynden

Edna Irene Blechynden (nee Wood). Courtesy Suzanne Halsall

1. BLECHYNDEN, BRUCE EDWIN DAVIES (1908-1993) was Horace and Amy 'Ella' Blechynden's first child. He was born on 19 Apr 1908 in Beverley, WA [Reg. 50] and baptised on 27 Jun 1908. On 3 Aug 1934, Bruce married **EDNA IRENE WOOD (1908-2001)** , in Beverley, WA [Reg. 31]. Together, they farmed at 'Burnside' just north of Brookton. Bruce and Edna raised seven children: Neil, Dennis, Allen, Cyril, Lorraine, Lorna and Irene (twins). They became the grandparents of 23 children. Bruce

passed away on 2 Aug 1993 and Edna on 12 Dec 2001, both in Beverley. They are buried together in the Beverley Anglican Cemetery.

Edna Irene Wood was born on 6 Apr 1908, Beverley [Reg No 48]. Her parents were **ALBERT ALFRED WOOD (1877-1954)** and **LAVINA FISHER (1872-1960)** who were married 1905, Bally Bally, Beverley [Reg No. 2]. The next few pages outline her family background.

Edna's father, Albert, was born 28 Jan 1877 in Balaklava, SA. His parents were **ALFRED WOOD (1852-1924)** and **ALICE ELIZABETH SAINT (1856-1942),** who were married 26 Mar 1875, Trinity Church, Riverton, SA. Albert died on 19 Nov 1954 in Beverley, WA [Reg. 41] as the result of a vehicle accident.

They had nine children, as follows, all born and raised in SA. Albert later moved to WA.

1. **ALBERT ALFRED WOOD (1877-1954)**
2. FREDRICK ARTHUR WOOD (1879-1960)
3. ARTHUR RICHARD WOOD (1881-1970-)
4. OLIVE ALICE WOOD (1883-1966)
5. LUCY AGNES WOOD (1885-1974)
6. CLARENCE ROBERT WOOD (1887-1969)
7. BLANCHE OPAL WOOD (1890-1978)
8. FRANK LIONEL WOOD (1893-1953)
9. IRENE MILLISCENT WOOD (1900-1967-).

Edna's mother, Lavina, was born on 9 Apr 1872 in Grace Plains, SA. Her parents were **EDWIN FISHER (1844-1920)** and **ELIZABETH LOUIE MITCHELL (1845-1927)** who were married 27 Feb 1867, Kapunda, SA. Lavina Wood (nee Fisher) died 16 Aug 1960, Beverley, WA [Reg. 102408]. Edwin and Elizabeth had nine children, as follows, all born in SA. Four moved to WA as detailed:

1. ELIZABETH ANN FISHER (1867-1947)
2. LAVINIA FISHER (1869-1872)
3. **LAVINIA FISHER (1872-1960).** Moved to WA. See details above.
4. **WILLIAM EDWIN FISHER (1874-1955)**. Moved to WA, married ELIZABETH MARIA QUINLAN (1879-1930) in 1900, Northam, WA.
5. **ALFRED JAMES FISHER (1876-1964)**. Moved to WA, married LOUISA KATE ARMSTRONG (1888-1970) 1914, Busselton, WA [Reg. 6000006].
6. ELSIE JANE FISHER (1878-1922)
7. **FREDERICK WALTER FISHER (1880-1953)**. Moved to WA, m1. married GLADYS PEARL LUCY HEYLEN (1889-1940) 7 Jun 1913, Adelaide, SA [Pg. 795 Vol. 255]. Gladys died 10 Feb 1940, Adelaide, SA. Frederick's m2. was to KATHLEEN LESLEY EDITH MARTIN in 1941, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 2700137].
8. EVA OLIVE FISHER (1884-1977)
9. EDITH VICTORIA FISHER (1887-1984).

ALBERT WOOD and **LAVINA FISHER** had seven children as follows, the third of which was Edna:

1. ALBERTA PEARL WOOD (1906-1994) was born 1 Dec 1906, Beverley, WA [Reg. 2]. He married ELLIOTT ASTLEY PHILLIPS (1908-1998) 1932, Beverley, WA [Reg. 6]. Alberta died 4 Oct 1994, Perth, WA.

2. EDWIN ALFRED WOOD (1907-2002) was born 17 Mar 1907, Beverley, WA [Reg. 48]. Registered as Alfred Edwin. He married AUDREY FRASER KILPATRICK (1909-1948) 1934, Beverley, WA [Reg. 30]. Alfred died 19 Jun 2002, Beverley, WA.

3. EDNA IRENE WOOD (1908-2001). See details in this section.

4. LAWRENCE VERNON WOOD (1910-1965) was born 19 Mar 1910, Beverley, WA [Reg. 81]. Name recorded as Lawrance. He died 15 Oct 1965, Wellington, WA [Reg. 177]. Name written as Laurence.

5. OLIVE LAVINA WOOD (1911-2007) was born 6 May 1911, Beverley, WA [Reg. 99]. She married m.2 WALTER TURNBULL (1908-1999), 1951, Perth, WA [Reg. 946]. (Walter's first marriage had been to FLORA EILEEN KING (1909-) 1931, Perth, WA [Reg. 527]). Olive died 8 Apr 2007, Noranda, WA. Burial Lance Memorial Garden A 0015, Karrakatta Cemetery.

6. ALBERT CLARENCE WOOD (1912-1975) was born 28 Jul 1912, Beverley, WA [Reg. 143]. He married BARBARA S CANDY 1942, Perth, WA [Reg. 658]. Albert died 6 Jul 1975 Bunbury, WA.

7. FREDERICK ROY WOOD (1914-1967) was born 29 Jun 1914, Beverley, WA [Reg. 163]. Registered as Fredrick. Service Number - W73303. Place of enlistment – Beverley, WA. Note the date of birth recorded on his service records (29 Aug 1918) differs from WABDM. Fredrick married BERYL JEAN HOWARD, 1953, Beverley, WA [Reg. 24]. He died 13 Mar 1967, Beverley, WA [Reg.4].

The following news articles describe the passing of Edna's parents, Albert (in 1954 at the age of 77 in a tragic vehicle accident) and Lavina (in 1960 at the age of 88).

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 26 Nov 1954, pg 1**
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FATAL ACCIDENT

DEATH OF MR ALBERT WOOD

Well-known Identity

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Death of Lavina Wood (nee Fisher).

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 19 Aug 1960, pg 2**
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Pioneering Woman's Demise

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It was the commencement of an association with the district which was to continue throughout the remainder of her life. To the couple was born a family of seven: Alberta (Mrs. Phillips), Eddie, Edna (Mrs. B. Blechynden), Vern (now in control of the property), Olive (Mrs. Turnbull), Clarrie and Roy.

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Bruce and Edna Blechynden's four sons: Dennis, Cyril, Neil and Allen.

Cyril still lives on and works the farm, 'Burnside', near Beverley that his father Bruce owned.

Courtesy, Kathryn Mutton.

'Burnside'. Courtesy Ken and Angela Blechynden

'Burnside' with current owners Cyril, Chris and Vance Blechynden.
Courtesy Ken and Angela Blechynden

Electoral Roll:

1931 Bruce Edwin Davies Blechynden, Roesland, Beverley, farm hand

1937, 1943, 1949 Bruce Edwin Davies Blechynden, Roesland, Beverley, farm hand, Edna Irene, Burnside, Mt. Kokeby, home duties

1954 Bruce Edwin Davies Blechynden, Burnside, Mt. Kokeby, farmer, Edna Irene, home duties

1977, 1980 Bruce Edwin Davies Blechynden, Gaynor St, Brookton, farmer, Edna Irene, home duties

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Following the death of Sydney Blechynden and later of his widow Katherine 'Kate', in 1962 *East Lynne* was purchased by Bruce Edwin Blechynden of 'Kokeby'.

There are many articles in *Trove* about the Burnside Poll Stud on 'Lynne View' and 'Burnside'. The article following is just one of them. Comment by Suzanne Halsall, '*Lynne View' in the article is in fact the property 'East Lynne' which Neil farmed.*

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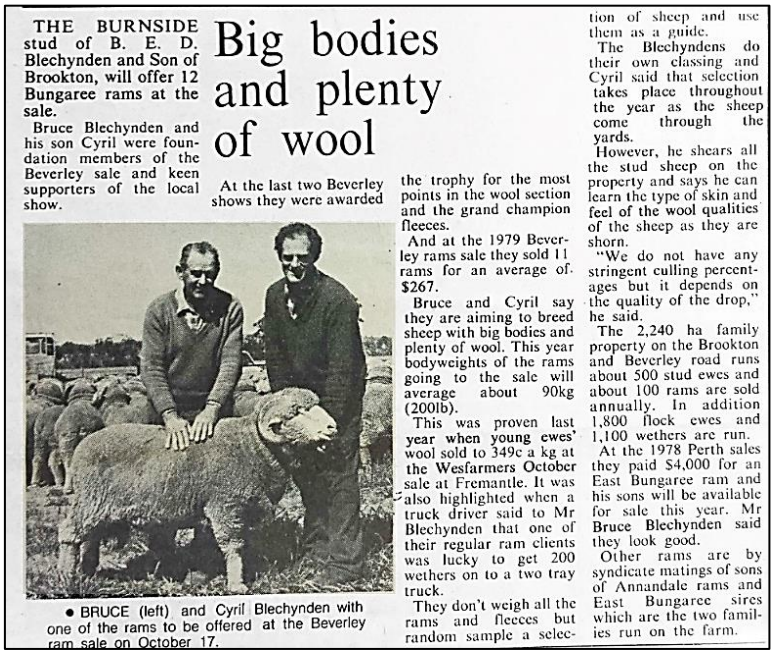

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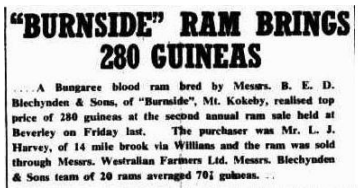
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ABC Rural by Olivia Garnett Posted Thu 11 Sep 2014

Thirty-kilogram fleece from a Western Australian sheep could top the world record - ABC News

Right: This wether was found in the Avon Valley after running wild for up to four years. His owner says the wool clip weighed in at 30 kilograms.

Courtesy of Mark Blechynden
(Son of Cyril Blechynden)

The world's woolliest sheep might just be Western Australian.

There has been much hype this month about Shaun the sheep from Tasmania, who became an international star after growing a fleece that weighed-in at around 23 kilograms.

But Mark Blechynden, from Brookton, in the Avon Valley in the south of Western Australia, says he had a merino wether with a 30-kilogram wool clip in 2011.

"We got a phone call from my neighbour to say that there was a sheep running around along the river and because they didn't have any sheep, they guessed it was one of ours", he explained.

"And yes, it was one of ours and it had been up there for quite some time by the look of the wool on it. We had to go home and get the front-end loader because we couldn't lift it. He was carrying a lot of weight, so we rolled it into the front-end loader bucket and carried him down to the shearing shed and sheared him."

Mr Blechynden believes the sheep escaped his property through a temporary fence when the river flooded. Judging by the length of the wool, he thinks it had been on the run for three or four years.

"It was quite a nice fleece, probably 22 micron," he said.

"The outside of it didn't really look much different to an ordinary fleece. It just had a lot more white wool underneath."

After giving family members samples of the 42-centimetre-long locks of wool as mementoes, Mr Blechynden bailed up the wool like any other fleece and sold it.

"We'll look back through our records and see if we can trace it down," he said.

He shears his sheep flock annually and gets an average wool clip of eight kilograms from each animal.

He's amazed this wether lasted on its own for so long, but says there's plenty of tree shelter and fresh water that would have kept him going.

"He wasn't crutched or drenched or anything like that. You would've thought he'd get fly-blown and died way before that.

"It's unbelievable really."

Mr Blechynden says he didn't think much of it at the time and didn't photograph the scales measuring the fleece.

If it can be proven, this woolly Avon Valley sheep would take the 'world's woolliest sheep' title from New Zealand record holder, Shrek, whose fleece weighed 27 kilograms.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 9 Jul 1954, pg 2**
09 Jul 1954 - A FAMILY OF MARKSMEN (nla.gov.au)

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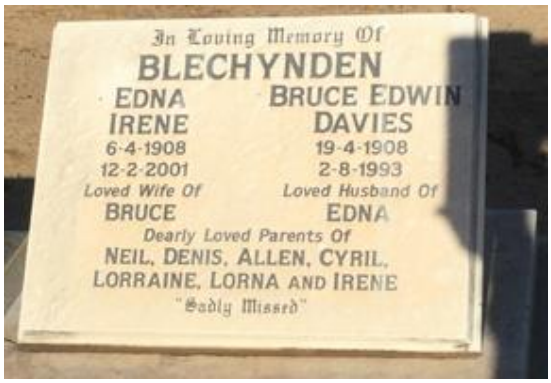
Bruce's son, Dennis Blechynden sights in for the start of the shoot, Dec 1976

Bruce Edwin Davis Blechynden died 2 Aug 1993, Beverley, WA. **Edna Irene Blechynden (nee Wood) died 12 Dec 2001**, Beverley, WA. They are buried together in the Beverley Cemetery.



Headstone of Bruce Edwin Davies Blechynden (1908-1993) and Edna Irene Blechynden (nee Wood) (1908-2001), Beverley Cemetery

Headstones of Bruce and Edna's first child, Neil Edwin Blechynden (1938-1993) and his wife, Joan Myrtle Blechynden (nee Collard) (1931-1978), Beverley Cemetery.

2nd CHILD OF HORACE BLECHYNDEN & AMY 'ELLA' CRAIG

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Ella 'Muriel' Sutherland (nee Blechynden)

Muriel, Frank and Bruce Blechynden.
Courtesy Kathryn Mutton

Muriel Blechynden, approx eight years

SUTHERLAND, JOHN STANLEY 'STAN' (1903-1991)
Via Jill Houghton Family Tree, Ancestry.

Muriel's husband, 'Stan' Sutherland was born 1903, Young, NSW [Reg. 8822], father, **GEORGE JAMES SUTHERLAND (1861-1936)**, mother, **AGNES MARY EVANS (1869-1934)**.

Sunday Times **(Perth, WA: 1902 - 1954), Sun 20 Aug 1933, pg 5**
20 Aug 1933 - Marriage Bell's (nla.gov.au)

Marriage Bells

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George and Agnes were married in 1893 in Marrickville, NSW [Reg. 4712]. George was born in 1861, Binalong, NSW, son of **WILLIAM MCINTOSH SUTHERLAND (1828-1881)** and **ALICE CHEW (1843-1926)** who were married 1861, Yass, NSW [Reg. 3165]. George James Sutherland died 11 Sep 1936, Beverley, WA [Reg. 32], aged 75 years.

Agnes Mary Evans was born 30 Jun 1869, Sydney, NSW [Reg. 1749]. Father, **JAMES EVANS (1846-1922)**, mother, **SARAH HAWKINS (1840-1918)**. She died 5 Jul 1934, Beverley, WA [Reg. 22].

Agnes Mary Evans Sutherland (1869-1934) - Find A Grave Memorial

SUTHERLAND, Agnes Mary. Wife of George J, mother of Syd, Lou, Stan, Les, Ruby, Jessie and James. 5 Jul 1934, aged 65 years.

George and Agnes Sutherland had 11 children. They moved as a family from NSW to WA. The Postal Directory recorded George as being a farmer at Mt Kokeby in 1915. His son, Eric George Sutherland signed his Attestation papers in the Imperial Australian Forces, Perth, 30 Jul 1917. Details of their children are as follows:

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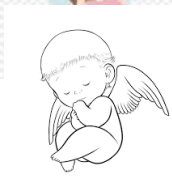

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4. ERIC GEORGE SUTHERLAND (1899-1918) was born 1899, Bendick Murrell, NSW [Reg. 36416]. Service Number – 8035. Place of Enlistment - Perth WA, signed 30 Jul 1917. Farm hand, age 18 years 10 months. Eric was Killed in Action, in France 23 Aug 1918. Buried at Proyart Wood Military cemetery, 7 ½ miles South, South, East of Albert, France. Heath Cemetery, Harbonnieres, France. His Attestation paper shows the following: Legatee Mary Sutherland, Bally, Bally, Mt Kokeby, Beverley, WA. Letters addressed to Mr. G. Sutherland. Mt Kokeby, WA.

5. LOUIS ARTHUR SUTHERLAND (1901-1977) was born 1901, Young, NSW [Reg. 28442]. He married JESSIE DELLA MCLEAN (1908-1980) 1930, Beverley, WA [Reg. 29]. Louis died 1977, Perth, WA.

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8. RUBY ALICE SARAH SUTHERLAND (1906-1989) was born 1906, Young, NSW [Reg. 30803]. She married ALLAN ROBERT MCLEAN (1906-1967) 1933, Beverley, WA [Reg No 13]. Ruby died 11 Dec 1989, Perth, WA.

9. JOHN SUTHERLAND (1908-1908) was born 1908, Young, NSW [20758]. He died as a baby, Young, NSW [Reg No, 7997].

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11. WILLIAM JAMES SUTHERLAND (1912-2009) was born 1912, Young, NSW [Reg 12247]. He married LILA BEVERLEY EDWARDS in 1943, Perth, WA [Reg. 208]. Lila lived in Beverley at the time. William died 20 Nov 2009, Wagin, WA.

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15 Sep 1936 - MR. GEORGE SUTHERLAND. (nla.gov.au)

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RETURNING TO THE STORY OF JOHN STANLEY 'STAN' SUTHERLAND and ELLA MURIEL BLECHYNDEN:

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Electoral Rolls:

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1949, 1954, 1958, 1972 John Stanley Sutherland, "Braeside", Katanning, farmer, Ella Muriel, "Braeside", home duties
1977, 1980, John Stanley Sutherland, 17 Carinya Gardens, Katanning, Ella Muriel, ditto.

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Sutherland J. S. Braeside, Katanning S8J and 38D, 43E 1962

Purchase of 'Chinocup':

LOST NYABING:

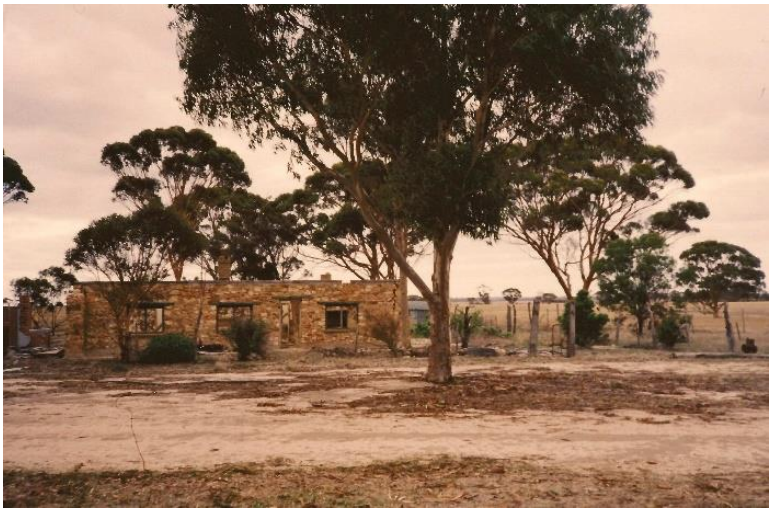
In March 1966 Stan and Muriel Sutherland from "Braeside Farm", Katanning, bought Chinocup Farm (when the farm was purchased it was named "Aorangi" and was later changed to "Chinocup" by Geoff and Geraldine (Gerry) Sutherland). Chinocup is an Aboriginal word of unknown meaning.

The farm was run by John, Geoff and Ross Sutherland (brothers) along with help from their father Stan. The farm cost £28,000.00 ($56,000.00) and was bought on a walk-in-walk-out basis. Its area was 4200 acres (1,700 ha) with only 700 acres (284 ha) cleared at time of purchase. . .

Chinocup: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chinocup,_Western_Australia

Chinocup is a small town in the Great Southern region of WA. It is situated between the towns of Nyabing and Pingrup. The name is named after the nearby Lake Chinocup, which had been recorded when the area was explored in 1879. The name is Aboriginal in origin but its meaning is unknown.

Map showing Katanning, Nyabing and Pingrup



Old Homestead at Chinocup, as per previous link to Lost Nyabing

Stan Sutherland and Muriel (Blechynden) with Margaret, cropped from larger group photo

Stan Sutherland passed away in 1991 and Muriel in 1993. Both are buried in the Katanning Cemetery.

3rd CHILD OF HORACE BLECHYNDEN & AMY 'ELLA' CRAIG

Wedding photo:
Frank Robus Blechynden and Ella May Wansbrough.
Courtesy Lindsay Adams

3. BLECHYNDEN, FRANK ROBUS (1910-1995) was Horace and Amy 'Ella' Blechynden's third child. He was born on 22 Dec 1910, registered in 1911, at 'Red Hill', Beverley, WA [Reg. 17]. On 15 Jul 1936, Frank married **ELLA MAY WANSBROUGH (1911-1995)** , in Beverley, WA [Reg. 40]. They initially farmed 'Roesland' and 'Red Hill' in partnership with Frank's parents, Horace Edwin and Amy 'Ella', and took over the properties when Horace passed away. Frank and Ella had only one daughter, Norma, born on 31 Jan 1938. Ella May passed away on 13 Jan 1995 and Frank Robus on 14 Sep 1995, both in Albany, WA, at the age of 84. They are buried together in the Beverley Anglican Cemetery.

Some images and articles from Frank's younger days follow.

Bruce, Frank and Gordon with rabbits, Roesland

Kangaroo and dog, Roesland in background

Note: Gordon in the photo with rabbits, was possibly George Frederick Blechynden, born in 1916, son of Frederick William Blechynden and Edith Savage, grandson of Jesse William Blechynden and Emma Sarah Dunham.

This below certificate was awarded to Scout Frank Blechynden for rescuing a boy from drowning. How proud his parents must have been.

This Certificate is granted to Scout Frank Blechynden,
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Following is a segment from a much larger article on the scout movement in Beverley in 1925, which includes mention of Franks' certificate.

***Daily News* (Perth, WA: 1882 - 1955), Mon 27 Apr 1925, pg 7**
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'Wansbrough and Blechynden History' written by Ella Blechynden (nee Wansbrough):

On her 76th birthday, 18 May 1987, Ella Blechynden (nee Wansbrough) commenced writing the 'Wansbrough and Blechynden History'. The 100 or so handwritten pages are currently being

transcribed by her grandson Lindsay Adams. The first pages vividly describe the history of the Wansbrough's, her parents and grandparents and her life growing up in Bally Bally in the Beverley district. It gives a good insight into life on a typical Beverley farm in the 1920's and early 30's. (Full coverage of her story is too extensive to include here. For those interested, please contact Lindsay Adams.)

Ella describes how, in 1898, her father Charles Prangle took up the virgin block from the Government. 1,600 acres at Bally Bally, 13 miles from Beverley, which they called 'Morrell Dale'. Later, he increased the farm size to 3,249 acres.

Some snippets from Ella's writing:

"In 1901 my father and Grandad built a seven-room house on the farm. The house was made of mud bricks plastered in white. All the timber came from the farm, and my Grandad did all the carpentry work. . .

'Morrell Dale' homestead

Ella continues: *"In 1903 Charles Prangle Wansbrough married my mother, Adelaide Longhurst, in Beverley. They had four children; two boys and two girls: Joseph (Joe) Melrose, Edward (Ted) Charles, Linda Phoebe and Ella May. . .*

Brother Joe started school at Mt Kokeby. He rode a white pony up the sand plain. 10 miles there and 10 miles back. On 17th December 1912, my father and Mr Ken McLean J.P. and Mr Bert Poyser wrote to the Government to get a school in the district, as there were 12 children available to attend. The school was to be an assisted one and received a subsidy of £7 per child. In addition, the parents contributed £3 per child per year to secure a qualified teacher. . . The school was opened on 7th September 1914 in the supper room of the Bally Bally Hall with desks and furniture from the school at Yarling. . . In May 1915, at the age of four years, I had to go to school to make up the numbers to allow the school to stay open and the teacher to stay. . .

Unfortunately, the 1914 and 1915 summers proved to be very hot and uncomfortable in the supper room. So, my Father wrote to the Education Department to get a school on the five acres of Reserve (block 8820, which was 15 chain from the Bally Bally Hall). . .The Bally Bally School was completed in July 1917.. .

Each of us left the Bally Bally School when we were 12 years old and went to the Midland Junction School on the corner of York Road. The standard of the Midland Junction School was much higher than at Bally Bally. It taught everything, and we left school at 14 or 15. We stayed with Auntie Phoebe and Uncle Bert Brown, whose home was at 25 Sayer St, Midland Junction.

In 1927 I met Frank Blechynden at a dance in the Beverley Hall.. . The Blechynden boys, including Colin, were very much into rifle shooting. Their father Horace and uncle Frank were founding members of the Beverley club. The first range was only half a mile away from Roesland, where they shot into a hill between Horace's Roesland and Uncle Frank's Red Hill a mile further on. Some years later, the range was moved to the present location, where Horace won the Gold Medal for the best score on opening the new range. . .

In 1928 both Frank and Bruce joined the Bally Bally Rifle Club and came shooting every Sunday morning. The Bally Bally range was near the school on Carr's farm, shooting into the hill. Ted, my brother, brought Frank home to Morrell Dale for lunch. After doing the washing up, we all went to

play tennis till dark. Most of the players would then go to either the Sutherland's or the Wansbrough's places for tea – twenty or more quite often. After that, we would have a sing-song. And sometimes, when the moon was full, the couples would play hide and seek around the sheds, rocks, etc. Then, at 11 o'clock, we would be called in for supper. After all the visitors had gone home and my family had retired for the night, Frank and I waited till Bruce turned up to take Frank home at about 12 o'clock. Our courting went on for many years.

After looking for a week for a job, I got one at Guildford Grammar School as the Assistant Matron of the Prep school. I earned £1 a week and could stay at the school, but I would rather stay at Auntie's at night. . . After every term, I took the train to Beverley to stay with Mum and Dad. The train trip took six hours when on time. . . When at home for Christmas in 1935, Frank and I, with our parent's consent, set the date for our wedding as 15th July 1936. After we made plans for our house on the farm in February, I went back to work. . . With one of our working men, Don McKay, Frank made the bricks for our home with mud and clay. Our first home had two bedrooms, a lounge-dining room, kitchen, larder and bathroom. A passage ran through it and a veranda around it. . .

When the bricks had hardened, the Davey brothers built our home on the top of a hill with a good view. It was half a mile from the main road and about a mile from the railway line and Avon River to its east. All around the house, we could see most of the Red Hill and Roesland property. And, at night, we could see the lights of Beverley five miles away. It was lovely, and my father named it Bon View. . .

We were married in Saint Mary's Anglican Church in Beverley on the 15th of July 1936 by the Reverend Elphick. Our wedding breakfast was in the Lesser Hall with 125 guests, relations and friends. It all went off very well. . .

August 1936 was very exciting for me being married to Frank, getting a new house on the farm and a new blue enamel stove with a top of stainless steel. Our wood floors were fully covered with lino. There were so many jobs to do in the new house, including putting up a shed and a room for a working man, building a chook shed and fencing around the house. Frank was very busy with those jobs and the farm work as well. I was just as busy painting the floors with black boy gum and methylated spirits, shining like a new pin.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 7 Aug 1936, pg 3**
07 Aug 1936 - WEDDING. (nla.gov.au)

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Charles Prangle Wansbrough and Ada Adelaide Wansbrough (nee Longhurst).
Their portraits hang at the 'Red Hill' homestead built by Frank Harrison Blechynden in 1909, now occupied by descendant David Adams and his wife Gina.

Charles was born on 6 Oct 1875 in Perth, WA [Reg. 16725]. His parents, **JOSEPH WANSBROUGH (1851-1935)** and **MATILDA STYRING MASSINGHAM (1854-1938),** were married 22 Dec 1874, York, WA [3848]. Charles died on 12 May 1939 in Beverley, WA [Reg. 16].

Charles Prangle Wansbrough and Horace Blechynden, 1912. Courtesy Suzanne Halsall

Ada was born on 29 May 1872 in Melrose, SA. Her parents, **JOHN LONGHURST (1831-1906)** and **SARAH CHALLINGER (1837-1895),** were married 19 Jul 1854, Melbourne, VIC [Reg. 2074]. Ada died on 29 Jul 1949 in Mount Hospital, Perth, WA [Reg. 1630].

Charles and Ada had four children as follows:

1. JOSEPH 'JOE' MELROSE WANSBROUGH (1905-1976) was born 23 Apr 1905, Beverley, WA [Reg No 5]. On 4 Jul 1929 he married **EDITH BETSY CHESTER (1907-1999)**, Beverley, WA [Reg. 25]. Joe died 11 Dec 1976, Beverley, WA.

2. EDWARD 'TED' CHARLES JOHN WANSBROUGH (1907-1991) was born 19 Jan 1907, Beverley, WA [Reg. 26]. On 31 Jan 1933, he married **EVELYN MAY CHESTER (1908-)**, Beverley, WA [Reg No. 4]. Ted died 27 Jul 1991, Albany, WA.

3. PHOEBE 'LINDA' WANSBROUGH (1909-2004) was born 4 Mar 1909, Beverley, WA [Reg. 45]. On 3 Apr 1934, she married **WILLIAM THOMAS ROBINS (1908-2004)**, Beverley, WA [Reg. 22]. Linda died 29 Apr 2004, Beverley, WA.

4. ELLA MAY WANSBROUGH (1911-1995) was born 18 May 1911, Beverley, WA [Reg. 95]. On 15 Jul 1936, she married **FRANK ROBUS BLECHYNDEN (1910-1995)** in Beverley, WA [Reg. 40].

BEVERLEY TENNIS CLUB, 1899

1946 Beverley Book, pg 17

Back: ***C.P. Wansbrough****, Rev. Secombe (Methodist), G.M. Wansbrough, A. Leach (Postmaster), Miss M. Edwards (now M.E. Ford), Mr. E.J. Monger.*
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Names of some of the people mentioned in the Tennis photo 1899 and their marriages, most after 1899:

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George Murray Wansbrough (1874-1954) married Una Sewell 1901, Beverley, WA [Reg. 7].
Margaret Edwards married Ernst Ford, 1898, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 10].
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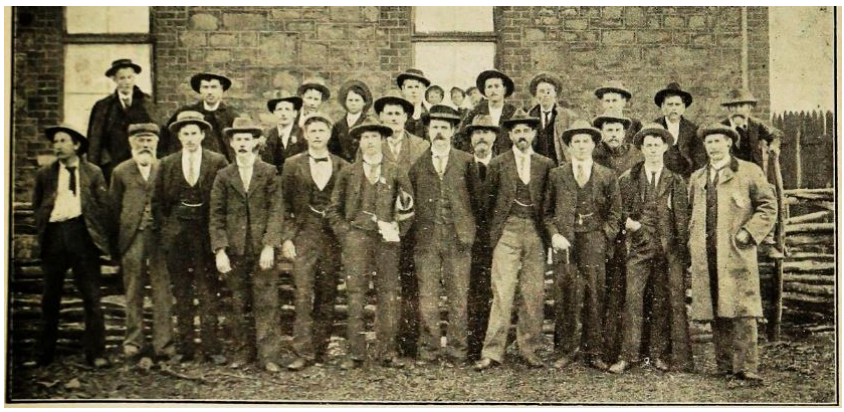
Kate Joyce married Walter M Hearn, 1906, Perth, WA [Reg. 478].
Mary Joyce married John Sullivan, 1905, Beverley, WA [Reg. 15].

Where the two Edwards ladies in the Beverley Tennis Club photo fit in:

Margaret Edwards (1873-1958) is the ninth child of Thomas Edwards (1833-1907) and Ann Maria Griffith (1830-1890). She was born in 1873, Beverley, WA [Reg. 14853]. She married Ernst Ford (1872-1959), 1898, Beverley, WA [Reg. 10]. Margaret died on 9 Feb 1958 in York, WA [Reg. 5].

Agnes Matilda Edwards (1872-1954) is the seventh child of William Edwards (1792-1865) and Eleanor Ayling (1798-1871). She was born 6 May 1872, Beverley [Reg No. 13795]. In 1901, she married Alfred Butland (1876-1958) in Fremantle, WA [Reg. 725]. Agnes died 2 Jul 1954, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 239].

GROUP PHOTO TAKEN A. N. A. SPORTS DAY, ABOUT 1900.
1946 Beverley Book, p. 11



(Front Row): *John Dexter**, J. Wansbrough,** -----, S.C. Chester, T Brody, H. G. Langsford, E. Ford, W. Voules Brown, **A Wansbrough,** H. J. Iles, **C. P. Wansbrough,** W. McGrisken, E. G. B. Lennard.* (Back Row): *C. Williams, Gould S. Makin, T. Davey, M. Edwards, -----, W. J. Langsford, O. Edwards, ----, **Mr. Blechynden,** ----, Surveyor Wilson.*

The following Obituary gives an excellent summary of the history of Charles Prangle Wansbrough and his family.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 19 May 1939, pg 5.**
19 May 1939 - OBITUARY (nla.gov.au)

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Deceased was the eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wansbrough, who were amongst the first settlers in the Beverley district. He was educated at York and Perth and as a young man, in company with two brothers, entered the service of the Railway Department. Whilst so engaged they took up land at Bally Bally and shortly afterwards left the service to devote their time and talent to the development of the property. Later the partnership was dissolved and the farm was carried on by the subject of this notice. Early in the present century he married Miss Ada Longhurst, of Northam, and of the union were born four children, these being Joseph, Edward, Linda (Mrs. Robins) and Ella (Mrs. F. Blechynden). These, together with a widow, are left to mourn his passing. The sympathy of a district-wide circle of friends goes out to them in their bereavement.

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It was whilst he was chairman of the Beverley Board that he was prevailed upon to contest the Beverley seat in the Legislative Assembly. He had always taken a keen interest in affairs of State, particularly as they affected the farming community, and his entry into the political arena was successful, he being elected for a term of three years, subsequently serving two further terms in the Assembly. His nine years representation of the district was marked by much organising work on behalf of farmers movements in this State and although he did not often contribute to the debates in the House, he did much practical work and lost no opportunity of furthering the interests of his district. Of his political record one of the finest compliments was paid him by a city daily when it referred to him as "one of the straightest men to ever enter the House." He was an enthusiastic member of the old Farmers and Settlers Association and his interest continued when it became the Primary Producers' Association. The Farmers' Co-operative movement also claimed his enthusiastic support and he did much to further the movement throughout the State. Up to a few months before his death he was a Director of Westralian Farmers' Ltd., and he was prominently associated with the formation of the local Company of which he was made a director in 1919, serving in this capacity for many years.

Sporting Activities.

In the sporting sphere deceased had several interests, the most prominent up to the time of his forced retirement being his love of the gun with which he was most capable. He never missed an opportunity to participate in a duck-shooting outing and was a prominent figure on lakes and river on the occasion of the annual opening of the shooting season. Rifle shooting also claimed his attention at one period, but in latter years of his life it was in bowls that he found the most enjoyment. He took the keenest interest in the local Club and served a period as President. Other bodies found in him a good supporter and he has held office in almost every Club and Society in this district.

The Funeral.

The funeral of the deceased took place on Saturday afternoon and was attended by an exceptionally large gathering, many visitors from other centres being present. The Rev. J. L. Brown spoke of the life of service which had been lived by the departed citizen and gave a message of comfort to the bereaved at a preliminary service at St. Mary's Anglican Church prior to the last rites at the Cemetery. The pall bearers were Messrs. F. Lodge, A. A. Woods, J. K. McLean, F. Kilpatrick, F. Blechynden, G. E. L. Wrench, F. Davey, W. H. Bateman, H. Blechynden, E. Ford, J. Adamson and R. T. Edwards. Funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. E. H. Fairhead, and wreaths and floral tributes were received from the following:

His loving wife; Pert and Al; Phoebe and Linda; Ella, Frank and Norma; Joe, Edie and Boys; Will Lepe and Family; Sid, Eina and Vergie; Viola and Ora; Aunt Mary, Lin, Bill and Colin; Members of Beverley Bowling Club; The Ridgway families; Beverley Agricultural Society; The Executive Council of Co-operative Federation of W.A.; The Directors, Management and Staff of the Westralian Farmers Ltd; The Directors and Staff of The Beverley Farmers Co-operative Co.; The Staff, Elder Smith and Co. Ltd.; Mr and Mrs Hayman and family; Neil and Bert; Mr and Mrs L A Edwards, Ruby and Ernest; Mr and Mrs J T Willey; Mr and Mrs Fred Davey and family; Mr and Mrs H Johnson Senr.; Cecil, Bessie and family; Mr and Mrs Thos Jackson and Sam; Mr and Mrs A A Wood and family; Mr and Mrs Alec Murray and Boys; Mr and Mrs F H Blechynden and Miss Robins; Jim, Clara Mann; Stan and Grace; Mr and Mrs Doug Murray, Mr. Lucas and Dick; Mary and Jim McDonald; Mr and Mrs Geo. Carr and family; Bessie and Don Robins; W A & J K McLean and families; Mr and Mrs W R Gillespie; Jack, Della and family; Mr and Mrs D H Forbes and family; Mr and Mrs Don Young and family; Syd and Kate Blechynden; Mr and Mrs Tickle and family; Ruby, Allan and family; Muriel, Stan and family; Bruce and Edna; Horace and Ella Blechynden; Mr and Mrs W L Price; Mrs Ferguson and family, Nell, Les, Syd and Jim; Mrs Draper, Jess, Clarence and Norrie; Mrs M A Hack; Mr and Mrs Frank Barrett Lennard; Janie, Robert Duncon and family; Mr and Mrs W H Bateman and May; Mr and Mrs C Price; Mr and Mrs J R & H D Edwards; Mr and Mrs J J Adamson; Mrs Adamson; Mr and Mrs R S Williams; Mr and Mrs Frank Lodge; Mrs R G Hunter; Ted, Pep and Margaret; Mr and Mrs R C Smith and Mr S Smith; Frank and Sheila McDonald; Mr and Mrs Aiken and family; Jack, Madge and Delys Fleay; Mr and Mrs Chester

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His loving wife; Perc and Al ; Phoebe and Linda; Ella, Frank and Norma; Joe, Edie and Boys; Will Lizzie and Family; Sid, Elsie and Verbie, Viola and Gra; Aunt Mary; Lin, Bill and Colin; Members of Beverley Bowling Club; The Ridgeway families; Beverley Agricultural Society; The Executive Council of Co-operative Federation of W.A.; The Directors, Management and Staff of the Westralian Farmers Ltd ; The Directors and Staff of The Beverley Farmers' Co-operative Co.: The Staff, Elder Smith and Co. Ltd,; Mr and M rs Hayman and family; Nell and Bert; Mr and Mrs L A Edwards, Ruby and Ernest ; Mr and Mrs J T Willey ; Mr and Mrs Fred Davey and family ; Mr and Mrs H Johnson Senr.; Cecil, Bessie and family ; Mr and Mrs Thos Jackson and Sam ; Mr and Mrs A. A. Wood and fam ily ; Mr and Mrs Alec Murray and Boys; Mr and Mrs F H Blechynden and Miss Robins ; Jim, Clara Mann ; Stan and Grace; Mr and Mrs Doug Murray, Mr. Lucas and Dick; Mary and Jim McDonald ; Mr and Mrs Geo. Carr and family ; Bessie and Don Rob ins; W A & J K. McLean and families; Mr and Mrs W R Gillespie; Jack. Delia and family; Mr. and Mrs D H Forbes and family; Mr and Mrs Don Young and family; Syd and Kate Blechynden; Mr and Mrs Tickle and family; Ruby, Allan and family; Muriel, Stan and family; Bruce and Edna; Horace and Ella Blechynden; Mr and Mrs W L Price; Mrs Ferguson and family; Nell, Les, Syd and Jim; Mrs Draper, Jess, Clarence and Norrie; Mrs M A Hack; Mr and Mrs Frank Barrett Leonard; Janie, Robert Doncon and family; Mr and Mrs W H Bateman and May; Mr and Mrs C Prior; Mr and Mrs J R & H D Edwards; Mr and Mrs J J Adamson; Mrs Adamson; Mr and Mrs R S Williams; Mr and Mrs Frank Lodge; Mrs R G Hunter; Ted, Pep and Margaret; Mr and Mrs R C Smith and Mr Smith; Frank and Sheila McDonald; Mr and Mrs Aiken and family ; Jack, Madge and Delys Fleay; Mr and Mrs Chester and family; Mr and Mrs Simmons; Mrs Collard, Rich and Myrtle; Mr and Mrs G E L Wrench; Mr and Mrs E Ford, Rita and Susie ; Mr and Mrs W M Young; Audrey and Eddie Woods; Mr and Mrs Swan and family and Dolly ; Mr and Mrs F Kilpatrick and family; Enid and Jack; J L McGowan; Jess and Lou Sutherland and family; Mr and Mrs Peter Edwards and family; Clayton and Mollie and W J Hastings; Tom and Essie Burgess.

Continuing with the story of FRANK ROBUS BLECHYNDEN AND ELLA MAY WANSBROUGH:

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Frank Robus Blechynden, seeding at 'Red Hill'. Courtesy Lindsay Adams

Electoral Roll:

1936, 1937, 1943, 1949, 1963 Frank Robus Blechynden, Roesland, Beverley, farmer, Ella May, 'Bon View', Beverley, home duties

1972, 1977 Frank Robus Blechynden, Forrest St, Beverley, Ella May, home duties.

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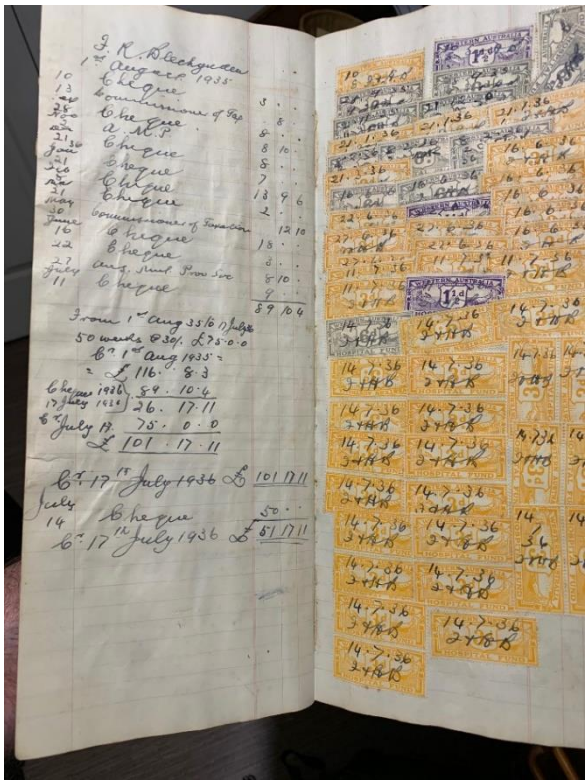

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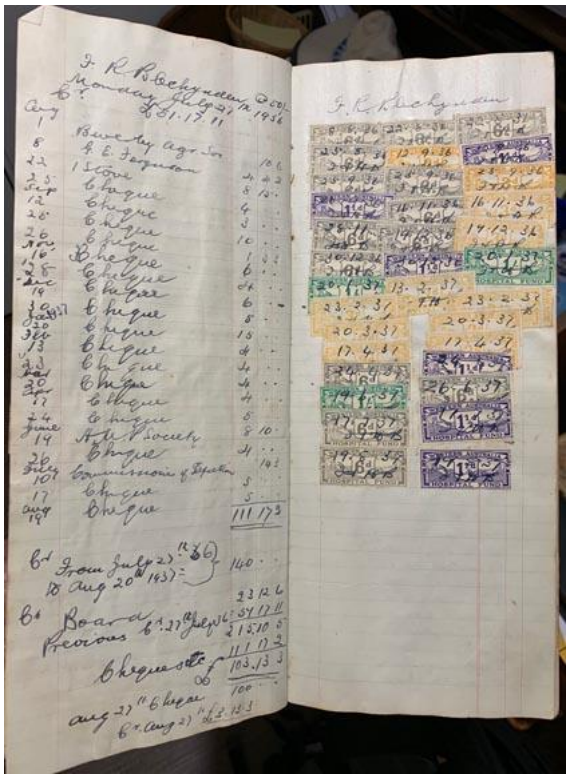

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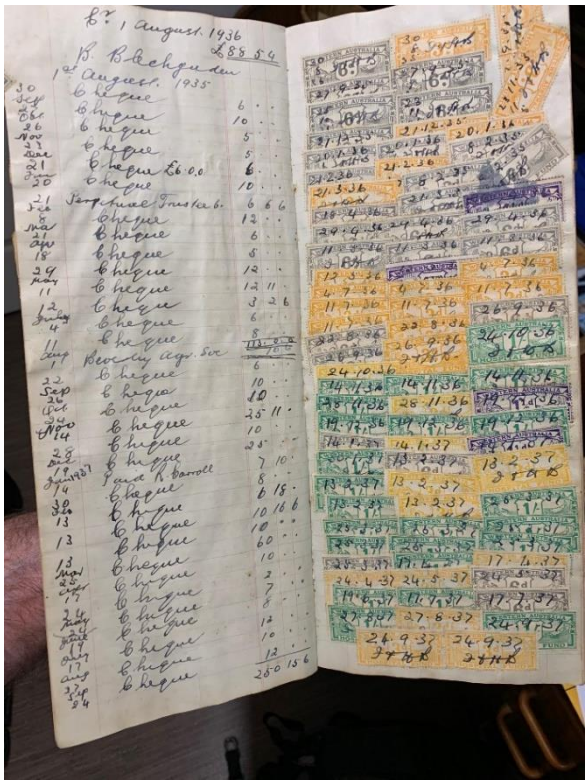

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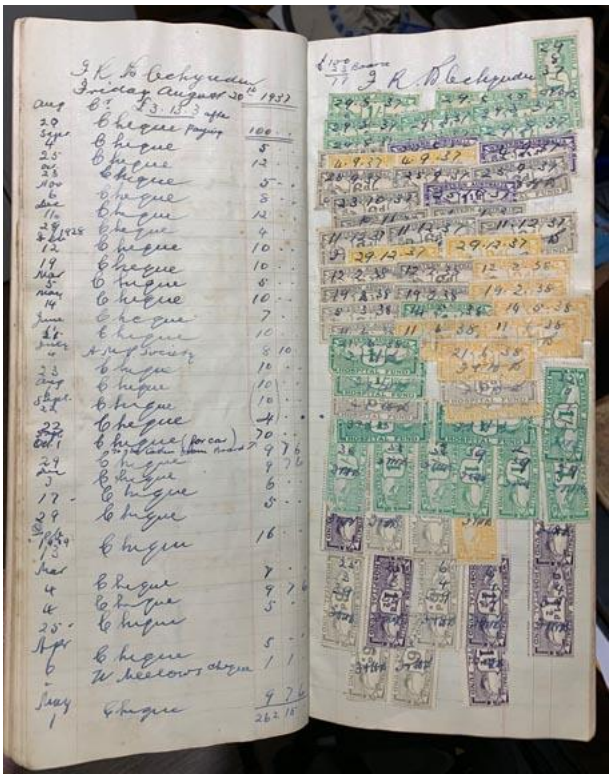

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Frank Blechynden representing Australia at Bisley, UK in 1956

Three Blechynden brothers representing Western Australia in the Queens Cup in 1960.
L-R Colin and Bruce, Frank at the front

Beverley Times **(WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 11 Feb 1966, pg 1**
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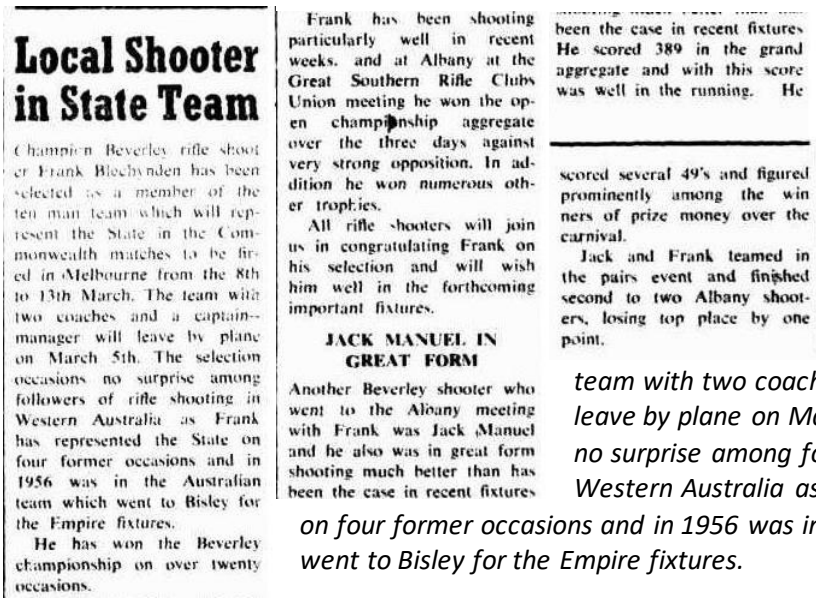

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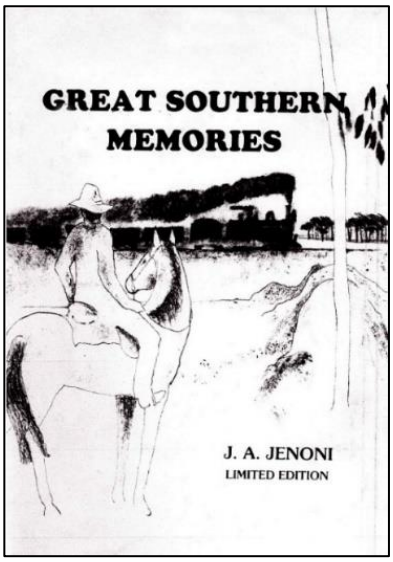

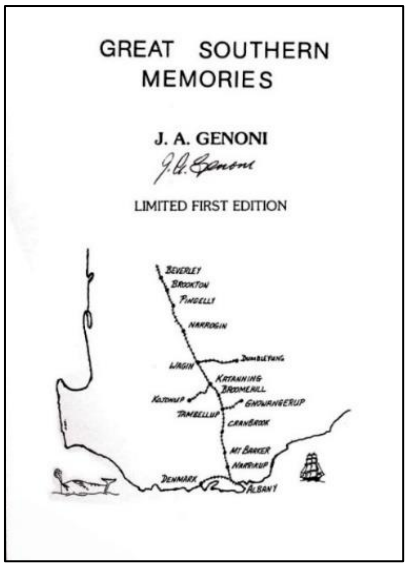

Courtesy Lindsay Adams: via grandparents Frank and Ella, Christmas gift, 1983.

A compilation of short family histories from the Great Southern (which, in the case of this book, extends to Beverley), included a piece on the **Blechyndens of Roesland – Redhill**. Pages 20 -21 follow:

BLECHYNDENS OF ROESLAND — REDHILL

Frank and Ella Blechynden, now retired from active farming, usually spend the summer half of the year at their unit in Middleton Beach Road, Albany and the other half at their home in Beverley. Frank's grandfather, Edwin Blechynden owned the property 'Seaton Ross' and Horace Blechynden his son was born there. Later 'Seaton Ross' was sold and 'Roesland' (the name comes from John Septimus Roe, the first surveyor-general of Western Australia) a farm about 4 kilometres south of Beverley, puchased. This was later joined to 'Red Hill', once the property of Uncle Frank and Aunt Alice Blechynden who had no children.

Horace Edwin Blechynden had four children, Bruce (a Brooklyn farmer), Muriel (Mrs Sutherland of Katanning), Colin (retired to Roleystone) and Frank (retired to Beverley).

Horace Blechynden and his brother Frank (Uncle Frank), in the old days carted local sandalwood to Perth. Present day farmers are now studying how to re-establish these rare trees in a district where once they were so plentiful. Frank mentioned that Mr Ernie Edwards of 'The Park' has succeeded in preserving two or three specimens.

One of the little stories that Horace Blechynden told to illustrate how the bush women of the past calmly got on with the job no matter what the circumstances was this one.

As a youngster he was sent through the bush by his mother to get news of a neighbour, Mrs Austin, who was due to have a baby sometime in the near future. It was before telephones and, with only horse transport, news travelled slowly. When Horace arrived Mrs Austin was hanging out the washing and after he made the enquiry merely replied, "Tell your mother I had the baby last night," then calmly went on with her work.

Frank Blechynden, an ardent rifleman in his younger days, represented the State in competitions around Australia. In 1956 he was chosen to shoot at Bisley, that Mecca for rifleshooters. While Frank shot bullseyes, Ella and their daughter, Norma, took the opportunity of touring Europe.

Frank remembers the time when six horses and a wagon were used for carting wheat along the corrugated or sandy roads. One of the wheatlumpers who unloaded and stacked their wheat, all in bags, was the late Claude Coates who with his brother Joe came to live in Middleton Road in their retirement. Small horsedrawn harvesters were used on the land which is now covered so quickly by grandson David Adams driving the latest autoheader.

Frank, like many other farmers including my own father, took a great deal of notice of the long range weather forecasting of the late Inigo Jones. He showed me a newspaper cutting in which Inigo Jones claimed there would be a ten year drought starting in the early eighties and that the Murrumbidgee would be one of the Eastern States rivers to dry up.

Eastern States farmers especially will agree that the drought has started but will pray like the rest of us that it does not go on for the ten year period.

Son-in-law Ron Adams and daughter Norma, both keen at tennis and golf, are now in possession of the Roeslands-Red Hill property and also have a farm behind the Albany aerodrome, previously owned by Jack and Judy Tuffley.

One of the Adams sons, David, is with his parents on the farm. He loves the big machinery which is so necessary for present day efficient rural operations. Another son, Lindsay is in the army at Duntroon.

On the 26th of November 1982 the Red Hill farmhouse suffered damage to its roof, and about 1800 acres of crop was lashed by hail.

The Adams family are keen to see trees and growth established again on over-cleared areas especially where salt has appeared. Hundreds of trees are being planted on the property in the hope of reversing past problems.

Frank and Ella, when health permits, enjoy their games of lawn bowls and are almost as well-known among the bowling fraternity in Albany as at their home grounds at Beverley.

Frank and Ella Blechynden celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, 15 Jul 1986
Stan & Muriel Sutherland, Frank and Ella Blechynden, Edna and Bruce Blechynden.
Courtesy Lindsay Adams.

DEATHS OF FRANK ROBUS BLECHYNDEN & ELLA MAY WANSBROUGH

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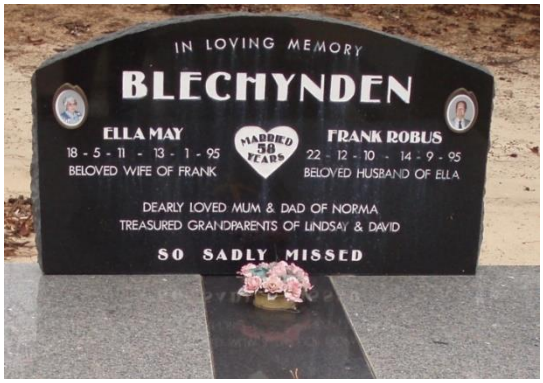

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Norma did all her junior school years at the Beverley State School, often riding her bike the five miles into town from the farm and back again.

Norma aged two with father Frank on the farm tractor.

Norma with bike (Registration BE: 106)

Money was short in those days. Norma, with her father Frank, spent many a night checking traps for rabbits and then delivering them the next morning to the rabbit man who came along the highway to pick them up. Norma, with her pony and pet grey hound, also spent many hours after school chasing foxes - with the Shire paying three shillings per set of ears and tail.

Norma aged 11 with 'Jack', a favourite horse.

Norma aged 12; with her pony.

Of note, the fencing style in the above right photo is called a Harper Fence developed in Beverley by Charles Harper (1842-1912), agriculturist, legislator and newspaper proprietor.

For years 9 and 10, Norma attended Methodist Ladies College in Perth where she was the college tennis champion in her final year.

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Norma, aged 16, playing Country Week tennis at Kings Park.

Norma heading off to play golf in Beverley.

Norma went on to win the Beverley Ladies Championship on ten occasions – and the Avon Valley Championship several times as well.

Norma as a young woman took up golf and became a keen player. An article from *Trove* describes the dramatic finish to a Golf Tournament in 1959, when at the age of 21 she won the title.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 31 Jul 1959, pg 4**
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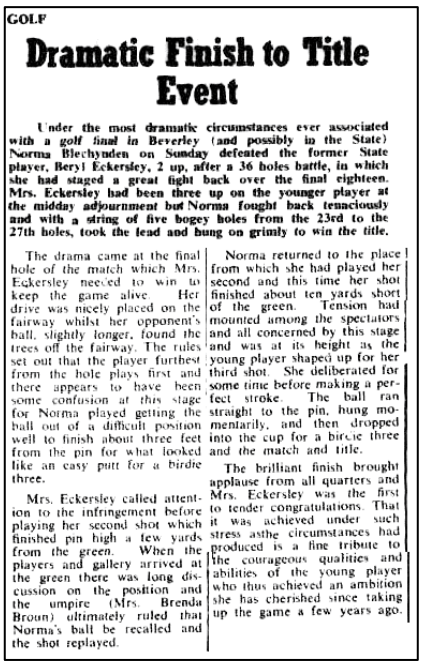

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Bride, Norma Ella Ada Blechynden with her parents, Frank Robus and Ella May Blechynden (nee Wansbrough)

Bride: Norma Adams (nee Blechynden), grandparents, Horace and Amy 'Ella' Blechynden (nee Craig) and groom, Ron Adams

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Beverley Times **(WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 22 Jul 1960, pg 7**
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Norma Ella Ada Blechynden and Ronald James Adams had two children Lindsay Ronald and David Frank Adams.

Four Generations: Amy 'Ella' Blechynden, her son Frank Blechynden with his daughter Norma and her new baby, Lindsay

In Beverley, as well as the farming commitments, Ron and Norma played lots of sport, made lots of great friends, and had many very happy days. Tournaments were won, both in singles and as a couple, both in Beverley, and surrounding districts.

In 1987, Ron and Norma moved from Beverley to the cooler climate of Albany. Here they bought *Three Valleys*, a 750-acre farm near town, which they worked for 25 years or so.

While still enjoying golf at the *Albany Golf Club*, where she was a member for 35 years, Norma also took up playing lawn bowls at the *Emu Point Sporting Club*, having a few successes and making many new lifelong friends.

Ron and Norma planting tree seedlings on 'Three Valleys'

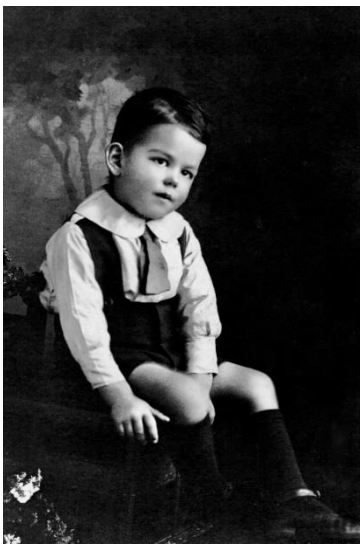
Ron and Norma heading off to bowls.

Another of Norma's loves was growing Regal Pelargoniums and, later, Daylilies. She very much enjoyed being a part of the *Albany Horticulture Society*, making many more great friends and being honoured with Life Membership in 2008.

Norma Adams (nee Blechynden) passed away on 27 Nov 2019, and husband, Ronald James Adams, on 8 Jul 2021, both in Albany.

4th CHILD OF HORACE BLECHYNDEN & AMY 'ELLA' CRAIG

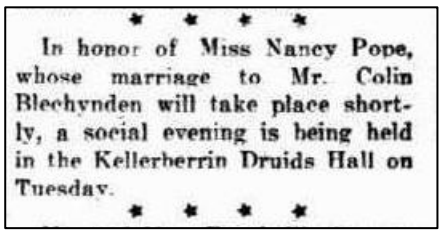
4. BLECHYNDEN, COLIN HORACE (1916-1996) was born 1916, christened 22 Dec 1916, St Mary's Church, Beverley, WA [Reg No. 152]. Colin died 23 Feb 1996, Brookton, WA.



Studio portrait, Colin Horace Blechynden

COLIN married **NANCY ELIZABETH POPE (1920-2003)**, 1941, Perth, WA [Reg. 768].

***Sunday Times*, 23 Feb 1941**



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Wedding photo:
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Courtesy Libby Peacock

Colin Blechynden

It is interesting that there were two Colin Blechynden's who married a Nancy. Colin Bovell Blechynden (1917-1999) married Annie Marie 'Nancy' White (1914-1994) 8 May 1939, St Paul's Church, at Bridgetown. He is descended from the John Blechynden line from 'Bridgedale', Bridgetown. I wondered if they knew of one another.

Julie Isherwood (daughter of Colin in Bridgetown) commented: *With regards the two Colin Blechynden's, I was aware of this. Dad always referred to them as the Beverley ones and we would be proud to be the Bridgetown ones. I am sure the other Colin would say the same. Both Colin's had sons and I believe they both worked for Wesfarmers. My Dad in Bunbury and Beverley Colin in Beverley. At different times their sons passed away and each Colin received sympathy cards for the loss of their sons. This is a vivid memory for me.*

POPE, NANCY ELIZABETH (1920-2003) (via the Wilson Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 29 Feb 1920, Dorset, England. Her parents were **ALBERT LESLIE POPE (1892-1990)** and **ETHEL ELIZABETH CHISLETT**. Nancy died 13 Jul 2003, Brookton, WA.

The following pages outline Nancy's family background (via the Brown 2018 Family Tree, Ancestry).

Nancy's father, Albert, was born 11 May 1892, Murtoa, VIC [Reg. 25811]. His parents were **JOHN POPE (1869-1901)** and **MARY ANN EASTLAKE (1867-1945)** who were married 16 Dec 1889, Ballarat, VIC [Reg. 7047]. They had twelve children. It appears that Albert, his parents and most of his family moved to WA. His brothers Jack and Francis 'Garnet' both married in WA. Albert Leslie Pope died 30 Apr 1990, Dalkeith, WA. John and Mary had six children as follows:

1. ANNIE POPE (1890-1978) was born 1890, Murtoa, VIC [Reg. 34898]. She married **ANDREW SMART (1883-1940)** 1909, Murchison, WA [Reg No 20]. Annie died 30 Jul 1978.

Electoral Roll:
1912, 1913, Andrew Smart, Anstey St, Day Dawn, hairdresser.
1915, 1916, Andrew Smart, 42 Farmer Street, North Perth, hairdresser, Annie, home duties.
1926 Andrew Smart, Mason St, Cottesloe Beach, news agent, Annie, home duties.
1936 Andrew Smart, Box 1 P.O. Carnamah, storekeeper.

2. ALBERT LESLIE POPE (1892-1990) was born 11 May 1892, Murtoa, VIC [Reg. 25811]. More details following.

3. JACK POPE (1894-1955) was born 1894, Murtoa, VIC [Reg. 14269]. He married **ETHEL LAURA TAYLOR (1896-1964)** 1917, Leederville, WA [Reg. 8]. Jack died 10 Apr 1955, East Victoria Park, WA [Reg. 832].

Electoral Roll:
1919 Jack Pope, 222 Charles St, Balcatta, dairyman, Ethel Laura, home duties.
1931 49 Canterbury Terrace, Canning, hairdresser, Ethel Laura, home duties.
1954 Jack Pope, 974, Albany Rd, Victoria Park, hairdresser, Ethel Laura, home duties.

4. FRANCIS 'GARNET' POPE (1896-1969) was born 1896, Wangaratta, VIC [Reg. 15689]. He married **ANNIE LAWLERS FREMERY (1896-1973)** 1920, Perth, WA [Reg. 616]. Registered under Garnet. Francis 'Garnet' died 27 Nov 1969, Mt Pleasant, WA [Reg. 4306].

Electoral Roll:
1922 Garnet Francis Pope, 8 Dean St, Cottesloe, coach trimmer, Annie Lawlers, home duties.
1937 Garnet Francis Pope, 40 Lyall St, motor and coach trimmer, Annie Lawlers, home duties.

5. MAUD VERA POPE (1898-) was born 1898, Benalla, VIC [8558]. She married **ANGELO PERLSTEIN (1888-1971)**, 1941, Sydney, NSW [Reg. 14884]. Details of her death are not known.

Electoral Roll:
1949, 1968 Angelo Perlstein, 17 Herbert Avenue, Newport, NSW, window dresser, Vera Maud, home duties.

6. DOROTHY POPE (1902-1988) was born 1902, Benalla, VIC, [Reg. 715]. She died 1988 in NSW.

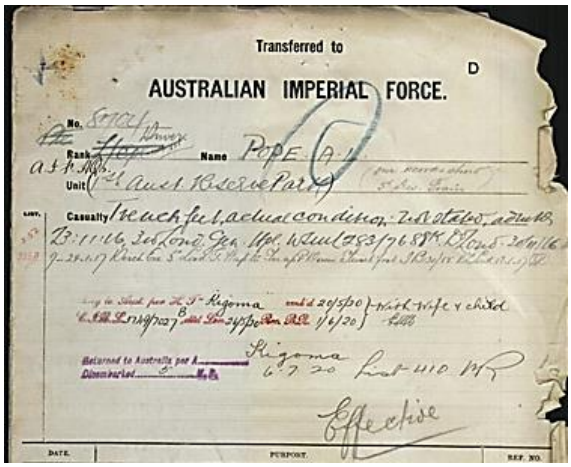
More detail on Nancy Elizabeth Pope's father, Albert Leslie Pope:

POPE ALBERT LESLIE (1892-1990) was born 11 May 1892, Murtoa, VIC [Reg. 25811]. Albert died 30 Apr 1990, Dalkeith, WA. During WW1, he joined the Australian Imperial Force, Service Number – 8704, giving his trade as blacksmith. He served in France with the Australian Service Corps and was admitted to hospital a number of times with trench foot in France and England**.**

Albert Leslie Pope. Via Wilson Family Tree, Ancestry

Albert's attestation papers 7 Jul 1915 show that, at that time, his family was living in Perth, WA. Mother, Mary Anne Pope, 450 William St, Perth, WA.

His service papers show that while Albert was overseas, he met and married a young English woman named Ethel Elizabeth Chislett.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Part of Albert's AIF service record showing his return home via the Kygoma with wife and child.

Copy of marriage certificate
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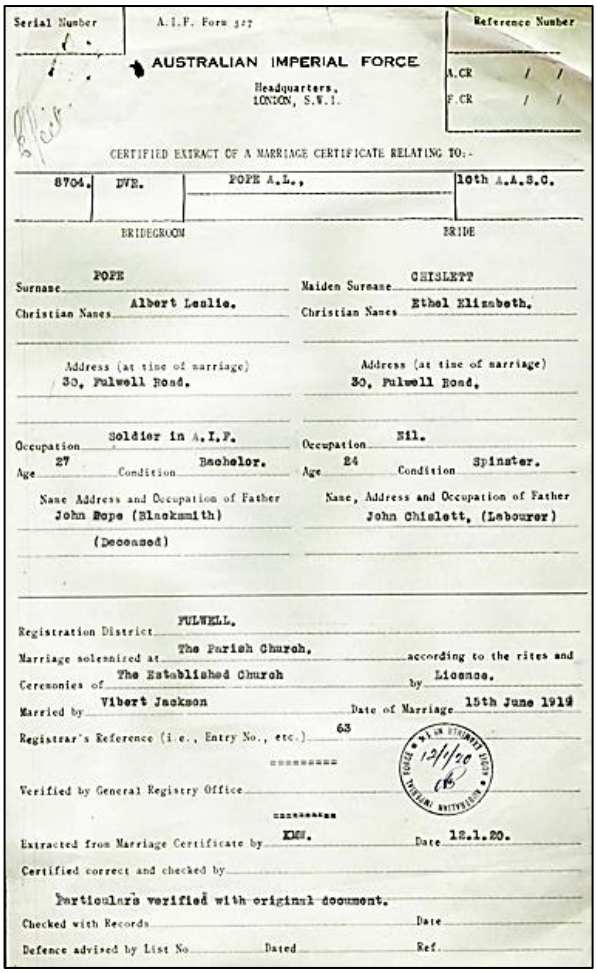

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CERTIFIED EXTRACT OF A MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE RELATING TO:-

8704.	DVR.	POPE A.L.,	10th A.A.S.C.
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Surname: POPE	Maiden Surname: CHISLETT
Christian Names: Albert Leslie.	Christian Names: Ethel Elizabeth.
Address (at time of marriage): 30, Fulwell Road.	Address (at time of marriage): 30, Fulwell Road.
Occupation: Soldier in A.I.F.	Occupation: Nil.
Age: 27 Condition: Bachelor.	Age: 24 Condition: Spinster.
Name Address and Occupation of Father: John Pope (Blacksmith) (Deceased)	Name, Address and Occupation of Father: John Chislett, (Labourer)

Registration District: FULWELL.
Marriage solemnized at: The Parish Church, according to the rites and Ceremonies of: The Established Church by: Licence.
Married by: Vibert Jackson Date of Marriage: 15th June 1919
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Nancy Elizabeth Pope's mother, **CHISLETT, ETHEL ELIZABETH (1894-1955)**, was born 1894, Okeford, Fitzpaine, Dorset, England. Her parents were **HENRY JOHN CHISLETT (1865-1954)** and **ELIZA JANE HARVEY (1867-1950)** who were married 1892, Melksham, Wiltshire, England. Ethel died 26 Aug 1955, Beverley, WA [Reg. 24]. She is buried in the Beverley Anglican Cemetery.

A death notice from the time read:

POPE, Ethel Elizabeth. Wife of Albert Leslie, Mother of Nancy, Joan, John, Betty, Dick and Dell, 26 Aug 1955. Aged 61 years.

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4. BETTY POPE (1925-) married ROY J WEIR, 1946, Perth, WA [Reg. 2136].
5. ALBERT RICHARD 'DICK' POPE (1927-2004) married DOROTHY JEAN COOPER (1932-2013), 1952, WA [Reg. 1447].
6. JUNE ADELE POPE (1930-2018) married BYRON LELSIE KENNEDY, Sydney, NSW.

Ethel Elizabeth Pope (nee Chislett)

Electoral Roll:
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1925, 1936 Albert Leslie Pope, Burracoppin, Northam, farmer, Ethel Elizabeth, married.
1943, 1949 Albert Leslie Pope, 35 Broome St, Cottesloe, mechanic, Ethel Elizabeth, home duties.
1958 Albert Leslie Pope, 32 Forrest St, Cottesloe, retired.
1963 Albert Leslie Pope, Surf Club, Marine Pde, Cottesloe, caretaker.
1969 Albert Leslie Pope, 43 Warkins Rd, Claremont.
1977 Albert Leslie Pope, 43 Watkins Rd, Dalkeith.

Continuing with the life of Colin Horace Blechynden and Nancy Elizabeth Pope:

Colin served during WW2. Libby Peacock commented that he had two years in the Volunteer Defence Corps ('Dad's Army'). The fact that his eyesight was compromised and he wore heavy glasses indicate he wasn't able to serve overseas.

BLECHYNDEN, Colin Horace: Private, 9th (SA) Battalion VDC, Australian Military Forces (Army WW2), Service number W73538.

COLIN HORACE BLECHYNDEN and NANCY ELIZABETH POPE had three children: Beverley, Elizabeth and Malcolm.

Beverley and Libby with their father Colin and his horse and cart! Photo courtesy Libby Peacock.

Beverley, Malcolm and Libby Blechynden. Courtesy Libby Peacock.

Nancy Elizabeth Blechynden (nee Pope) with Beverley, Libby leaning on her & Malcolm baby - having taken a picnic lunch to Colin Horace while he was ploughing I believe! Courtesy Libby Peacock.

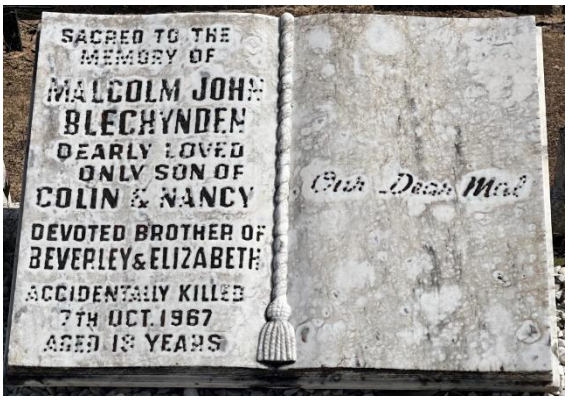
Colin leaning against a lovely Jarrah somewhere on the farm in Quairading. Courtesy Libby Peacock

West Australian Lamb Carcass Competition 1942-
C.B. BLECHYNDEN & CO.
West – Brookton First and Second

DEATH OF SON, MALCOLM JOHN BLECHYNDEN (1949- 1967)

Malcolm John Blechynden died 7 Oct 1967, Katanning, WA [Reg. 77], accidently killed, aged 18 years.

Via Libby Peacock: *Malcolm died in a car accident - on the outskirts of Katanning - on 8th October 1967. He was on his way to play football with the Kojonup football club. Our family was never the same again.* Our deepest sympathy to the family.



Headstone of Malcolm John Blechynden, son of Colin and Nancy Blechynden. Beverley Anglican Cemetery

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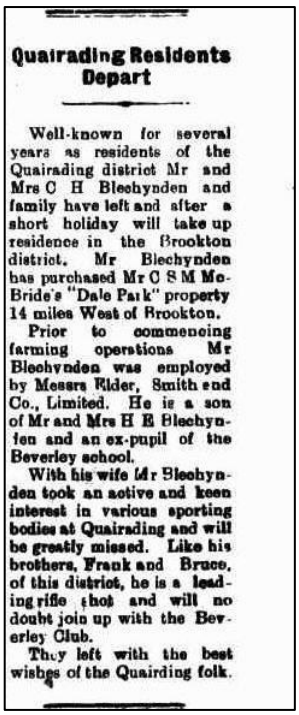

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The previous article records that Colin like his brothers was a leading rifle shot. The photo of him cropped from the team photo show that in 1961 he was a member of the Australian Rifle Team on a New Zealand Tour.

WA National Rifle Association Team 1962 Swanbourne Rifle Range, courtesy Andrew Matthews

Colin Blechynden 1961 Australian Rifle Team New Zealand Tour. Courtesy Andrew Matthews

Frank, Colin, Bruce and their father, Horace Blechynden. Courtesy Lindsay Adams

Electoral Roll

1954 Colin Horace Blechynden, Inverall, Quairading, farmer and grazier, Nancy Elizabeth, home duties.
1958 Colin Horace Blechynden, 'Dale Park', West Brookton, farmer, Nancy Elizabeth, home duties.
1963 Colin Horace Blechynden, "Dale Park", West Brookton, farmer, Nancy Elizabeth, home duties.
1972, 1978 Colin Horace Blechynden, 17 Furlowe St, Bicton, salesman, Nancy Elizabeth, home duties.

Colin Horace Blechynden died 23 Feb 1996, Brookton, WA. **Nancy Elizabeth Blechynden (nee Pope) died 13 Jul 2003,** Brookton, WA

Headstone of Colin Horace Blechynden, Beverley Anglican Cemetery, WA

Headstone of Nancy Elizabeth Blechynden (nee Pope) Beverley Anglican Cemetery, WA.

SEVENTH CHILD OF CHARLES EDWIN BLECHYNDEN & CAROLINE DAVIES

7. BLECHYNDEN, HERBERT WILLIAM (1886-1886)

Herbert William Blechynden was born 16 Feb 1886, Beverley, WA [Reg. 28870]. He was the seventh child born to Charles Edwin and Caroline. Sadly, they had lost baby Albert in 1877. When Herbert was born, the other children were aged as follows: Frank 12 years, Alice 10, Ernest 8, Sydney 5, Horace 4. Alick was to be born later in 1892.

What a sad time for the family when Herbert William Blechynden died as a baby aged just five days, on 20 Feb 1886, Beverley, WA [Reg. 13481].

His name was registered as Herbert on both his birth and death notices, however, on the back of a page in the family bible, it was hand-written as Hubert.

EIGHT CHILD OF CHARLES EDWIN BLECHYNDEN & CAROLINE DAVIES

8. BLECHYNDEN, ALICK GEORGE ROBUS (1892-1917)

Alick George Robus Blechynden was born 22 Feb 1892, Beverley, WA [Reg. 448] and baptised 31 Mar 1892. At the age of fifteen years, he showed great promise as a footballer player, taking part on an Eastern States tour as a 'selected lad' in the *Young Australia League*.

***West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Tue 20 Aug 1907, pg 6**
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Badge: First Juvenile Football West to East Alick Blechynden 1907

Alick Blechynden served in the First World War.

Service Numbers:	571, R571
Enlisted:	11 March 1915, Perth, Western Australia
Last Rank:	Sergeant
Last Unit:	28th Infantry Battalion
Born:	Beverley, Western Australia, 22 February 1892
Home Town:	Beverley, Beverley, Western Australia
Schooling:	Beverley Public School and North Fremantle Public School
Occupation:	Farmer
Died:	Killed in Action, France, 28 February 1917, aged 25 years
Cemetery:	Warlencourt British Cemetery Plot: IV. J. I.
Memorials:	Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour, Beverley Jacobs Well District HR, Beverley Mount Kokeby HR, Beverley St Mary's Anglican Church Lynch Gate, Beverley War Memorial

Blechynden Alick George Robus
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***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Sat 25 Dec 1915, pg 2**
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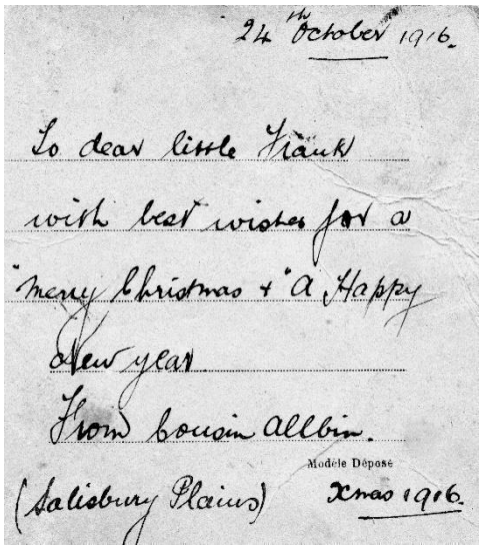
On 3 Jan 1916, Alick returned to Beverley on three months convalescence leave having travelled via the Suez Canal on the *Ulysses*. His family must have welcomed him with open arms. And, to his nieces and nephews, he must surely have been a hero.


24th October 1916.

To dear little Frank

with best wishes for a

Merry Christmas + a Happy

New year

From cousin Allbin.

Modèle Déposé

(Salisbury Plains) Xmas 1916.

Upon his return to the European theatre of the First World War, Alick initially trained in England on the Salisbury Plains where he was promoted to Corporal on 9 Sep 1916.

To the right is a copy of a letter to Frank Robus Blechynden from his Uncle Alick, dated 24 Oct 1916. Young Frank, who was the third child of Horace and Amy 'Ella' Blechynden, born on 22 Dec 1910. Aged about five and a half years, he must have been excited to receive the letter. Alick signed himself 'Cousin Allbin.'

On the 30 Dec 1916, Alick was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Tragically, Alick Blechynden was killed in action in France on 28 Feb 1917.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Sat 24 Mar 1917, pg 6**
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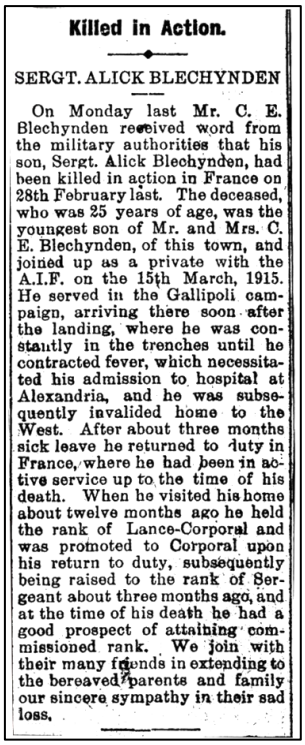

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Defence and war service records
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Follow the link above to view the service records of Alick George Robus Blechynden which contain 99 pages of certificates and letters including details of his service overseas.

The next article, an ANZAC presentation – a summary of Alick George Robus Blechynden's service for his country during the First World War, was composed by Toby and Amy Blechynden, the children of Mark and Denise Blechynden (Mark being the son of Cyril and Chris Blechynden, who reside at 'Burnside.' Cyril being one of the sons of Bruce Blechynden).

ALICK GEORGE ROBUS BLECHYNDEN, KIA, 28 Feb 1917, France.
Compiled by Toby and Amy Blechynden

We have many proud family members that have fought for our freedom from the 1st World War to Afghanistan. But, as this is the centenary year of the beginning of the Great War, we will retrace the life of Alick George Robus Blechynden - our Great, Great, Great Uncle who fought at Gallipoli and on the Western Front.

Alick was born on the 22 February 1892 and grew up on the family farm, "Roesland" south of Beverley. He attended Beverley School and later North Fremantle State School. In 1903 Alick's father, Charles, passed the family farm onto two of Alick's older brothers, Frank and our Great, Great Grandpa, Horace. With this and being the youngest brother, Alick chose to join the Australian Imperial Force. He enlisted on 15 Mar 1915, aged 23 years.

On the 16 Apr 1915 Alick was allocated to C Company, 28th Battalion, with the rank of Private. The unit was raised at Blackboy Hill Camp, Western Australia, and embarked at Fremantle aboard "Ascanius" on 29 Jun 1915 for training in Egypt. It landed at Gallipoli on 10 September 1915 where it reinforced the weary New Zealand and Australian Divisions. While at Gallipoli Alick was promoted to Lance

Corporal. As luck would have it, his unit had a relatively quiet time and they departed the peninsula in December 1915 having suffered only light casualties.

After another short period in Egypt, Alick embarked at Suez aboard "Ulysses" on 3 January 1916 for Fremantle and three months leave. This homecoming must have been a great relief to this family. However, it was a relatively short reprieve. He returned to duty on 14 Apr 1916 to embark at Fremantle aboard "Aeneas", again for Egypt. For many, it was not just a war against the enemy but also weather, hygiene and disease. Alick spent many weeks in makeshift hospitals with influenza and enteric fever (typhoid) as battling the poor living conditions took its toll.

Embarking at Alexandria aboard "Tunisian", Alick proceeded to France and the Western Front where he re-joined his battalion on 4 August 1916. As a part of the 2nd Australian Division, it took part in the confused and costly fighting to the east of Flers. The autumn rains had set in by the time Alick reached the Somme Valley, and the whole battlefield had become a sea of mud. Trenches and tracks were often impassable with mud slowing journeys to a kilometre an hour. These were some of the worst conditions Australians experienced on the Western Front.

Alick was promoted to Corporal on the 9 September and Sergeant on the 30 December 1916. The next major battle of the 28th Battalion took place at the Malt Trench in February 1917 after the men went through the worst winter in France for forty years. At this time the first recommendations for Victoria Crosses were made for members of the battalion. It was not until 2 Mar that the 7th Brigade captured portions of the Malt Trench bringing the 2nd Division close enough to be able to attack the R.I. position and withdraw the Germans to the Hindenburg Line.

Alick only saw the beginning of this battle, for as the 28th Battalion was holding the line near Warlencourt, he was killed by a German shell on 28 February while clearing a German dug-out. He was only 25 years old. Alick's death hit hard back home in Western Australia as this letter, dated 21 February 1918, to the Australian Red Cross Society reflects:

"Dear Madam, I am writing to ask you would you be so kind as to find out for me how I can get the belongings of my late son, Sergeant Alick Blechynden No 571 28th Battalion who was killed in action in France on the 28 February 1917 or if your society could get me his things. I would pay any expense that was incurred as it is now a year since he fell and I cannot get any information from the military authorities at all. Trusting your society will give this matter your fullest attention and that you will let me know the result of your inquiries at your earliest and you will greatly oblige his sorrowing parents. Yours very sincerely Charles Edwin Blechynden."

Alick's remains were recovered and buried in the Warlencourt British Cemetery along with 337 identified and 138 unidentified other Australians. For Alick's service during World War 1, the family received his Star Medal, British War Medal, Victory Medal and a Memorial Scroll and Plaque. These medals and plaque were donated to the Beverley RSL on 15 May 2005 and are on display in their hall.

A remembrance plaque is also erected in Lovekin Drive at Kings Park for Alick, being one of 1,200 along the Honour Avenues. These plaques bear witness to their youth and the circumstances of their death in lands far from Australia. It records those who were wounded in action and subsequently died from those wounds, of prisoners-of-war who wasted away under the cruelty of their captors and of those who are, to this day, missing and have no known grave. These plaques are their crosses where ever they rest, and together they continue to share an undying comradeship in this place of peace.

For those that did not return home,
they will not be forgotten.
For those that did, enforced their parting words,
"When you go home, tell them of us and say,
For your tomorrow, we gave our today!"

Lest we forget.

28th.Battn. A.I.F. BLECHYNDEN.
Cpl.A.G.R. 571.

Killed in Action. 28-2-17

He was returned to Australia from Gallipoli. He came to France on the same boat as myself "Ansonous", 17-4-16. He was in C Coy. We were holding the line near Warlencourt, when he was killed and buried, in company with an officer and others, by a shell, while cleaning out an old German dug-out. His body was not recovered. He came from Beverley, W.A.?
DISCRIPTION: Medium size, Stoutly built, Dark complexion, Very popular.
INFORMANT
Cpl. Johnston,
28th.Battn. A.I.F.

HOME ADDRESS:-
Brisbane Farm,
Merredin, West Australia.

Letter from Cpl. Johnson describing how Alick was Killed in Action

Edward St
Beverley
26. 10. 17

Base Records Dept
Sir
My son Sergeant A. G. R. Blechynden No 571 28th Battalion was killed in Action on the 28th of February & "I have not received his deffered pay" nor any of his personal belongings & as this is some month's ago I think it is time that I heard something of the matter or that the money was paid "I would be pleased if you would give this matter your attention & let me have some satisfaction at your earliest convenience"
Trusting you will oblige
Yours Sincerely
C. E. Blechynden

National Archives of Australia NAA: B2455, BLECHYNDEN A G R

Letter from Charles Edwin Blechynden requesting deferred pay and personal belongings of his son Alick, KIA.

28th Battn.
A.I.F.

BLECHYNDEN,
Sgt.G.R. 571

"KILLED IN ACTION"

With reference to your letter relative to the personal effects of the above name deceased soldier - his belongings extracted from his kit bag deposited in this Store comprise a spirit flask, knife and military book, which were despatched on the 16th October 1917 to the Secretary, Department of Defence, Melbourne for transmission to the next of kin :- Mr C.Blechynde Beverley, Western Australia. His identity disc, recovered from the Field, was forwarded in the same manner on the 17th January last. There is no record of having received any other effects of his at this Store, still, in the event of anything further coming to hand at a later date you may rest assured it will be forwarded to the registered next-of kin Mr C.Blechynden, as above.

Letter from:- O.C. Kit Store,
110 Greyhound Rd.
Hammersmith, W. 6.

London
6.5.18.

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Reply re personal effects. One of many letters following the family being in informed about Alick being killed in action.

To view the WW1 Service Record of Alick George Blechynden, see Details (adfa.edu.au) or https://aif.adfa.edu.au/aif/showPerson?pid=25095.

Headstone of Charles Edwin Blechynden,
Beverley Anglican Cemetery, WA

Also
In memory of
HIS SON
ALICK
WHO WAS KILLED IN FRANCE
28th February 1917
aged 25 years.

Pte A Blechynden:
The 1914-15 Star.
Awarded for service between
5 Aug 1914 and 31 Dec 1915

Courtesy Lindsay Adams

Alick Blechynden,
Killed in Action –
France, 28 Feb
1917

Alick Blechynden's headstone, Warlencourt British Cemetery
(Plot IV, Row J, Grave No. 1), Warlencourt, Pas de Calais, France
Courtesy Lindsay Adams

KINGS PARK HONOUR AVENUE
Biography presented during plaque dedication:

Sergeant Alick George Robus Blechynden of 28 Battalion was born in Beverley in Mar 1892, the son of Charles and Caroline.
He attended state schools at Beverley and North Fremantle.
The Blechynden families have lived on and farmed 'Roesland', 'Red Hill' and 'Burnside' properties in the south west for many years.
Part of a fence that Alick helped his brothers to erect is still standing on 'Burnside'.
Alick enlisted in Mar 1915 and after training left Fremantle on the troopship 'Aeneas' for Gallipoli.
He then went to Cairo where he was in hospital with influenza.
After he recovered, he went to France and was promoted to corporal in Aug 1916 and was made sergeant in Aug of that year.
Sergeant Alick George Robus Blechynden of 28 Battalion was killed in action by a shell while cleaning out an old German dugout on 28 Feb 1917 near Warlencourt in France. He was 25.
Alick and Leslie were both great grandsons of Harrison Blechynden.
The tree can be visited at number L 315, Lovekin Drive in Kings Park.

The plaques in Kings Park in honour of SGT A G R BLECHYNDEN and PTE LESLIE BLECHYNDEN

Via Ken Blechynden: Our grandsons visited Kings Park and found Leslie and Alick's plaques in the Avenue of Honour. They are both at the same tree.

Ken's grandsons, sixth generation Blechynden descendants from Harrison and Charlotte. Justin and Jackson, looking proud. Courtesy Melanie Blechynden

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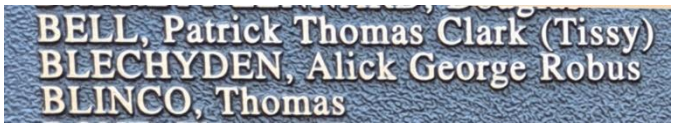
Alick Blechynden has been acknowledged amongst others on the Young Australian League plaque at Araluen.

Alick Blechynden on the YAL Roll of Honour, Araluen. Courtesy Ken Blechynden



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8. THOMAS HARRISON BLECHYNDEN (1849-1933) & ANNIE DUNHAM (1850-1933)

Thomas Harrison was Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden's eight child. He was born on 9 Sep 1849 at 'Babbyalla', East Beverley.

On 24 Sep 1877, Harrison (as he was known) married Annie Dunham at the Anglican Church in Northam and they farmed in Wagin.

Harrison and Annie had no children but did bring up their nephew, Benjamin Lewis Blechynden, the third child of Jesse and Emma Blechynden, from the age of 14 months.

Annie passed away on 4 May 1933 aged 82 and Harrison on 11 Sep of the same year; both in Wagin. They are buried alongside each other in unmarked graves (lots 106 and 107) in the Wagin Cemetery.

BLECHYNDEN, THOMAS HARRISON (1849-1933) was born 9 Sep 1849, 'Babbyalla', East Beverley, WA [Reg. 1376], registered in York. His parents Harrison Blechynden (1802-1873) and Charlotte Robus (1812-1889) emigrated from Kent, England to the newly formed Swan River Colony, on the ship, the *Minstrel*, on 20 Jan 1830. They were married in Perth on 3 Mar 1832. Their first two children were born in Perth, John, in 1833 and Sarah in 1841. Following Sarah's birth, Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden made the decision to relocate to 'Babbyalla', in the newly zoned district of Beverley. More details re the story of their time in Perth can be read in the chapter on Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden.

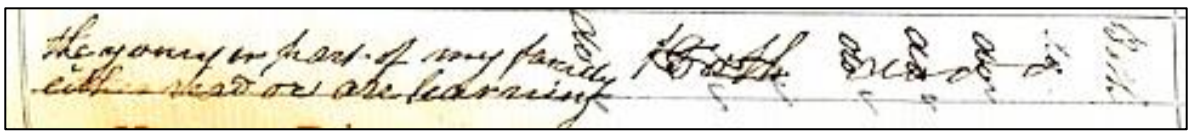
According to WA birth records, Elizabeth Anne (known as Anne), was born in 1842 at 'St Aubyns', prior to her parents moving to the property next door named 'Babbyalla'. The next seven children, all boys, were born on 'Babbyalla': Henry George, 1843; Jesse William, 1845, (sadly, Jesse William died in 1846 at the age of 20 months); Walter Edward, 1846; Charles Edwin, 1848; Thomas Harrison, 1849; Jesse William, 1851 and Joseph, 1853.

Jesse was aged two years and Thomas was almost four years of age when baby Joseph was born. One can imagine all the younger children looked up to their oldest brother John, now aged 20 years who spent most of his time with their father working on the property. Their sisters, Sarah aged 12 and Anne 11 years would have been a great help to their mother with the younger ones. Thomas and his brothers, Henry George aged 10 years, William aged 8 years and Charles aged 7 years were all encouraged to do chores around the home and yard. With very little infrastructure in the district at this time there were no schools and any basic education would have been via their parents and perhaps John who most likely had some schooling when living in Perth.

A small service area was established at Edwards Crossing, not far away from 'Babbyalla', consisting of a mud bat store and a wheelwright. The children were taught to ride, and one can imagine often travelled in a horse and cart to Edwards Crossing for supplies. An annual show held at York became quite an important and social occasion with the family travelling to York to take part.

In 1854, their brother John left home at the age of 21, and guided by friendly Aboriginals, walked to the Blackwood district and acquired two pastoral leases along the Blackwood River. The younger children and his parents would have missed him immensely.

In the 1859 Census, Thomas Harrison was recorded as being 10 years of age. His father Harrison had written "the younger part of my family either start or are learning", emphasized by - do (ditto) down the aisle. Interesting to see his writing.



By this time his father had worked the farm into a viable concern. As their riding skills increased. Thomas Harrison and his brothers began to help their father on the farm.

Thomas Harrison was aged 11 years when John Blechynden married Elizabeth Green on 23 Feb 1860, at St George's Cathedral in Perth. This would have been an occasion to remember for Thomas Harrison as the family travelled to and joined in the wedding celebrations. John took his bride to settle in a hut on the Blackwood River. They built the first home in the new to be established town Geegelup, later to be named Bridgetown. In 1862, Thomas Harrison's sister Anne Elizabeth Blechynden married Thomas Edwards in York.

He was aged 15 years when in 1864, his brothers Walter and Charles walked to Bridgetown and joined their eldest brother, John. For three years they rented 'Wilgarrup', then owned by Mr. Charles Rose. One can imagine he would like very much to have accompanied them but he was not yet old enough and his father needed his help on the farm. Henry, Thomas (Harrison), Jesse and Joseph

working with their father Harrison on the property learned many skills that were to serve them for the rest of their lives.

The district of Beverley had been officially surveyed in 1843 but the township of Beverley was not established until 1868 following being surveyed by George Roe, son of the Surveyor General.

In 1867, Thomas Harrison's sister, Sarah Harrison Blechynden, married John Henry Markham Page in York and Charles Edwin Blechynden married Caroline Mary Davies in 1872 in St Paul's Anglican Church in Beverley.

It must have been a shock to the family when Harrison Blechynden died on the 17 Jul 1873 at Beverley, aged 71 years. Thomas was aged 25 years when his father died, Jesse was aged 22 years and Joseph the youngest was 20 years. One can imagine the whole family came together to mourn the loss of the man who had shaped their lives for so many years. Shortly after his father's death, Walter Edward Blechynden married Jane Needs, in 1873 at the Picton Anglican Church, Bunbury and Henry George Blechynden married Mary Ann Reilly, in 1874, in York.

During this time, Thomas Harrison met and courted a young woman named Annie Maria Dunham, who had been born and lived in York. His brother Jesse was later to court and marry her younger sister Emma.

THOMAS HARRISON BLECHYNDEN (1849-1933) was married 24 Sep 1877, Anglican Church, Northam, WA to **ANNIE MARIA DUNHAM (1850-1933)**, registered in Fremantle, WA [Reg. 4372]. He was aged 28 years and Annie was 27.

This image from Annie Maria Dunham's bible (held by Mary Coulthard), records the marriage of Annie Dunham to Thomas Harrison Blechynden and includes the details of his birth.

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DUNHAM, ANNIE 'ANNA' MARIA (1850-1933) was born 28 Sep 1850 York, WA [Reg. 1533]. Her name was recorded as Anna Maria. She was the first of six children born to **CAROLINE DUNHAM WRIGHT, (NEE PORLEY) (1823-1897)** and **WILLIAM DUNHAM (1815-1884)**.

This was Annie's mother Caroline's second marriage. Her first husband Edmund Richard Wright tragically died from drowning in 1847. Caroline and Edmund Wright had three children: Emma Amelia, Ellen Jane and Alfred Ambrose Wright. The children at the time of his death were aged: Amelia, six; Ellen, four; and Ambrose almost one.

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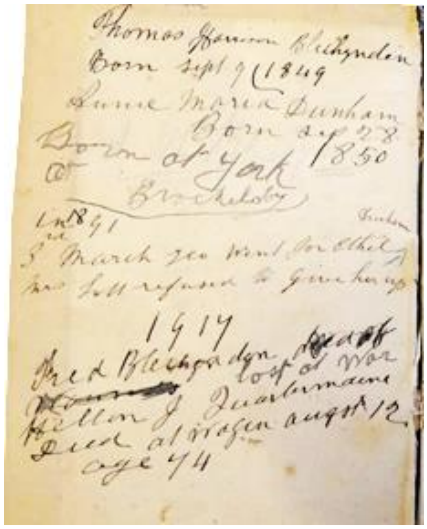

Thomas Harrison
Blechynden
Born Sept 9, 1849
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Born at York at Brocklesby
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In 1841
3rd March Geo went for
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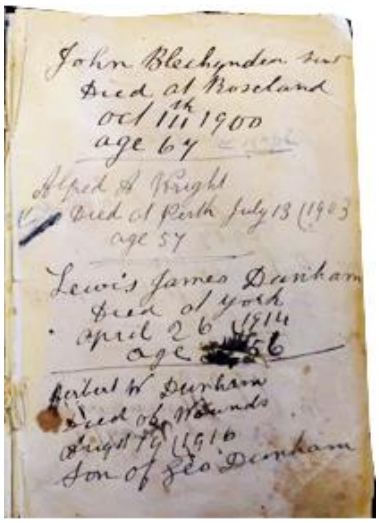

John Blechynden Sen
Died at Roesland
Oct 14th 1900
age 67
……
Alfred A Wright
Died at Perth July 13
(1903)
age 57
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Lewis James Dunham
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Age 56
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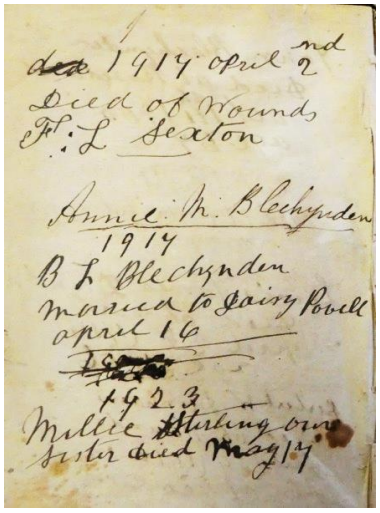
Herbert W Dunham
Died of wounds
August 19, 1916
Son of Geo Dunham



1917 April 2nd
Died of Wounds
F. L. Sexton
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Annie. M. Blechynden
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1917
B L Blechynden
Married to Daisy Powell
April 16
……
1923
Millie Stirling our
sister died May 17

The following pages contain details of Annie Maria Dunham's parents and grandparents:

PORLEY, CAROLINE (1823-1897) Annie Maria Dunham's mother

Discrepancy: Some family sources record Caroline Porley as being born in 1823, others in 1824. Caroline was born 1823, baptised 4 May 1824, Layham, Suffolk, England, daughter of **THOMAS PORLEY (1799-1839)** and **SARAH CHRISP JACKAMAN (1797-1882)** who were married 25 Dec 1822, Layham, Suffolk, England. They arrived in the Colony of WA, 23 Aug 1829 per the ship, *Marquis of Anglesea* with their two children Caroline and Ambrose.

Caroline Dunham (nee Porley) and her mother Sarah Porley (nee Jackaman). Courtesy Mary Coulthard

PORLEY, THOMAS (1799-1839) Caroline Porley's father, Annie Maria Dunham's grandfather

The spelling of the surname of Thomas and his father John varies from Pawly/Pawley to Porley.

Thomas Pawly was born 21 Sep 1799, Layham, Suffolk, England. Parents: **JOHN PAWLY (1784-1847)** and **MARY COOPER (~1767-)**. Surname for father and son registered as Pawly.

In the following article Thomas Porley is mentioned as one of the party that was sent to retrieve the body of murdered Reuben Beacham. See John Blechynden and Elizabeth Green section for more detailed information regarding the Reuben Beacham and Chippers Leap incident**.**

***The West Australian* (Perth WA: 1879-1954), Wed 3 May 1939, pg 21.**
*Murder of Reuben Beacham 3 Feb 1832, Greenmount Hill, Perth WA. After John Chipper reported Beacham's death, Thomas Porley was one of the party sent up to retrieve Beacham's body***.**

Thomas Porley died from an accidental blow received in a squabble with some of the whalers on 18 May 1839, Perth, WA. There is more about his death caused by this incident following a bit later.

JACKAMAN, SARAH CHRISP (1797-1882)
Caroline Porley's mother, Annie Maria Dunham's grandmother. Discrepancy: Family Tree records and Births via Ancestry record that Sarah Chrisp Jackaman was born 26 Oct 1796, Raydon, Suffolk, England and her baptism was recorded as 18 Nov 1796.

Extract from a 'Birthday Book' held by Mary Coulthard records Sara was born in 1797.

ROBERT JACKERMAN (1772-) and **SARAH CHRISP (1773-)** were married 18 Nov 1796, Raydon, Suffolk, England. [FHL Film number: 919628]. Sarah Chrisp Porley (nee Jackaman) died 17 Oct 1882 in York, WA [Reg No. 11610].

WA Museum Welcome Walls: Panel number 94, Fremantle.
http://museum.wa.gov.au/welcomewalls/names/porley-thomas-sarah

PORLEY, Thomas & Sarah
1799 – 18 May 1839
6 October 1797 – 17 October 1882
*Origin **Sussex England***
*First settled in **Perth Town Lot G3, St George's Tce***
MARQUIS OF ANGLESEA
*Departure Port **London/Plymouth***
*Arrival Year **1829***
Fremantle
94
Panel
Read their story

Arrived, bonded servants to R Partridge aboard ANGLESEA 23/08/1829. *Children, Caroline (b. May 1823, d. York 09/07/1897. Ambrose (b.1824, d. York 25/01/1842). ANGLESEA foundered Swan River mouth 03/09/1829, then became colony's first Post Office before breaking up. Had 2 more children, Harriet (b. 09/04/1831) and George (b. 1833, d. 1842). Owned a butcher shop on Town Lot G3, St George's Terrace, Perth (Westralia Square). Thomas died accidentally 1839, Perth. Sarah died in York, 1882.*

MARQUIS OF ANGLESEA
https://membership.wags.org.au/1829-ships/102-anglesea
***Settlers Gazette Newsletter of the Swan River Pioneers 1829 – 1838*: Issue No.12, Sep 1997**

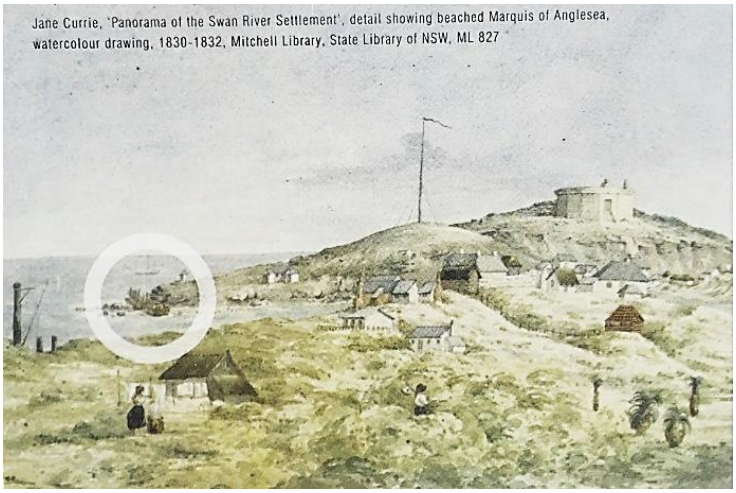
Marquis of Anglesea

SERVANTS		
Mary ***BURTON*** *Maria* ***HARLOW*** *Wm* ***GLOVER*** *Lucy* ***GLOVER*** *& 2chn* *[William Glover]* *[Thomas Glover]* *John* ***MENZIES*** *Henry* ***SAWYER***	*James* ***BROOKES*** *Claryford* ***BROOKES*** *James* ***LANGRIDGE*** *John* ***WELBOURNE*** *James* ***JENKINS*** *James* ***GILL*** *Mathew* ***GILL*** *Mary Ann* ***GIBB***	*Thos* ***PAUL*** *[PORLEY]* *Sarah* ***PAUL*** *[PORLEY] & 2chn* *[Ambrose Porley]* *[Caroline Porley]* *John* ***SMITH*** *James* ***HAMPSHIRE*** *Wm* ***LITTLEMORE***

From Dr Alexander Collie's Journal: *September 7, 1829. During a gale from the westward on the night of September 3, the ship* ***Marquis of Anglesea*** *(352 tons) which had lately arrived (on August 23rd under the command of Captain W Stewart) with 130 settlers on board and anchored in Gage Roads close to the mouth of the Swan River, drove on shore, bilged and filled with water; all hands were saved with part of the cargo that remained unloaded. This with the previous driving of the* ***Calista*** *shows that Gage Roads, at this season is not safe and may occasion the establishment of another sea-port in Cockburn Sound.*

MARQUIS OF ANGLESEA https://fremantlestuff.info/ships/marquisofanglesea.html

This is a photograph of the image on an interpretive plaque at Bathers Bay, showing the location of the wreck on Anglesea Point, with South Bay (now filled in and become the Esplanade) to this (southern) side of it.



The Marquis of Anglesea was the sixth ship to arrive at Swan River, anchoring in Gage Roads on 23 August 1829. (See white circle:) On board were 104 passengers mainly from Cornwall. One child was born on the journey. On 4 September, a gale drove the ship onto the rocks dragging its three anchors.

Fortunately, the passengers and most of the cargo had already been unloaded.
Damaged beyond repair, the stranded hull of the Marquis of Anglesea was sold to local merchant George Leak for £170. He then leased the wreck to the Government which treated it as a ready-made building. A few modifications and it soon became the Governor's residence, the Harbour Master's office, the Post Office, a prison for refractory servants and the colonial store.

The wreck later became the colonial gaol, housing up to twenty-seven prisoners. For a time, it also housed a mental patient, the deranged surgeon Nicholas Langley. Its final use was as a grain store. After some three years the wreck was finally broken up by heavy seas.

CONDITIONS FOR LAND GRANTS AT SWAN RIVER**, Colonial Office, 5 Dec 1828.**
http://gutenberg.net.au/ebooks14/1402751h.html

The Porley's arrived via the *Marquis of Anglesea* in September of the first year of the settlement of the Swan River Colony. Their names were recorded in the general muster book.

[Enclosure No. 1a]—*continued.*

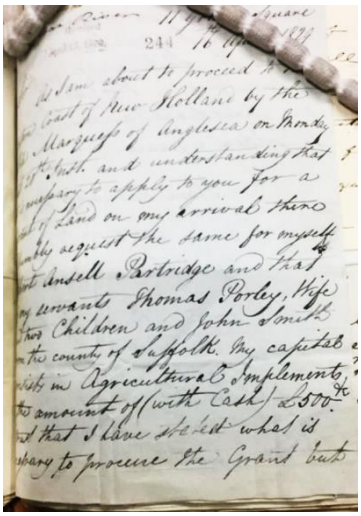
ABSTRACT from General Muster Book—*continued.*

No.	Date.	Name.	Age.	Place of Birth.	Married or Single.	To what country subject.	Profession or Calling.	Remarks.
			Years.					
194	Sept. 4	Robert A. Partridge	30	Shelly	single	Great Britain	Agriculturist.	
195	,, 4	John Smith	23	ditto	ditto	ditto		
196	,, 4	Thomas Porley	29	ditto	married	ditto	General servants.	
197	,, 4	Sarah Porley	26	ditto	his wife	ditto		
198	,, 4	Caroline Porley	7	ditto	children	ditto		
199	,, 4	Ambrose Porley	4	ditto				
200	,, 4	John Wade	25	Hereford	single	ditto	Agriculturist.	
201	Sept. 24	Daniel Carter	23	ditto	married	ditto	ditto	
202	,, 24	Elizabeth Carter	26	ditto	his wife	ditto		
203	,, 24	John Menzies	16	ditto	single	ditto	Servants.	
204	,, 24	Henry Sawyer	15	ditto	married	ditto		
205	Sept. 25	William Short	..	ditto	single	ditto	Stonemason.	
206	,, 25	John Patterson	..	ditto	ditto	ditto	Sawyer.	
207	,, 25	Joseph Key	..	ditto	ditto	ditto	Shipwright.	
208	,, 25	William Gawler	..	ditto	married	ditto	Government sawyer.	
209	,, 25	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	
210	,, 25	A. Price	..	ditto	single	ditto	Clerk to secretary.	
211	,, 25	R. Clint	..	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto to surveyor.	
212	,, 25	John Smith	..	ditto	ditto	ditto	Seaman.	
213	,, 25	Matthew Hargrave	..	ditto	ditto	ditto	Mariner.	
214	,, 25	John Walgreen	..	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	
215	,, 25	John Cole	..	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	
216	October 7	Thomas B. Wall	36	Chatham	married	ditto	Carpenter.	
217	,, 7	Matilda Wall	35	ditto	his wife	ditto		
218	,, 7	George Wall	8	ditto	children	ditto		
219	,, 7	Matilda Wall	6	ditto				
220	,, 7	Mary Ann Wall	3	ditto				
221	Oct. 8	John Kella	24	Bourton	single	ditto	Agriculturist.	
222	,, 8	Robert Chalmer	..	ditto	ditto	ditto		
223	Oct. 13	Henry Trigg	38	Gloucester	married	ditto	Builder.	
224	,, 13	W. H. Edwards	31	London	ditto	ditto	Boatbuilder.	
225	,, 13	Thomas Dent	34	Westmoreland	ditto	ditto	Farmer.	
226	,, 13	Joshua Gregory	39	London	ditto	ditto	Army	On half-pay.

HISTORICAL RECORDS OF AUSTRALIA.

General muster book, Swan River Colony - including Thomas, Sarah, Caroline and Ambrose Porley

Copy of a letter sent prior to the voyage, from Ansell Partridge.
Courtesy Cliff Harris via the records in London.
Cliff is a descendant of the Dunham family.



As I am about to proceed to the West Coast of New Holland by the ship Marquise of Anglesea on Monday . . .
and understanding that it is necessary to apply to you for a . . . of land on my arrival there that I humbly request the same for myself . .

Ansell Partridge and that of my servants Thomas Porley, Wife, two Children and John Smith . . .
the county of Suffolk. My capital . . . in Agricultural implements . . . the amount of (with cash) £500. Etc . . .

Thomas Porley acquired a land grant, Perth Town Lot G3, located on St George's terrace close to the corner of William St, and set up a butchering business on the site.

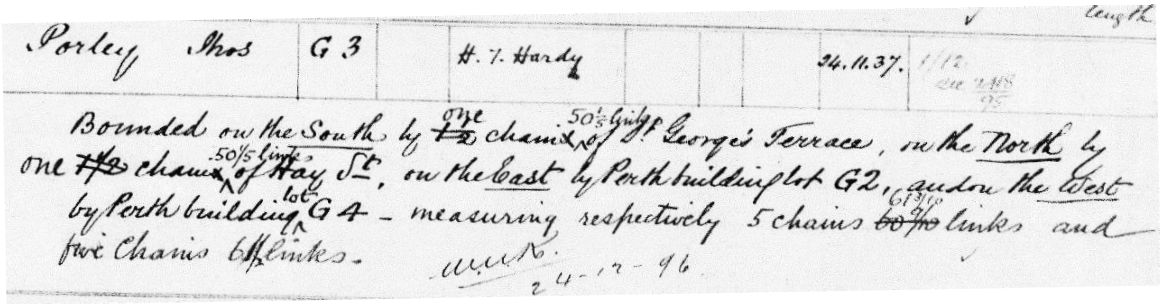


Image above courtesy Mary Coulthard. Note: It seems that lot G3 went right through from Hay Street to St George's Terrace. It is interesting that this plot G3 adjoins the land G1 and G2 where Levi Green had his flour mill and home. See the section on Elizabeth Green in the branch of John and Elizabeth Blechynden for more information.

From an article on the inquest of the death of Thomas Porley it becomes apparent that he and Harrison Blechynden were known to one another. This article can be read in the chapter on Harrison Blechynden and Charlotte Robus.

***Perth Gazette and Western Australian Journal* (WA: 1833 - 1847), Sat 18 May 1839, pg 79**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article639109.txt

FATAL ACCIDENT THOMAS PORLEY 1799 – 1839

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The Perth Gazette – 25 May 1839:
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William Sholl, Esq., Surgeon, assisted Dr Crichton to open the body of the deceased, and concurred in the report made by him in every respect.

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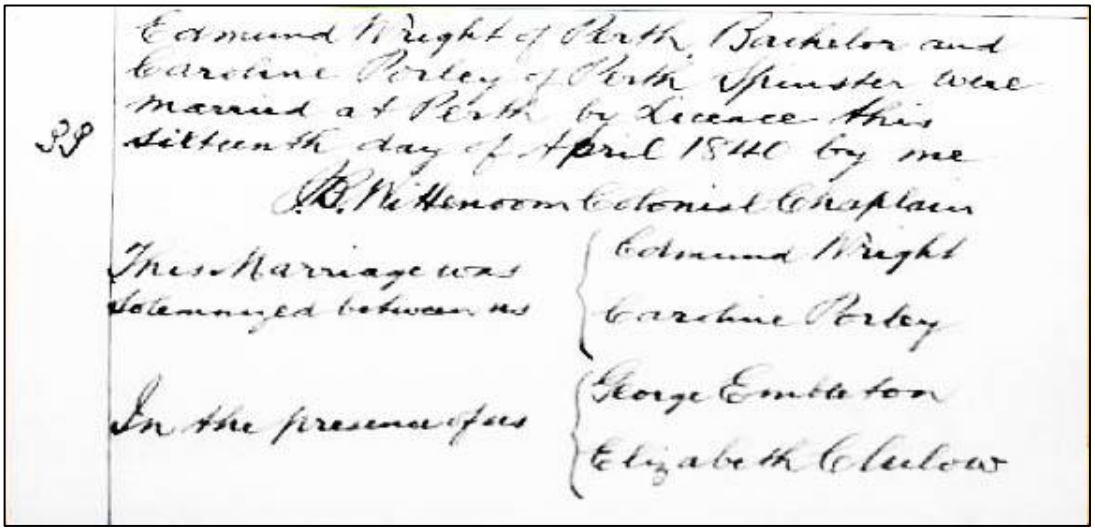
m.1 CAROLINE PORLEY (1823-1897) married **EDMUND RICHARD WRIGHT (1816-1847)** 16 Apr 1840 in Perth, WA, when she was 17 years of age.

MARRIAGE: Edmund Richard Wright; Age 24 — Marriage 16 Apr 1840, Perth, WA. Marriage Register: Marriages at Perth in the Year of Our Lord 1839-40 No.33: Edmund Wright of Perth, Bachelor and Caroline Porley of Perth, Spinster-: Ref: SAWA Series S4043.

MARRIAGES AT PERTH IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, 1939-40


Edmund Wright of Perth Bachelor and
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39 sixteenth day of April 1840 by me
J. B. Wittenoom Colonial Chaplain
This Marriage was solemnized between us — Edmund Wright, Caroline Porley
In the presence of us — George Embleton, Elizabeth Clarkson

Copy of marriage certificate of Edmund Wright and Caroline Porley.
Courtesy Jean Stallwood

WRIGHT, EDMUND RICHARD (1816-1847),via Geoff's Master Tree, Ancestry, was baptised 10 Apr 1816, son of **WILLIAM WRIGHT (1788-1855),** coachmaker and **JANE HODGE (1782-1851)**, Great Surrey Street, coachmaker, who were married 31 Jul 1802, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, England.

Notes via Geoff via Ancestry: *As Jane Hodge was married as a "Minor" she was likely between 16 and 21 years at that time, making her birth year somewhere from 1781 to 1786. Her age at the 1851 census was given as 69 years.*

July 1802, St Martin in the Fields, Westminster, England
Marriage of William Wright Batchelor and Jane Hodge of the same Parish spinster, a Minor, were married in this Church by Licence this 31st day of July 1802.

Edmund Richard Wright arrived in the colony per *James Pattison,* 19 Aug 1834. (Child migrants sent out by the Children's Friend Society).

Passenger ships arriving in 1829-89: http://members.iinet.net.au/~perthdps/shipping/mig-wa.htm

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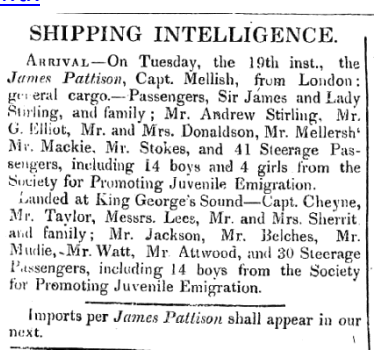
***Perth Gazette and Western Australian Journal* (WA: 1833 - 1847), Sat 23 Aug 1834, pg 342**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article641354.tx

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

Arrival-On Tuesday, the 19th inst., the James Pattison, Capt. Mellish, from London: general cargo. - Passengers, Sir James and Lady Stirling, and family; Mr. Andrew Stirling, Mr. G. Elliot, Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson, Mr. Mellersh, Mr. Mackie, Mr. Stokes, and 41 Steerage Passengers, including 14 boys and 4 girls from the Society for Promoting Juvenile Emigration. Landed at King George's Sound-Capt. Cheyne, Mr. Taylor, Messrs. Lees, Mr. and Mrs. Sherrit, and family; Mr. Jackson, Mr. Belches, Mr. Mudie, Mr. Watt, Mr. Attwood, and 30 Steerage Passengers, including 14 boys from the Society for Promoting Juvenile Emigration.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Imports per *James Pattison* shall appear in our next.

***THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY:* JUVENILE EMIGRANTS TO WESTERN AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AFRICA AND CANADA, 1834-1842**, by Geoff Blackburn. Courtesy Jean Stallwood.

Geoff Blackburn's great-great-grandfather was Edmund Richard Wright (1816-1847). His great grandfather was Alfred Ambrose Wright (1846-1903), and his grandfather was Fredrick William Wright (1879-1831).

*William Dunham arrived in the Colony in December 1838 on board the "*Britomart*", which was the same ship that brought out Elijah Quartermaine, (whose grandson Charles Quartermaine later was married to Ellen Jane Wright, one of Dunham's stepdaughters). Also aboard was John Fowler who married Elizabeth Dicey, another CFS ward.*

The following articles have a lot of information relating to Edmund Richard Wright (1816-1847). They indicate that he was apprenticed to William Brockman, as was Harrison Blechynden. They cover his unfortunate drowning and the fact that he was known to William Dunham, who later married his widow, Caroline.

***THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY*, BY GEOFF BLACKBURN, EDMUND WRIGHT, P. 138-139**
WRIGHT, Edmund (14) b 1817 (born 1816)

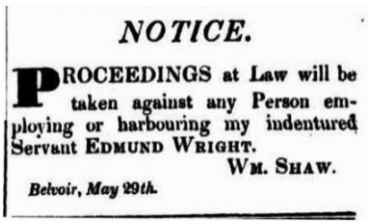
26th May 1835, To the Jailer, Fremantle,

Sir, You are hereby directed to discharged from your custody the individual named in the margin.
PS. The lad named is to make the best of his way to Mr Brockman's forthwith.
CSO warded 7/49-page 194 letter No 485

An explanation of the above notice and following inserts from the *Perth Gazette* and *Western Australian Journal,* is included in the below informative article by Geoff Blackburn, a descendant of Edmund Wright.

***Perth Gazette and Western Australian Journal* (WA: 1833 - 1847), Sat 6 Jun 1835, pg 505**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article640909.txt

NOTICE. *PROCEEDINGS at Law will be taken against any Person employing or harbouring my indentured Servant Edmund Wright.*
W M. SHAW
Belvoir, May 29th.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***Perth Gazette and Western Australian Journal* (WA Sat 23 Oct 1841, Pg 2, Classified Advertising**

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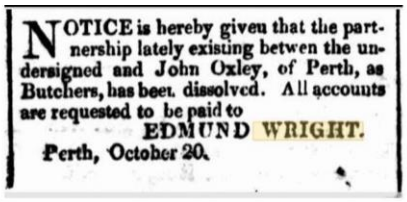
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The name in the margin is Edmund Wright. This is the earliest known reference to Edmund Wright. What he was doing in the care of the jailer is not known. Wright seems to have been apprenticed to Brockman, although at about the time the letter above was written, William Shaw, Brockman's neighbour at the Upper Swan was advertising ("Perth Gazette" 6th June 1835) Wright as his absconded indentured servant.

In October 1837, Wright advertised his intention to leave the colony in the brig *"Hero"* ("Perth Gazette" 28th October 1837). This was the same ship on which Wittenoom intended transmitting requests to the London committee of the Children's Friend Society.

It is not known if Wright left on the ship or not. However, the six named passengers included Wright's master, W. L. Brockman as well as a Mr H. Samson. The *"Hero"* left Fremantle " . . . for Mauritius and London direct." ("Perth Gazette" 11th Nov 1837 p1003) "The Swan River Guardian" reported that " ... Mr Brockman and Mr Spofforth, have left in the *"Hero"* on their way to Madras, for the purchase of the coarse ewe sheep of India, in order to cross them with our fine merino colonial rams." ("Swan River Guardian" 9th November 1837 p274a)

In December 1837, Wright received goods from London on the *"Eleanor"*, the ship which brought out Mrs Massingham and the girls from the Children's Friend Society (Swan River Guardian 28th December 1837 p274). In February 1839 he was charged and acquitted, of burglaring the premises of John and Caroline Okeley.

In the evidence given at the trial Wright states that he lived with Brockman (and previously Mrs Lyttleton) before he was employed by Okeley. At that time he was sleeping in a

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shed at the rear of Thomas Porley's house and his chest of possessions were kept in Porley's front room. Porley put up half of Wright's bail of £100, the remainder being provided by John Thomson. (WAS 122 cons 3472/37 - April 1839 case file 191)

Porley was killed in an altercation with some whalers from the *"Elizabeth"* in the street and laneway adjacent to Habgood's store on the 17th May 1839 ("Perth Gazette" May 18th & 15th 1839 p79, 83 & 84). Wright later married Porley's daughter and only surviving child, Caroline, on the 16th April 1840, presumedly acquiring Porley's Perth Town Lot G3, located on St George's Terrace close to the corner of William Street, and the butchering business situated on the site.

In November 1841 he advertised that " . . . the partnership lately existing between (himself) and John Oxley of Perth as Butchers has been dissolved. All accounts are requested to be paid to Edmund Wright." ("Perth Gazette" 13th November 1841 p2) He donated £1 to the erection of St George's Church in October 1842. Financial pressures forced the sale of the butchers shop and in July 1844 Mr Bracher was advertising " . . . Lard and home cured Pork, from York, and has the same on sale at Mr Wright's late shop in St George's Terrace". ("Inquirer" 3rd July 1844 p2a and "Perth Gazette" 6th July 1840 p1c)

On the 20th August 1847, Edmund Wright was drowned while attempting to swim his horse across the flooded Canning River at the Rapids Ford (now located at the end of Harris Street, Beckenham, a Perth suburb.) He had been attempting to take a herd of cattle to Fremantle to ship on the *"Arpenteur"*. The following articles appeared in the contemporary newspapers;

"The Arpenteur is expected to sail for the Mauritius about the end of next week. Her owner, Mr Owen we understand contemplates an immediate return to this colony with his vessel, and may be expected in November, when our stock will be in better condition. The present cargo consists of sheep, cattle, and horses, but we have not been able to ascertain the number of each. This morning 21 cows and ten calves passed through Perth on their way to the place of shipment. It had been intended that they should travel on the south side of the river but, we regret to state that, in attempting to cross the Canning last evening, Mr Wright, who had the cattle in charge, was unfortunately drowned. He had been previously warned by Dr.

Inquirer **(Perth, WA: 1840 - 1855), Wed 25 Aug 1847, pg 2**
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On Friday evening last, Mr. Edmund Wright, while attempting to cross the Canning with cattle, was unfortunately drowned at the Rapids, opposite Dr. Shipton's residence. He was warned that the current was too strong, but persisted in making the essay; his horse could not stem the stream, and turned upon his side, when Wright either dismounted or was forced off. It is supposed that in this interval he received some injury from the animal, as he floated some little distance and then sank, without endeavouring to swim, which we understand he was able to do. The Messrs. Hester attempted to rescue him, but were too late. The body has not yet been found. The deceased was highly respected for his industrious habits, and, we regret to hear, has left a wife and several young children to mourn his loss. Subscription lists have been opened for the benefit of the widow and family, one of which lies at our office, where contributions, however trifling, will be thankfully received.

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***Perth Gazette and Western Australian Journal* (WA: 1833 - 1847), Sat 28 Aug 1847, pg 3**
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By the kindness of Mr Mackie we are enabled to give the official deposition relative to the unfortunate accident which occurred last week on the Canning. The body of Mr Wright had not been found up to last evening. A subscription for the aid of the widow and family is being raised, which we hope to find will be liberally and promptly added to by all classes.

William Dunnom, late of the York district, Agriculturist, on his oath, saith—Yesterday, Friday, the 20th day of August instant, about 12 o'clock at noon. I started in company with Edmund Wright, late of Guildford, agriculturist, from his house near Redcliff, to drive some cattle to Fremantle by the road on the left bank of the Canning. Wright was on horseback, and I was on foot. We arrived at Mr. Shipton's on the right bank of the Canning, about 5 o'clock yesterday evening. The river was very much swollen. Wright asked Mr. Shipton how the water was, —Mr. Shipton said it was too high to attempt to cross it. Both myself and Mr. Shipton several times advised Wright not to try to cross over. Wright said, "Oh, bother it! let us try—come on Dunnom." He immediately rode his horse into the water, and had got about half way across when he either got off or fell off his horse. I saw him strike out, and saw his head above water for about five minutes, when he disappeared, and I saw no more of him. The current had carried him down, when I last saw him, about fifteen yards from where he entered the water; I did not hear him utter a word or a cry after he entered the river. Two of the young Messrs. Hester, on the left bank of the Canning, searched for his body for some time, I and Mr. Shipton searched for some time on the right bank. I left the Canning about six o'clock last night, about an hour after the accident had happened, and up to that time the body had not been recovered. Mr. Shipton and myself witnessed the accident. I am not aware that any other person (except a native who was assisting me to drive the cattle) saw the accident. Wright was perfectly sober. His horse was a very quiet one. It was some time before the horse could get out of the river. The sun was down at the time.

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CONTINUING WITH THE STORY OF EDMUND RICHARD WRIGHT AND CAROLINE PORLEY:

Tragically, Edmund Richard Wright (1816-1847) drowned in 1847, WA [Reg. 362], while crossing the Canning River with some cattle. (Via Diary of EMMA SARAH DUNHAM IN 1922). Caroline was now aged about 24 years of age with three young children; Emma aged 6 years, Ellen 4 years, and Alfred 18 months. Edmund Richard Wright was buried at East Perth Cemetery 1 Sep 1847.

CAROLINE and **EDMUND**, via the Morische Family tree, Ancestry, had three children. More details on each follow in their own sections.

1. WRIGHT, EMMA AMELIA (1841-1923)

2. WRIGHT, ELLEN 'HELEN' JANE (1843-1917)
3. WRIGHT, ALFRED AMBROSE (1846-1903)

Caroline Wright (nee Porley) married a second time. More details follow further on in the chapter.

1st CHILD OF CAROLINE PORLEY & EDMUND RICHARD WRIGHT

1. WRIGHT, EMMA AMELIA (1841-1923) was born 20 May 1841, Perth, WA [Reg. 2]. Her first marriage was to **RICHARD BOYCE GOLDSMITH MEARES (1819-1867)**, 14 Jul 1857, York, WA [Reg. 1078]. She was 16 years of age. There are several variations of Richard's name. With his marriage, he is recorded as Richard Boyce Goldsmith Meares. His death is recorded as Richard Gamble Boyce Meares.. He was born 19 Sep 1819, Brecknock, Breconshire, Wales. His parents were Captain **RICHARD GOLDSMITH MEARES (1780-1862)**, and '**ELLEN' ELEANOR SEYMOUR (1785-1854)** who were married 4 Jun 1808, Newcastle Upon Tyne, Northumberland, England. They had nine children as follows:

1. WILLIAM MEARES (1808-1808)
2. ELEANOR WILSONC MEARES (1809-1893)
3. GEORGINA SUSANNA MEARES (1811-1886)
4. JANE VITTORIA MEARES (1812-1891)
5. MARGUERTTA HARVEY SEYMOUR MEARES (1815-1875)
6. SEYMOUR JOHN GOLDSMITH MEARES (1816-1892)
7. **RICHARD GAMBLE BOYCE MEARES (1819-1867)**
8. GEORGE MUNRO MEARES (1822-1897)
9. WILLIAM RICHARD MEARES (1824-1860).

The Gilmore

RICHARD GOLDSMITH MEARES (1780-1862) BIOGRAPHY:
http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/meares-richard-goldsmith-2442.
With his wife Ellen and eight children, Richard Snr arrived at the Swan River Colony in Dec 1829, with Thomas Peel in the *Gilmore*.

MUSEUM WITHOUT WALLS - MANDURAH COMMUNITY MUSEUM:

Thomas Peel set sail for the newly founded Swan River Colony, WA, in 1829 with three ships: the *Gilmore*, the *Rockingham* and the *Hooghly*. These three ships were loaded with general cargo consisting of farming implements, cattle, horses, and other farm animals, building material and a number of settlers with furniture and other household goods.

EMMA AMELIA WRIGHT (1841-1923) and **RICHARD GOLDSMITH BOYCE MEARES (1819-1867)** had four children as below. Of note, some family trees have Lucy Seymour Meares (1855-1867) as their first child. This is not correct. She was Lucy Seymour Burges who was born 1855, York, WA [Reg. 2859], parents: Vittoria Jane Meares (1812-1891) and Samuel Evans Burges (1811-1885) who were married 1843, York, WA [Reg. 92]. Lucy Seymour Meares died 1867, Tipperary, York, WA [Reg. 350], aged 11 years.

1. MEARES, RICHARD GOLDSMITH BOYCE (1858-1858) was born 1858, York, WA [Reg.4155]. Richard died as a baby aged 13 days, 1858, York, WA [Reg. 1118]. Name recorded as Richard Goldsmith Boyer.

2. MEARES, GEORGE GOLDSMITH (1859-1930) was born 28 May 1859, York, WA [Reg. 4808]. George married twice. Firstly, to **JANE ADELINE POLLARD (1861-1894)**, 1885, Bunbury, WA [Reg. 5981]. They had two children. Jane died 29 Apr 1894, Perth, WA [Reg. 284]. His second marriage was to **ELIZABETH TRAIL MUIR (1868-1945)**, 1894, Dingup, WA [Reg. 471]. They had six children. George died on 25 Sep 1930, Blackwood, WA [Reg.62].

3. MEARES, RICHARD GOLDSMITH (1862-1886) was born 1862, York, WA [Reg. 6285]. He married **MARY ANN MORGAN (1861-1900)**, 21 Nov 1883, Northam, WA [Reg. 5637]. They had two children. Richard died 31 Oct 1886, Newcastle, WA [Reg. 14279].

4. MEARES, SEYMOUR BOYCE GAMBLE (1864-1934) was born 23 Feb 1864, 'Greenhill', York, registered 1864, York, WA [Reg. 7864]**.** He married **HONORAH 'NORAH' ELLEN CELIA KEARNEY (1873-1956)**, 1895, Gullaway, (Galena Station, northwest), WA [Reg. 275]. They had six children. Seymour died 19 Nov 1934, York, WA [Reg.26].

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5. LAURA HANNAH STIRLING (1846-1885),
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The funeral arrangements were conducted by Messrs. J. L. Wansbrough & Son, Undertakers.

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Ellen Jane Quartermaine (nee Wright).
Courtesy Mary Coulthard

QUARTERMAINE, CHARLES (1838-1910) was born 29 Aug 1838 at sea near Cape of Good Hope: His parents **ELIJAH QUARTERMAINE (1809-1888)** and **ELIZABETH M DICKENSON (1819-1873)** were married 30 Nov 1835, Garsington, Oxfordshire, England. Charles Quartermaine died 3 Jun 1910, Wagin, WA [Reg. 34]. **ELIJAH** and **ELIZABETH** had thirteen children. Their first child, Charles, was born at sea. The rest of the children were born in WA.

1. **CHARLES QUARTERMAINE (1838-1910)** married **ELLEN JANE WRIGHT (1843-1917)** as above.

2. ALFRED WILLIAM MCHARLES QUARTERMAINE (1841-1913) married MARYANN ADELINE KNOTT (1844-1920) 1862, Beverley, WA [Reg. 1859].

3. ELIJAH QUARTERMAINE (1842-1916) PARTNERED MARY ANN PETERS (WANTUM) (1846-1914). Recorded as Mary Anne. Mary already had 2 children. Mary and Elijah had 12 children. https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/189289883/mary-wantum

4. HENRY QUARTERMAINE (1844-~1844) was born 1844. He died as a baby.

5. EMILY QUARTERMAINE (1847-1928) married HENRY WALTER FLEAY (1841-1908) 1864, Gilgering, Beverley, WA [Reg. 2138].

6. HENRY QUARTERMAINE (1849-1923) married MATILDA MARY NORRISH (1851-1938) 4 Feb 1875, Albany, WA [Reg. 3873].

7. ELIZABETH QUARTERMAINE (1851-1918) married EDWARD SMITH (1849-1925) 8 Feb 1877, Perth, WA [Reg. 4360].

8. ELI QUARTERMAINE (1852-1936) married ELLEN BARRON SMITH (1853-1897) 8 Feb 1877, Albany, WA [Reg. 4255]. m2. ELI QUARTERMAINE (1852-1936) married MARTHA ROSE FOULDS (1872-1963) 1910, Perth, WA [Reg. 100122].

9. JOHN QUARTERMAINE (1855-1919) married JANE TONDUIT (1856-1943) 1882, WA [Reg. 5376]. Recorded as Jane Tonduit.

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13. * One child who died young, not accounted for.

WA Welcome Walls: https://museum.wa.gov.au/welcomewalls/names/quartermaine-elijah-0

Elijah and Elizabeth Quartermaine emigrated from Marsh Baldon, Oxfordshire, England, departing at Plymouth, England arriving in the Swan River Colony in 1838, via the Britomart. Elijah was the original white settler at Katanning in 1842, where he took up farming leases and settled in 1854. As detailed above, Elijah and Elizabeth had 13 children, three of whom died young. The remaining eight sons and two daughters became farmers and married farming families in Wagin and Katanning.

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OUR PEOPLE, OUR PLACE

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ELLEN JANE WRIGHT (1843-1917) and **CHARLES QUARTERMAINE (1838-1910)** had three children:

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2. QUARTERMAINE, CHARLES EDMUND (1862-1944) born 7 Jun 1862, York, WA [Reg. 6573]. Charles died 14 Apr 1944, Wagin, (Katanning), WA [Reg No. 24]. **CHARLES** married **LOUISA JANE TONDUT (1870-1926)** 1889, Arthur River, (Williams Bridge), WA [Reg. 81]. Her name recorded as Louisa Jane Tondut. Note variations in spelling of Tondut, Tonduit. Registered as being born 1871, Perth, WA [Reg. 12864], father, **JAMES TONDUIT**, mother, **MARY TONDUIT.** Registered as Jane Louisa Tonduit. **CHARLES** and **LOUISA** had seven children. The births of the children showed a variation of their mother's surname. The first two children, had their mother recorded as Louisa Jane Tonduit. The rest of the children had their mother recorded as Louisa Jane Tondut.

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3. CLARENCE EDWARD AUGUSTUS QUARTERMAINE (1894-1978) married SELINA SADLER (1901-1966) 1924, Perth, WA [Reg. 227].

4. HORACE HERBERT CECIL QUARTERMAINE (1896-1973) married GWENDOLINE PATRICIA HOPE NEWMAN (1920-1982) 1941, Perth, WA [Reg. 2599].

5. MAUD MARY ELLEN QUARTERMAINE (1899-1900) was born. 3 Apr 1899, Wagin, WA [Reg No. 24432]. Maud Mary Ellen Quartermaine died 1901, Wagin, WA [Reg. 1312], aged 10 months. Died in 1900, registered in 1901.

6. LAVINA MAY FRANCES QUARTERMAINE (1901-1966) married FRANCIS MALCOLM HAMERSLEY (1906-1969) 8 Feb 1928, Wagin, WA [Reg. 9].

7. EDMUND ERIC ALFRED QUARTERMAINE (1903-1973) married HILDA MAUDE GIBBS (1902-1979) 11 Jun 1925, Darkan, Wellington, WA [Reg. 52].

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3. QUARTERMAINE, ARTHUR ELIJAH (1865-1940)via Brewer & Bertelsen Co Family Tree, Ancestry, was born 13 Jan 1865, Beverley, WA [Reg. 8317]. Arthur died 4 May 1940, Wagin, (Katanning) WA [Reg. 35]. **ARTHUR** had a child via **MATILDA COWAN (1872-1919):** Arthur Charles (Quartermaine) was born 28 Nov 1891, Lime Lake, Wagin, WA [Reg. 120]. Father Arthur Elijah Quartermaine, mother, Tilly Cowan. Arthur remained with his mother and his surname changed to Gaunt after his mother's marriage to Walter Gaunt. Charles Gaunt (Quartermaine), died 24 Nov 1931, Perth, WA [Reg. 35].

m.1 MATILDA COWAN (1872-1919) married **WALTER GAUNT (1871-1962)** 1892, Lake Wagin WA [Reg. 47]. They had six children as follows:

1. FLORRIE MATILDA GAUNT (1893-1964),
2. BERTIE GAUNT (1896-1987),
3. ADA GAUNT (1898-1898),
4. MABEL GAUNT (1899-1988),
5. WALTER WILLIAM HILLIER GAUNT (1901-1959), and
6. FREDERICK GAUNT (1905-1918) - Killed in Action, France.

m. 1 ARTHUR ELIJAH QUARTERMAINE (1865-1940) married **m.1 EULALIE MAY TONDUIT (1876-1969)** in 1892, Arthur River, (Williams Bridge), WA [Reg. 237]. Recorded as Eulalie Tondut. **TONDUIT, EULALIE MAY (1876-1969)** via Judy Criddle's Family Tree, Ancestry, was born 20 May1876, Perth, WA [Reg. 17310] registered under Eulilia May Tonduit. Father recorded as **CHARLES NICHOLAS TONDUIT (1846-1889)**, mother, **ELIZABETH MARY RAISON (1853-1901)** who were married 28 Nov 1870, Perth, WA [Reg. 3212].

m2. EULALIE MAY QUARTERMAINE (NEE TONDUIT) (1876-1969) married **ALFRED EDWARD OSBOURNE (1877-1949)**,1940, Sydney, NSW [Reg. 771]. Registered as Eulalie. Eulalie May Osbourne, Quartermaine (Nee Tondut) died in 3 Feb 1969, Sydney, NSW.

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1. ARNOLD CHARLES NICHOLAS QUARTERMAINE (1894-1981) was born 15 May 1894, Wagin Lake, WA [Reg. 913]. ARNOLD married IVY GLADYS SEXTON (1897-1993) 1921, Perth, WA [Reg. 100709]. He died 5 Oct 1981, Northam, WA.

2. MURIEL ALICE IRENE QUARTERMAINE (1896-1984) was born 10 Jun 1896, Wagin, (Katanning), WA [Reg. 1072]. MURIEL married FRANCES 'FRANK' PERCY WHITELAW (1884-1971) 22 Nov 1916, Leederville, WA [Reg No. 104]. Muriel died 2 Nov 1982, Kalgoorlie, WA.

Muriel Alice and 'Frank' Whitelaw

3. OLIVE MAUDE QUARTERMAINE (1900-) was born 3 Apr 1900, Perth, WA [Reg 3790]. Baptised 19 Sep 1900, Perth. WA. No other details known.

Grand Children of Charles Quartermaine and Ellen Jane Quartermaine (nee Wright), Children of Arthur Elijah Quartermaine and Eulalie May Quartermaine (nee Tondut).

Arnold and Muriel Quartermaine.

Olive Quartermaine

3rd CHILD OF CAROLINE PORLEY & EDMUND RICHARD WRIGHT

3. WRIGHT, ALFRED AMBROSE (1846-1903) was born Aug 1846, York, registered at Middle Swan, WA [Reg. 806]. He married **FRANCES LOUISA BROWN (1842-1913)** 28 Sep 1867, York, WA [Reg. 2650]. Frances was born 22 Nov 1842, Perth, WA [Reg. 113]. Together, they had seven children as below. Alfred died 13 Jul 1903, Perth, WA [Reg. 2167]. Frances died 20 Jul 1913, Wellington, WA [Reg. 107].

1. HENRY EDWARD WRIGHT (1868-1924) (some family trees in Ancestry have his name as Henry Edmond Wright), was born 22 Feb 1868, York, WA. [Reg. 10602]. Registered as Henry Edward Wright. Henry died 5 Feb 1924, Perth, WA [Reg. 172]. Registered as Henry Eduard (sic). Unmarried.

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WRIGHT.—The Friends of the late Mr. Henry Edward Wright, timber worker, late of South-West Timber Mills, beloved brother of Mrs. W. B. Sexton, of Goonells, are respectfully informed that his remains will be interred in the Methodist portion of the Karrakatta Cemetery, at 2.55 o'clock, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON. Friends wishing to attend the Funeral may proceed by the 2.37 o'clock train from Perth and 1.50 p.m. from Fremantle.
DONALD J. CHIPPER and SON, Funeral Directors, 644 Hay-st., Perth. Tel. A3232.

Electoral Roll:
It is interesting that the Electoral Roll shows records under Henry Edmund and Henry Edward that appear to be the same person.
1903, 1906, 1913 Henry Edmund Wright, Millbrook, Worsley, labourer.
1912, 1913, Henry Edward Wright, Worsley, mill hand.
1914, 1916 Henry Edmund Wright, Holyoak, mill hand.

2. EMILY CAROLINE WRIGHT (1870-1947) was born 11 Jan 1870, York, WA [Reg. 11980]. She married **WALTER BENJAMIN SEXTON (1863-1933)** 17 Apr 1888, York, WA [Reg. 107]. **5 CHILDREN.** Emily died 12 Feb 1947, Perth, WA [Reg. 378].

3. GEORGE ALFRED WRIGHT (1872-1940) was born 11 Mar 1872, York, WA [Reg. 13781]. He married **MAUD ELIZABETH MCNESS (1880-1923)**, registered in 1899, Jarrahdale, WA [Reg. 832]. **4 CHILDREN.** George died 19 Apr 1940, Wooroloo, WA [Reg. 90].

4. LILY AMELIA WRIGHT (1875-1875) was born 17 Mar 1875, York, WA [Reg. 16309]. Lily died 7 Jul 1875, York, WA [Reg. 8681], aged 3 months.

5. AMY FRANCES WRIGHT (1876-1819) was born 23 Sep 1876, Beverley, WA [Reg. 17536]. She married **JAMES EASTCOTT (1867-1938)** 4 Jul 1894, Guildford, WA [Reg. 251]. **10 CHILDREN.** Amy died 20 Aug 1919, Wagerup, WA [Reg. 90].

6. FREDERICK WILLIAM WRIGHT (1879-1931) was born 13 Jul 1879, York, WA [Reg. 20167]. He married **ALICE MARY HALL (1881-)** 1902, Perth, WA [Reg. 1713]. They had one child as detailed below. Frederick died 25 Sep 1931, Wagin, WA [Reg. 50]. Alice Mary Hall was born 4 Jun 1881, Kent Town, SA [Pg. 368 Vol 262]. Parents: **PETER HALL (1841-1886)** and **HELEN GASKELL (1844-1925)** who were married 1864, Kadina, SA [Pg. 372 Vol 60]. Alice's parents and siblings remained in SA.

1. ALAN FREDERICK WRIGHT (1903-1972) was born 1903, North Fremantle, WA [Reg. 2844]. Registered as Frederic, parents: Frederick William Wright and Alice Mary Hall. He married **HELENA MARY MCINTOSH (1906-1966)** 1925, Forbes, NSW.

It appears via the Electoral Roll that Frederick and Alice Mary were separated following 1913. I am not sure what happened to Alice Mary Wright. Their son Alan Frederick Wright was married in 1925 in NSW. There are recordings for Mary Alice Wright in both the WA and SA Census. She is also recorded in 1972, NSW. The death notice for Mary Alice Lloyd Wright in 1991, (has different parents recorded and is not her).

Electoral Roll:
1910 Frederick William Wright, Harvest Rd, North Fremantle, labourer, Alice Mary, married.
1913. Frederick William Wright, Wellington Mill, mill hand, Alice Mary, married.
1915, 1917 Alice Mary Wright, 7 Clive St, West Perth, Home duties. Is this her?
1919 Alice Mary Wright, 164 Oxford St, Balcatta, Home duties.
1922 Frederick William Wright, Springfield, Wagin, farmer.

Frederick William Wright had a child by another woman, Annie Enid Wallace. Annie Enid was not married, aged about 17 years of age. There was a court case – re paternity, see following.

FREDERICK WILLIAM WRIGHT (1879-1931) and **ANNIE ENID WALLACE (1896-1991)** had one child: They did not marry.

m.1 ANNIE ENID WALLACE (1896-1991) married **JOHN LIGHTFOOT (1893-1937)**, 1917, Katanning, WA [Reg. 28]. They had seven children.

m.2 ANNIE ENID LIGHTFOOT (NEE WALLACE) (1896-1991) married **THOMAS JOSEPH BARRETT (1880-1970)** 13 Oct 1939, Perth, WA. [Reg. 1625).

CHILD OF FREDERICK WILLIAM WRIGHT (1879-1931) and ANNIE ENID WALLACE (1896-1991)

1. WILLIAM WALLACE (1913-2015). Name changed to Cecil Wallace Blackburn
001 Georg's Master Tree, Family Tree, Ancestry.

William Wallace was born 26 Apr 1913, 23 Walcott St, Mt Lawley, (Wellington), WA [Reg. 827]. Mother Annie Enid Wallace, father not mentioned.

Note: A big scandal in the Courts and papers at the time ....*(Paternity admitted Supreme Court W/1913 Reported "Truth" 31.5.1913).*

Adoption: William Wallace was adopted by **HARRY E BLACKBURN (1879-1947)** and **ANNIE REBECCA SHADLOCK (1885-1955)** who were married 26 Dec 1910, Basford, Lincolnshire, England, 1 Jan 1937, Perth, WA. BIRTH IN THE STATE OF WA [Reg No. 827/1913, later A 1/1937]

Departure from Fremantle for England, 21 Apr 1915, Fremantle, WA. Passenger list for the Orontes departing Fremantle, WA for London 21 Apr 1915: Mr & Mrs Blackburn are shown on pg 2. Their [adopted] son age almost two not shown – (Geoff commented, "this was not uncommon at the time for very young children".

Residence, 1936 Electoral Roll, Cecil Wallace Blackburn (salesman) recorded as living at 122 McDonald St., Kalgoorlie, together with his adopting father, Harry Blackburn (salesman).

Cecil Wallace Blackburn was engaged once and married twice, all recorded and very complicated in Geoff Blackburn's Family Tree, Ancestry.
Cecil Wallace Blackburn died 2015, Redcliffe, WA.

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7. ARTHUR LEWIS WRIGHT (1883-1953) was born 4 Nov 1883, Lyons Mill, WA [Reg. 24640]. He married **CATHERINE POWELL (1885-1976)**, 3 Nov 1913, Kulbin, (Williams), WA [Reg. 22]. They had three children: Frank, Alfred and Frederick. Arthur died 24 Jul 1953, Perth, WA [Reg. 1758].

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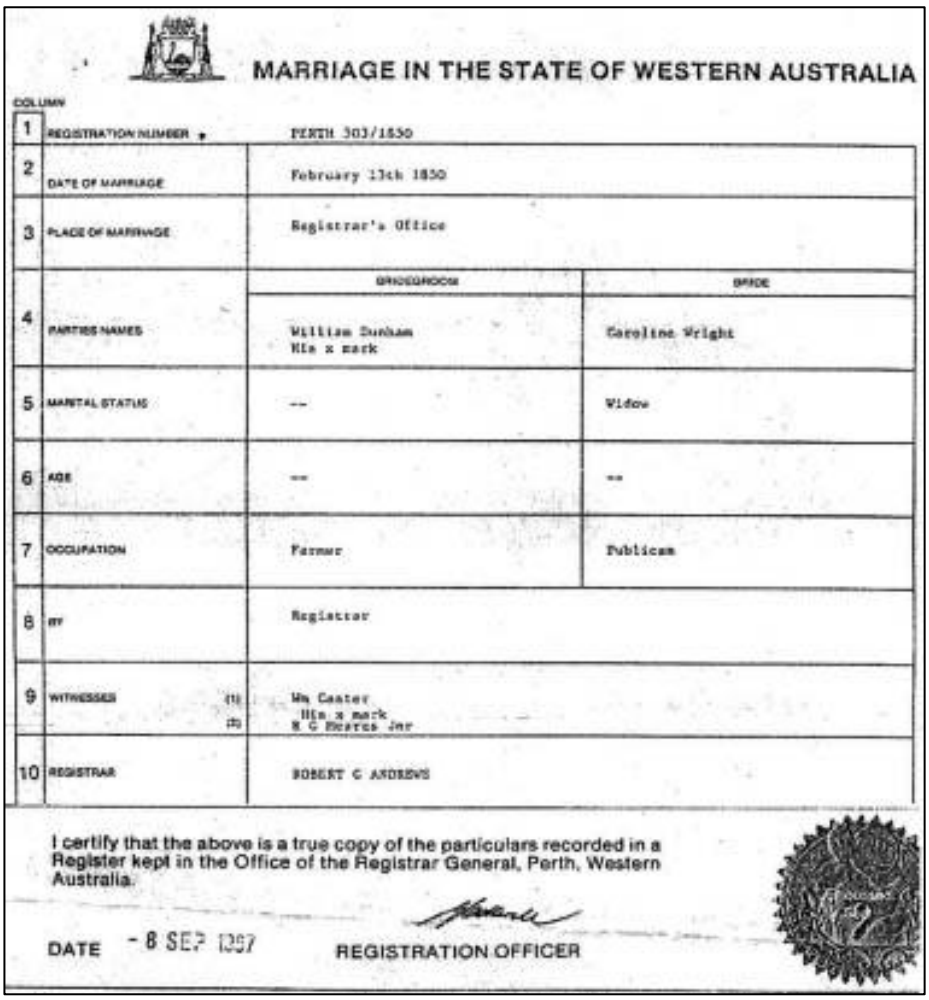
m.2 CAROLINE WRIGHT (NEE PORLEY) (1823-1897) married **WILLIAM DUNHAM (1815-1884)**, 1850, Perth, WA [Reg no 303].

Via Jean Stallwood: *On the marriage certificate when William Dunham married Caroline Wright (nee Porley) it said that* ***Caroline was a publican, she must have leased the Halfway House or Inn which was located off great Eastern Highway****. We went there several years ago but there wasn't much left there - a very old fig tree and it was next to a spring. I was told William Dunham leased the Halfway House or Inn but possibly it was transferred to his name when he married Caroline. I haven't checked the licenses. There are no remains left of the Dusty Miller* (Ed – a pub. See details below).



MARRIAGE IN THE STATE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

COLUMN			
1	REGISTRATION NUMBER	PERTH 303/1850	
2	DATE OF MARRIAGE	February 13th 1850	
3	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	Registrar's Office	
4	PARTIES NAMES	BRIDEGROOM: William Dunham His x mark	BRIDE: Caroline Wright
5	MARITAL STATUS	--	Widow
6	AGE	--	--
7	OCCUPATION	Farmer	Publican
8	BY	Registrar	
9	WITNESSES	(1) Wm Caster His x mark (2) R C Meares Jnr	
10	REGISTRAR	ROBERT C ANDREWS	

I certify that the above is a true copy of the particulars recorded in a Register kept in the Office of the Registrar General, Perth, Western Australia.

DATE - 8 SEP 1997 REGISTRATION OFFICER

Copy of marriage certificate of William Dunham to Caroline Wright (nee Porley). Courtesy Jean Stallwood

The next Halfway Inn was located at the Lakes turnoff and the ruins are now fenced off.

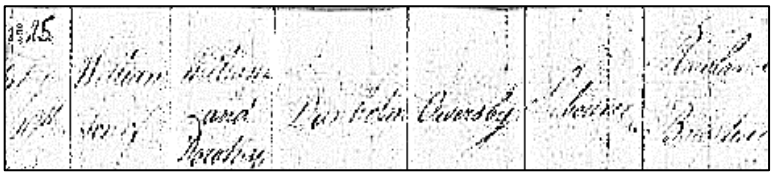
My grandfather Walter Dunham's first job was at the York post office.

I've tried to locate William and Caroline Dunham's grave I was told it might be under the Town Hall. The Dunham farm house Brocklesby has been renovated, unfortunately they've changed the name of the house.

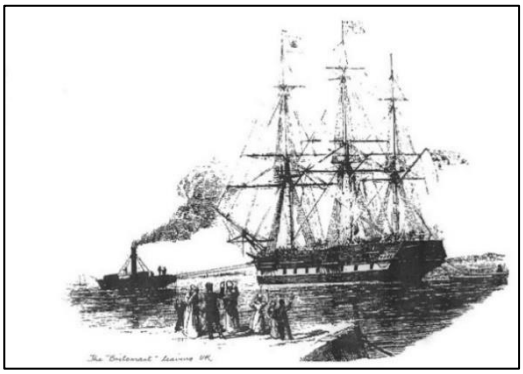
You will note that R.G. Mears Jnr is a witness. He married Emma Amelia Wright in 1857 he was considerably older than her. My grandfather Walter Dunham amazingly kept in touch with the families of Edmund Wright and Caroline. I still occasionally ring Roy Meares (now lives in Mandurah) who is a descendant of Richard Gamble Boyce Meares and Emma Amelia Wright. He boarded with my grandparents as did his father before him to attend Bunbury High School. This Meares family moved to Bridgetown. The Quartermaine family also kept in touch – I remember Mrs Quartermaine visiting my mother many times when we lived in Northam. She drove a big Mercedes. As children we thought it was quite smart to have someone visiting us with such a big car, my father owned a holden.

William Dunham was born 10 Feb 1815, Brocklesby, Lincolnshire, England. Parents: **WILLIAM DUNHAM (1785-1847)** and **DOROTHY KEALAN (1791-1819)**.

BAPTISMS: Oversby, Lincoln, England 1815, William Dunham.

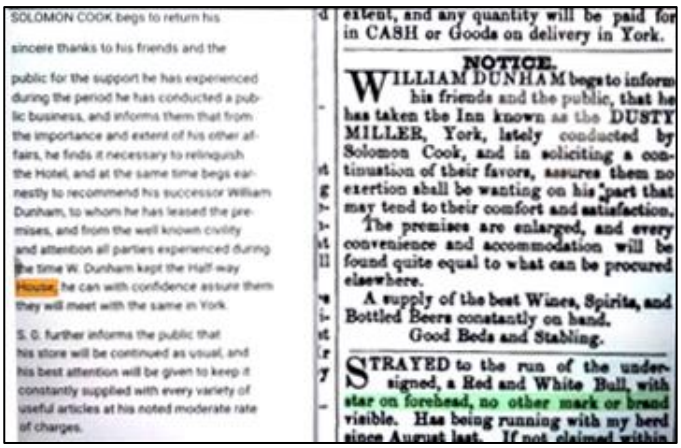


William Dunham arrived in the Colony per the *Britomart*, 4 Dec 1838.
Britomart



William Dunham died 6 Oct 1884, York, WA [Reg. 12880], registered under William. Records on graves not easily available, most probably buried in the Pioneer's Cemetery, York.

***INQUIRER* 28 Apr 1852.**



SOLOMON COOK begs to return his sincere thanks to his friends and the public for the support he has experienced during the period he has conducted a public business, and informs them that from the importance and extent of his other affairs, he finds it necessary to relinquish the Hotel, and at the same time begs earnestly to recommend his successor William Dunham, to whom he has leased the premises, and from the well known civility and attention all parties experienced during the time W. Dunham kept the Half-way House, he can with confidence assure them they will meet with the same in York.

S. C. further informs the public that his store will be continued as usual, and his best attention will be given to keep it constantly supplied with every variety of useful articles at his noted moderate rate of charges.

extent, and any quantity will be paid for in CASH or Goods on delivery in York.

NOTICE.

WILLIAM DUNHAM begs to inform his friends and the public, that he has taken the Inn known as the DUSTY MILLER, York, lately conducted by Solomon Cook, and in soliciting a continuation of their favors, assures them no exertion shall be wanting on his part that may tend to their comfort and satisfaction.

The premises are enlarged, and every convenience and accommodation will be found quite equal to what can be procured elsewhere.

A supply of the best Wines, Spirits, and Bottled Beers constantly on hand.

Good Beds and Stabling.

STRAYED to the run of the undersigned, a Red and White Bull, with star on forehead, no other mark or brand visible. Has being running with my herd since August last. If not claimed within

William Dunham took over from Solomon Cook to run the Inn, *The Dusty Miller* in York.

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The following notes courtesy of Rob Garton Smith:

Dusty Miller

This land was granted to John Henry Monger on 29 September 1843. Sun dried bricks were being made in York from 1840. Let us assume Monger was not going to construct a brick building on land he did not own and so it is not likely it was constructed before 1843. The building was in existence and shown on an early undated map of the York town prior to 1848. Hence, the building was probably constructed around 1845.

In a map of about 1849, the building was shown as being occupied by Solomon Cook. Solomon Cook obtained a "Publican's Spirit Licence" on 11 Feb 1851 for a pub called the "Dusty Miller".

This must have been the public house which was referred to as opening in November 1851 to become the third in York "where the inhabitants scarcely number 100 souls".

William and Caroline Dunham

William and Caroline Dunham ran the Half Way House, south of The Lakes, which was by-passed as a route to York in 1850. In 1855, Robert Doncon who owned the Kings Head Hotel in York built a replacement "Half Way House" at The Lakes. This is not to be confused with the Nineteen Mile Inn just to the north of the York Road 32 km from York.

Solomon Cook sold his pub the Dusty Miller to William Dunham in April 1852 who expanded the premises. He ran the pub with his wife Caroline.

The name of the pub was changed to Dunham's Hotel. Many meetings of the York Agricultural Society were held here.
Dunham didn't pay his bills and in December 1854, Lionel Samson sued him for 114 pounds for goods sold (which we presume was liquor). The Samson business is still in existence and still sells liquor.

The last reference to Dunham's Hotel is in October 1855.
In November 1864, William Dunham was awarded the tender for the next 3 years for delivering mail from Guildford to York for 163 pounds a year, so presumably he had stopped running his hotel.
In 1865 William Dunbar was farming at Brocklesby, a mile from York, which was being put up for sale with vacant possession.

'BROCKELSBY' – DUNHAM FARMHOUSE, YORK.
Courtesy Jean Stallwood

Note via Jean Stallwood: *The Dunham farm-house Brocklesby has been renovated, unfortunately they've changed the name of the house.*

Mary Coulthard wrote:
This photo of the Dunham Homestead, is where I suspect Emma Sarah Blechynden (1862-1947) had her first three children.

WA Livestock Brands 1912-1962
https://www.carnamah.com.au/livestock-brands?search=Dunham

Dunham	L. J.	Brocklesby, York	D4W	1912
Dunham	L. J.	Brockelsby, York	D4W	1924

York: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/York,_Western_Australia

With the increasing population of the Swan River Settlement in 1830, it became evident that suitable land would have to be discovered for the growing of crops needed to provide necessary food.

Ensign Robert Dale, a 20-year-old officer of the 63rd Regiment, led a small party in the first exploratory journey over the Darling Range, during the winter months of 1830 into what was later to be known as the Avon Valley.

He returned with a report of "park-like lands with scattered trees", and after a second expedition, Lieutenant-Governor Stirling concluded that there appeared to be 1,000 square miles of "the finest imaginable sheep-land".

As a result, Stirling decided that the new district should be thrown open for selection and this was done by Government Notice on 11 November 1830. By December 1830, 250,000 acres had been allotted, and in January 1831, 80,000 acres. Before the end of 1831 a further 6,030 acres in small lots had been taken up.

In September 1831 Dale escorted the first party of settlers to the district, reaching the Avon valley on 16 September. They immediately set about the construction of huts, the preparation required for their stock and the cultivation of new land. Dale proposed an area two miles south of the summit of Mt Bakewell as the site for a future town to serve the district.

In September 1833 a garrison of eight troops of the 21st North British Fusiliers was stationed at York. Rules and regulations for the assignment of town allotments at York were gazetted in September 1834 and allotments were advertised for sale from July 1835.

A township did not begin to appear until 1836. In July 1836 York comprised two houses, a barn, an army barracks and some out-houses, with about 50 acres of cleared land. The town grew slowly at first due to difficulties with the local aboriginals, as well as problems associated with using English farming techniques in an unfamiliar climate.

In 1831, Rivett Henry Bland settled in York, and with his business partner, Arthur Trimmer, leased a 10 acre site north of the town (on which Trimmer built a house) and took a grant over a 4,000 acre block to the south which they established as a farm, later called Balladong Farm, after the Ballardong Noongar, the Aboriginal occupiers of the area. Later, part of the land to the south came to be called Bland's Town or Bland Town. Bland was resident magistrate from 1834 to 1842.

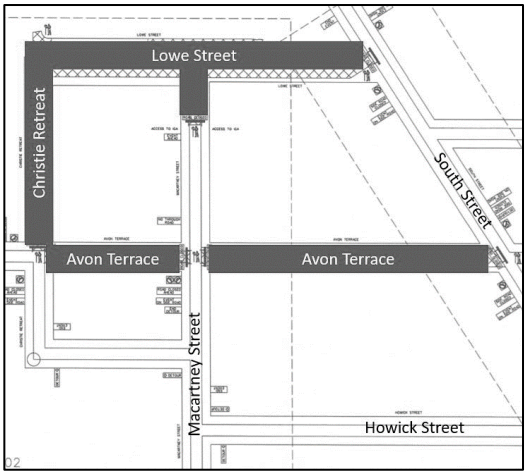
In 1836, John Henry Monger Snr arrived and bought the 10 acres of land immediately north of the town site from Bland and Trimmer for £100 on which the first house in York had been constructed [20] of wattle and daub. Monger opened a hotel by early 1837, constructing in 1842 a "long, low building" opposite the hotel for a store, and "every three months his wagons would journey to Guildford or Perth for supplies".

In 1840, the York Agricultural Society was established, which became very influential in the following years, holding annual shows to the present day. The York Racing Club was established in 1843. Both societies continue today.

A shortage of labour was a problem for the farming community, particularly at harvest time. A sandalwood boom in the late 1840s lifted the town.

At the request of the influential York Agricultural Society, from 1851, convicts were transported to the Colony and relieved the labour shortages. As "ticket-of-leave" men, they constructed many of the early buildings.

AVON TERRACE, YORK:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Avon_Terrace,_York

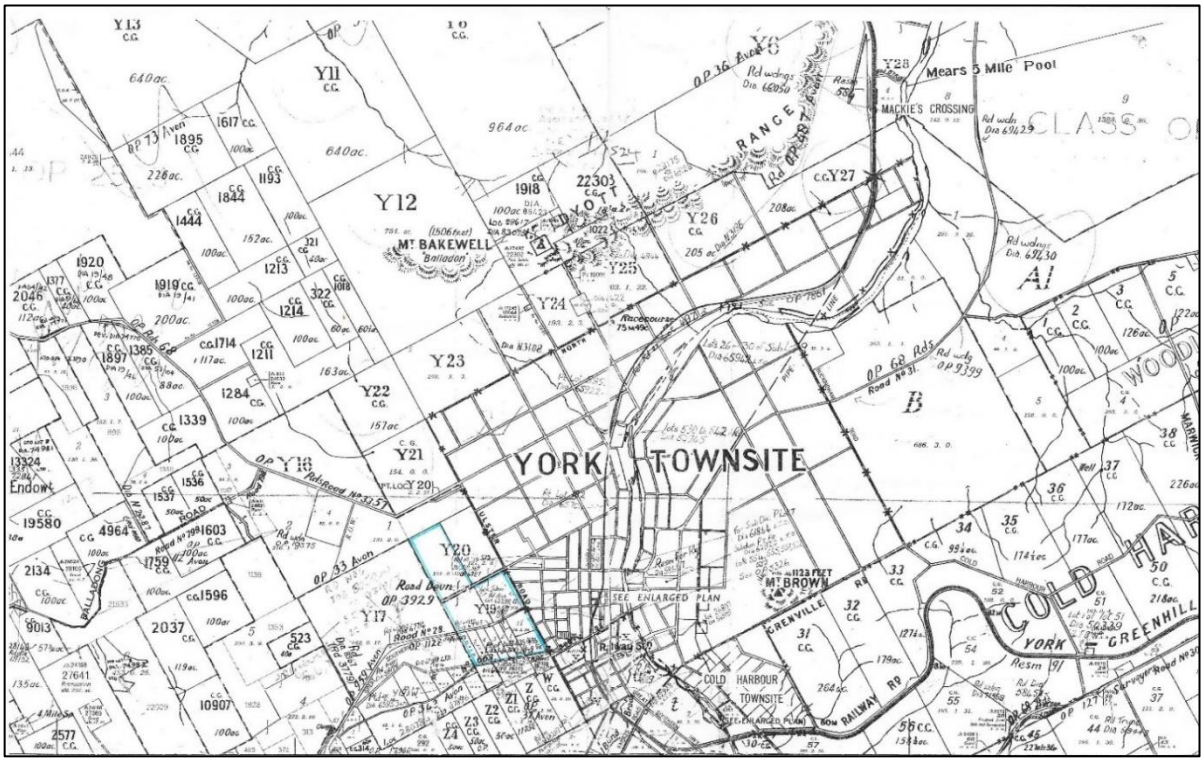


At the rear, on Christie Retreat, is the oldest building in the town centre, a former coach house and stables constructed by Monger, becoming a pub called the ***Dusty Miller run by Solomon Cook****, then* ***Dunham's Hotel run by William and Caroline Dunham****, and then a boarding house run by George McLeod.*

"Solomon Cook owned the hotel till 1852, and when he sold the property William Dunham took over the Dusty Miller. Further The Perth Gazette and Ind Journal of Politics and News 23 Apr 1852. Believe the site was near his mill down by the river behind the IGA hardware store."

BIOGRAPHY Dictionary of Cooke Solomon (1816-1871)
http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/cook-solomon-3251

Solomon Cook (1816?-1871), shipwright, blacksmith and engineer, was born probably in the United States of America, son of Jacob Cook, blacksmith. In December 1848 at the district registry in Albany, WA, he married Elizabeth, daughter of Bob West, sealer. On 9 May 1849 when naturalized an Australian citizen, Cook was living in York, where he had set up as a wheelwright, coach-builder and iron founder. About this time, he was allowed to take stone from government land to build a circular windmill, which was long a landmark in the district.



York Townsite

WILLIAM DUNHAM (1815-1884) and **CAROLINE WRIGHT (NEE PORLEY) (1823-1897),** via the Robert Bristow Family Tree, had six children. More details on each follow in their own sections.

1. ANNA 'ANNIE' MARIA DUNHAM (1850-1933),
2. WILLIAM DUNHAM (1852-1852),
3. GEORGE WILLIAM DUNHAM (1855-1941),

4. LEWIS JAMES DUNHAM (1857-1914),
5. WALTER JOHN DUNHAM (1859-1861), and
6. EMMA SARAH DUNHAM (1862-1947).

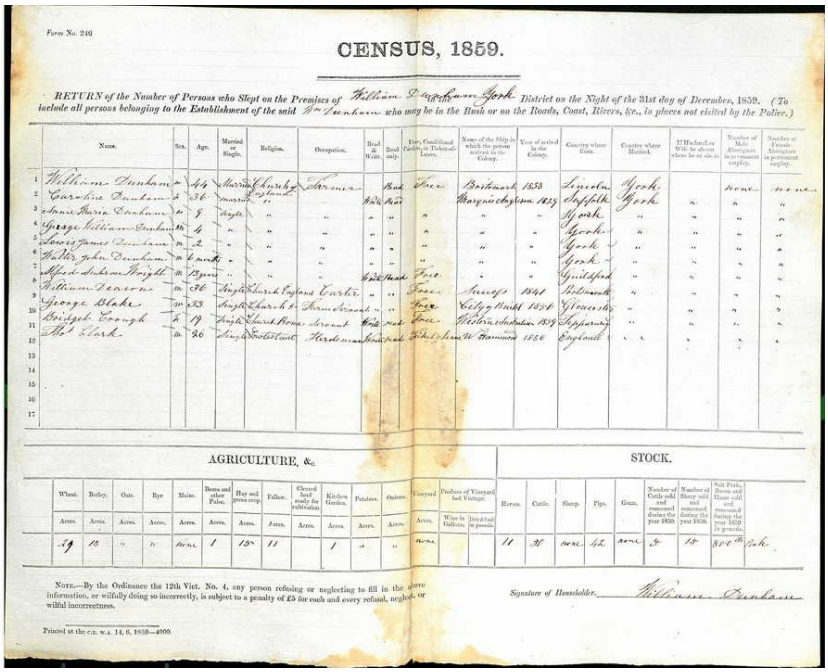
Amelia Wright/Stirling on the left, Caroline Porley/Dunham middle and Nurse Brown

Cropped from the left photo: Emma Amelia Meares (Nee Wright) (1841-1923) married m.2 Edmund John Stirling (1815-1897), 7 Jul 1889, York, WA [Reg. 8].

The following comments via Heather Hervey:

Caroline Dunham (nee Porley) died in 1897 aged 74 and I would suggest that the photo was taken sometime circa mid 1890s by the clothing. It's likely that Nurse Brown had been employed to care for the elderly Mrs Dunham. Also, Emma Amelia Stirling appears to be "mature" in the photo which would also fit in with a photo being taken circa mid 1890s. Trove has a funeral notice for Caroline Dunham published on 10/7/1897 in the Eastern Districts Chronicle which noted that her funeral is to leave the residence of Mr Edmund Stirling at 3.30 that afternoon. It would appear she was living there at the time of her death.

CENSUS 1859



Form No. 210

CENSUS, 1859.

RETURN of the Number of Persons who Slept on the Premises of William Dunham York District on the Night of the 31st day of December, 1859. (To include all persons belonging to the Establishment of the said Wm Dunham who may be in the Bush or on the Roads, Coast, Rivers, &c., in places not visited by the Police.)

	Name.	Sex.	Age.	Married or Single.	Religion.	Occupation.	Bond & Wife.	Bond only.	Free, Conditional Pardon, or Ticket-of-Leave.	Name of the Ship in which the person arrived in the Colony.	Year of arrival in the Colony.	Country where born.	Country where Married.	If Married to Wife he about where he or she is.	Number of Male Aborigines in permanent employ.	Number of Female Aborigines in permanent employ.
1	William Dunham	m	44	Married	Church of England	Farmer		Bond	Free	Bostonian	1853	Lincolnshire	York		none	none
2	Caroline Dunham	f	36	married	"		Wife	Bond	"	Marquis of Huntly	1842	Suffolk	York	"	"	"
3	Annie Maria Dunham	f	9	Single	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	York	"	"	"	"
4	George William Dunham	m	4	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	York	"	"	"	"
5	Lewis James Dunham	m	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	York	"	"	"	"
6	Walter John Dunham	m	6 months	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	York	"	"	"	"
7	Alfred Andrew Wright	m	12 years	"	"	"	Wife	Bond	Free	"	"	Guildford	"	"	"	"
8	William Deacon	m	36	Single	Church of England	Carter	"	"	Free	Sarah & Ann	1841	Helmsworth	"	"	"	"
9	George Blake	m	33	Single	Church of Rome	Servant	"	"	Free	Celestial	1854	Gloucester	"	"	"	"
10	Bridget Keough	f	19	Single	Church of Rome	Servant	Wife	Bond	Free	William Chisholm	1859	Shepparton	"	"	"	"
11	Thos Clark	m	26	Single	Protestant	Herdsman	Bond	Bond	Ticket-of-Leave	H. Hammond	1856	England	"	"	"	"
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AGRICULTURE, &c.

Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.	Rye	Maize.	Beans and other Pulse.	Hay and green crop.	Fallow.	Cleared land ready for cultivation	Kitchen Garden.	Potatoes.	Onions.	Vineyard	Produce of Vineyard last Vintage.	
Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Wine in Gallons.	Brandy in pounds.
19	18	"	"	none	1	18	11		1	"	"	none		

STOCK.

Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Goats.	Number of Cattle sold or consumed during the year 1859.	Number of Sheep sold or consumed during the year 1859.	Salt Pork, Bacon and Hams sold and consumed during the year 1859 in pounds.
11	70	none	42	none	5	18	800 lb.

NOTE.—By the Ordinance the 12th Vict. No. 4, any person refusing or neglecting to fill in the above information, or wilfully doing so incorrectly, is subject to a penalty of £5 for each and every refusal, neglect, or wilful incorrectness.

Signature of Householder. William Dunham

Printed at the C.S. W.A. 14. 6. 1859—4000.

William Dunham:

1. William Dunham, 44 C/E Married, Farmer, read, Free, Britomart, British 1850 Lincoln, York
2. Caroline Dunham, 36 married, read write, 1829, Marquis of Anglesea, Suffolk York
3. Annie Maria Dunham, 9 single, read write, York
4. George William Dunham, 4 single, York
5. Lewis James Dunham, 2 single
6. Walter John Dunham, 6 months single
7. Alfred Wright, 13 years, read write, Guildford York
8. William Deacons, 36 single, Cashier, 1841 Portsmouth
9. George Blake, 35 single Farm servant 1856 Gloucester
10. Bridget Crough, 19 single Servant 1859
11. Thomas Clark, 26 Single Herdsman 1856 England

29 Acres Wheat, 18 acres Barley, 15 acres Hay and greens, 1 acre kitchen garden, 11 horses, 30 cattle, no sheep, 42 pigs, no goats, 5 cattle, 15 sheep sold and shorn

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William Dunham died 6 Oct 1884, York, WA [Reg. 12880], registered under William. **Caroline Dunham (Wright nee Porley) died 9 Jul 1897**, York, WA [Reg. 2763], aged 74 years.

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Records are not easily available about who is buried in the Old Pioneer Cemetery, York. We have not been able to clarify just where William and Caroline were buried. Because they were living in York and owned a business, it is highly likely William and Caroline were buried in the Pioneer Cemetery.

DEATH.

DUNHAM.—At York, on the 9th July, 1897, after a long and painful illness: CAROLINE, relict of the late William Dunham, of York. Aged 74 years. The deceased arrived in he colony in the year 1829.

***Eastern Districts Chronicle* (York, WA: 1877 - 1927), Sat 10 Jul 1897, pg 4**
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DEATH of MRS. DUNHAM - One of the oldest settlers of this colony passed away at the residence of Mr. Edmund Stirling early yesterday morning, and her death has thus created another gap in the little band of settlers who arrived in Western Australia in the year of its foundation. We refer to the demise of Mrs. Dunham, sen., who, after years of painful illness borne with wonderful forbearance and Christian fortitude-during the greater portion of which period she was entirely bedridden-calmly and peacefully responded to the summons from the Great Unknown at about 3 am. yesterday. The deceased lady, who commanded the respect and esteem of those acquainted with her, arrived in the colony with her father and mother (Mr. and Mrs. Porley) in the good ship " Marquis of Anglesea" in the year 1829, at the age of six. On April 16, 1840, she married Edmund Wright, whose death occurred a few years afterwards. She again married on February 13, 1850, William Dunham, who also pre-deceased her many years. From that date she had resided in the York district. Her family, by both husbands, consists of seven children-four daughters and three sons, who are all grown up and have families of their own. The deceased had lived with her daughter-Mrs Stirling-some considerable time, who was unremitting in her attention to the afflicted lady. The funeral will leave her late residence for interment in the Wesleyan Cemetery at 3.30 this afternoon.

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OLD CEMETERY

Via Heather Harvey*: - there was no plan to the old cemetery as undertakers would buy a lot from the council who would literally sell them a lot with the next consecutive number, without considering which denomination, etc. So, despite the old cemetery being divided with the Catholics buried on the northern side of the path and the Protestants buried on the southern side of the path, the council just gave the undertaker the next lot number from the book - e.g. Joe Smith burial has lot 9, Mary Williams burial has lot 10, Bill Jones burial has lot 11, etc., etc., with no idea of just which side of the path they would be buried. Yes, you can find out just which side of the path they are buried since newspapers would report which part of the cemetery their bodies were interred but to make it worse, the burials were haphazard in that they were not all in straight rows so plots were at different angles, etc. The gravediggers would just dig a hole where they could and not necessarily in the next adjacent site. Since most graves only had wooden markers, not headstones, they have long gone - rotted by weather and eaten by white ants. There are only two left, both held at the Residency Museum. The hand drawn map, created in the late 1960s/early 1970s by a volunteer is not accurate and the grave numbers on that, which reflected the markers at that time, are gone also. I've struggled for many, many months trying to locate gravesites, losing count of the number of days I've walked the cemetery with that hand drawn map and a list of lot numbers, trying to find gravesites and have had to accept that I'll never be able to accurately pinpoint them. If they didn't have a headstone, then they're virtually impossible to find. It's only in the "newer" part of the cemetery, from the early 20th century, when the council drew up a formal plan of the layout of the rows in the various denominations and improved their system of recording the sale of burial lots, that allows you to pinpoint unmarked graves in those sections. The archives have a copy of that volunteer drawn sketch map, as does the Shire, but as I said, it isn't accurate.*

The old York cemetery was located on the corner of Great Southern highway and Avon Terrace. The old road into York was Morris Edwards Rd. Most of the old York cemetery is under the main road which now continues on the T junction, turn left to Northam and right to Quairading.

***Inquirer and Commercial News* (Perth, WA: 1855 - 1901), Fri 30 Jul 1897, pg 4**
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1. DUNHAM, ANNA MARIA (1850-1933) Annie
Anna Maria Dunham was born 28 Sep 1850, 'Brokelsby', York District, WA [Reg. 1533], recorded as Anna Maria Dunham, father, William, mother, Caroline Pawley (sic).
Anna Maria Dunham died 4 May 1933, Wagin, WA [Reg. 49].

ANNA MARIA DUNHAM married **THOMAS HARRISON BLECHYNDEN**, 24 Sep 1877, Northam, WA [Reg. 4372], recorded as Annie A Dunham. Thomas, the brother of JESSE BLECHYNDEN who married her sister EMMA SARAH DUNHAM.

THOMAS HARRISON BLECHYNDEN (1849-1933) was born 9 Sep 1849, Beverley, WA [Reg. 1376]. He died 11 Sep 1933, Wagin, WA [Reg. 81]. Registered in Katanning**.**

ANNA MARIA DUNHAM and THOMAS HARRISON BLECHYNDEN had no children.
More details re Anna Maria and Thomas Harrison Blechynden in the main content of this chapter.

SECOND CHILD OF WILLIAM DUNHAM (1815-1884) AND CAROLINE WRIGHT (NEE PORLEY) (1823-1897):

2. DUNHAM, WILLIAM (1852-1852) Lived only 9 days
Recorded under Unnamed Dunham.
William Dunham born 26 May 1852, father, Wm Dunham, mother, Pawley (sic) Unknown, York District, WA [Reg. 1848]. Only lived 9 days.

THIRD CHILD OF WILLIAM DUNHAM (1815-1884) AND CAROLINE WRIGHT (NEE PORLEY) (1823-1897)

3. DUNHAM, GEORGE WILLIAM (1855-1941) was born 27 Jun 1855, York, WA [Reg. 2860]. George died 18 Jul 1941, Perth, WA [Reg. 1445]. Prior to his marriage to Sarah Jane Edgar in 1879, George had a son with **Fanny Louisa Woods**. They were not married.

'FANNY' LOUISA WOODS (1859-1891) was born 1859, Dale River, WA [Reg. 4592], parents: **JOHN WILLIAM WOODS (1822-1900)** and **ELIZABETH WILLIS (1837-1920)** who were married 22 Sep 1856, Fremantle WA [Reg. 986]. Fanny died 26 Jan 1891, aged 32 years, at the residence of P Strange, Boyadine, WA [Reg. 168], registered under Fanny Woods. She was the second of ten children.

CHILDREN OF JOHN WILLIAM WOODS (1822-1900) AND ELIZABETH WILLIS (1837-1920):

1. WILLIAM WILLIS WOODS (1857-1829),
2. FANNY LOUISA WOODS (1859-1891),
3. JOHN 'JACKY' WOODS (1861-1947),
4. JAMES WILLIS WOODS (1863-1945),
5. ELLEN 'HELEN' WOODS (1864-1947),
6. ALLEN WOODS (1868-),
7. GEORGE WOODS (1871-1953),
8. JANE WOODS (1874-1961),
9. ELIZABETH WOODS (1875-1935), and
10. ANNIE 'ANN' WOODS (1876-1965).

DUNHAM, ERNEST (1878-1959), son of George William Dunham and Fanny Louisa Woods, was born 26 Jun 1878, Beverley, WA [Reg. 19383].

Note: George was ordered to pay 5/- a week for 3 months then 2/6 a week thereafter, Eastern Districts Chronicle 1877 -1892, 18th Apr 1879.

When George William Dunham married Sarah Jane Edgar, 14 Jun 1879, baby Ernest was promptly dumped on their doorstep. When Sarah Jane Dunham (nee Edgar) died 5 Oct 1884, six-year-old Ernest was then handed to his grandparents William and Caroline Dunham.

Shortly after his grandfather William Dunham died on the 6 Oct 1884 poor young Ernest had to go to his Aunt Emma and Uncle Jesse Blechynden. They had one child at this time, Frederick William born 6 Jul 1883 who was 15 months old. Their next child did not arrive until 8 Apr 1888 being a five-year gap.

In 1892 Ernest (about 14) was selected for employment as a telephonist in York and soon transferred to Wagin.

ERNEST DUNHAM (1878-1959) married **MARY MAY MOORE (~1883-1959) Ellie**, 9 Aug 1899, Wagin, WA [Reg. 847]. They had ten children.

Ernest Dunham died 2 Feb 1959, Lake Grace, (Katanning), WA [Reg. 10].

It appears Fanny had relationships and children with **ANDREW STRANGE (1844-1919)** about 1880 and **PHAROAH 'RICHARD' STRANGE (1849-1924)** about 1889. Both partners appear to have been brothers who married sisters. Andrew married Elizabeth Jane Whittington in 1871 and Pharoah married Julia Whittington in 1878, and both had children from these marriages. Pharoah had children from several different relationships. All complicated.

'FANNY' LOUISA WOODS (1859-1891) and ANDREW STRANGE (1844-1919) HAD ONE CHILD: EMILY WOODS (1881-1947)

Emily Woods was born 1881, Beverley, WA [Reg. 21632], parents: **FANNY WOODS** and **ANDREW STRANGE**.

EMILY WOODS (1881-1947) married **JOHN CHARLES STEVEN PEARCE (1865-1945) 'Jack'** 1899, Wandering, WA.

'FANNY' LOUISA WOODS (1859-1891) and PHAROAH 'RICHARD' STRANGE (1849-1924) HAD ONE CHILD:

MARY DOROTHY STRANGE (1890-1963)

Mary Dorothy Strange was born 1890, Beverley, WA [Reg. 875]. Parents: Fanny Woods and Pharoah Strange.

MARY DOROTHY STRANGE (1890-1963) married **RICHARD GEORGE WOOLHOUSE (1893-1968)** 1917, Greenough, WA [Reg. 3100001].

m.1. GEORGE WILLIAM DUNHAM (1855-1941) married **SARAH JANE EDGAR (1854-1884)**, 14 Jun 1879, York, WA [Reg. 4692].

EDGAR, SARAH JANE (1854-1884)

Sarah Jane Edgar was born Apr 1854, registered in Fremantle, WA [Reg. 2339], father, **ARCHIBALD EDGAR (1824-1891)**, born in Scotland and mother, **JEMIMA ADAMS (1832-1887)**, born in England

who were married 1850, London, England. They had ten children, Mary Ann and Sarah were born in Fremantle WA, the other eight were registered as being born in York, WA. Sarah Jane Dunham (nee Edgar) died 5 Oct 1884, Perth, WA [Reg. 12818]. Archibald Edgar died 1891, Perth WA [Reg. 12], aged 67 years. Jemima Edgar (nee Adams) died 1887, Perth, WA [Reg. 481, aged 55 years.

1. MARY ANN EDGAR (1852-1917) married **GEORGE EDWARDS (1848-1898)** 9 Mar 1871, York, WA [Reg. 3232].

2. SARAH JANE EDGAR (1854-1941) married **GEORGE WILLIAM DUNHAM (1855-1941)** 14 Jun 1879, York, WA [Reg. 4692]. See their details further on.

3. FRANCES LAKE EDGAR (1857-1912)
Family trees have sometimes recorded her as Frances Kate, Lake, Edgar.

Francis Lake Edgar was born 1857, WA [Reg. 3689]. Registered as a male. There is no death registered for Francis Leke Edgar as a baby.
*The next born child number 4, was registered as an unnamed female baby also born in 1857. If they were twins and one was stillborn, perhaps the person registering them made an error in the name and sex.
Frances Kate Lake Edgar was born 19 Mar 1857, York, WA. Via Family Trees, Ancestry.
Frances Lake Lott (nee Edgar) died 26 May 1912, York, WA [Reg. 7100016].

FRANCES LAKE EDGAR (1857-1912) married **JOHN LOTT (1849-1913)** 1876, York, WA [Reg. 4144].

4. UNNAMED EDGAR (1857-1857) F.

Unnamed female, Elgar, 1857, Perth, WA [Reg. 3689]. *See comments above.

5. ROBERT AUGUSTUS NOEL EDGAR (1858-1935) married **MARY WILSON (1877-)** 1894, Perth, WA [Reg. 445].
6. AGNES EDGAR (1860-1876) was born 1860, York, WA [Reg. 5514]. She died 1876, York, WA [Reg. 9014), aged 16 years. Death with injury.

7. ARCHIBALD FREDERICK EDGAR (1864-1930) married **ELIZABETH SUMMERS (1865-)** 1888, Perth, WA [Reg. 270].

8. ANNA JEMIMA EDGAR (1866-) married **JOSEPH ANDREW LARNER (1861-1898)** 1888, Perth WA [Reg. 281]. Registered as Anne Edgar.

9. WILLIAM ERNEST EDGAR (1868-1913) married **EVA MITCHELL (1867-1914)** 1891, Perth, WA [Reg. 94].

10. ALICE BEATRICE EDGAR (1872-1876) was born 1872, York, WA [Reg. 14406]. She died 1876, York, WA [Reg. 8808], recorded as aged 3 years.

GEORGE WILLIAM DUNHAM and SARAH JANE EDGAR HAD TWO CHILDREN; the third birth was twins who were stillborn:

1. ETHEL VIDA DUNHAM (1880-1971)

Ethel Vida Dunham was born 10 Nov 1880, York, WA [Reg. 21279].
Ethel Vida Brandon (nee Dunham) died 10 Jun 1971, Kogarah, NSW.

ETHEL VIDA DUNHAM (1880-1971) married **LIONEL DAVID BRANDON (1876-1945)**, 21 Sep 1905, Hurstville, NSW [Reg. 7001]. They had 3 children.

2. ALBERT EDMUND DUNHAM (1882-1980)

Albert Edmund Dunham was born 12 Nov 1882, York, WA [Reg. 23500]. Albert Edmund Dunham died 31 Jul 1980, Perth, WA.

ALBERT EDMUND DUNHAM (1882-1980) married **MERCIE ANNE BRANDON (1888-1975)**, 10 Aug 1923, Perth, WA [Reg. 897]. They had 4 children – 3 daughters and 1 son.

3. TWIN GIRLS - STILLBORN DUNHAM (1884-1884), both female, 5 Oct, 1884, Perth, WA [Reg. 12816] and WA [12817].

Following the stillborn death of their twin baby girls and the death of his wife Sarah Jane at the young age of 30 years, George William Dunham married again.

m.2 GEORGE WILLIAM DUNHAM (1855-1941) married **JANE TUNSTILL (1859-1941)**, 1889, Williams, WA [Reg. 213].

George and Jane Dunham.
Courtesy Thielmann Family Tree, Ancestry

JANE TUNSTALL (1859-1941) was born 30 May 1859, Greenough Flats, WA [Reg. 4864], father, **GILES TUNSTILL (1814-1861)**, mother, **JANE VILLARS WILLIAMS (1819-1898)** who were married 30 Apr 1859, Champion Bay, WA [Reg. 1335]. Note spelling: Tunstill. Jane Tunstall died 14 Dec 1941, Perth, WA [Reg. 2595].

GEORGE WILLIAM DUNHAM and JANE TUNSTILL had three children.

1. ADA MARY CAROLINE DUNHAM (1890-1988) was born 28 Jul 1890, Williams Bridge, WA [Reg. 1093]. She married **MARTIN JAMES LACEY (1885-1950)**, 2 Jul 1910, Perth, WA [Reg. 348]. Ada died 26 Jan 1988, Perth, WA.

2. HERBERT WILLIAM DUNHAM (1892-1916) was born 30 Jun 1892, Wagin Lake, WA [Reg. 1430]. Herbert served in WW1, SERN 3779: POB York WA: POE Perth WA: NOK F Dunham George. He died on 26 Jul 16 of wounds received on 16 Jul 16. Buried, Puchevillers, Departement de la Somme, Picardie, France.

3. UNNAMED DUNHAM (1894-1894) Stillborn, female, born 1894, Wagin, father, George Dunham, mother, Jane Tunstill, WA [Reg. 914], death, WA [Reg. 519].

The following article about George William Dunham was shared with us by Jean Stallwood:

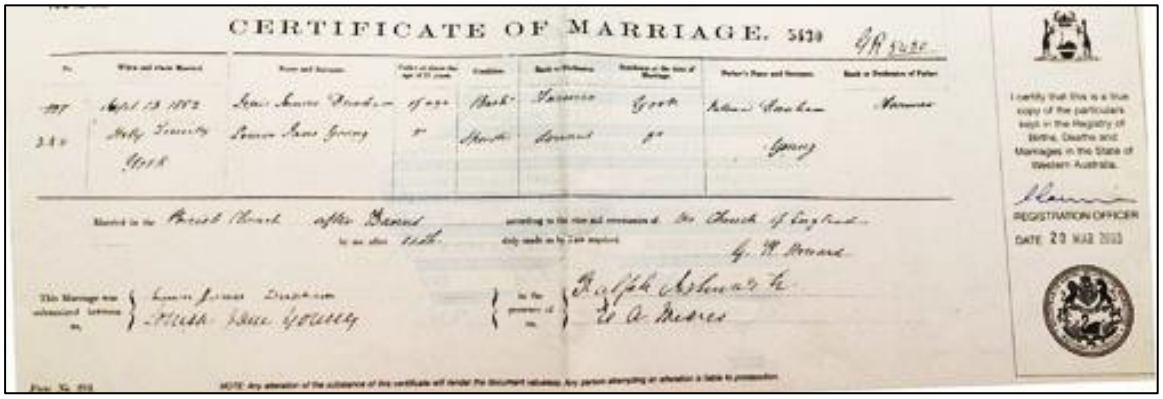
It might be appropriate to mention here an identity who was well-known throughout the upper Helena, although he did not own or lease any land there. He was George Dunham of Wooroloo, who ranged the river as a kangaroo hunter and gum collector in the early 1900's. He was equipped with a dray, two horses, dogs and a gun and would camp in the bush for days at a time while he shot and skinned kangaroos and collected gum for tanning from redgum trees. The skins were sold, as was also the gum, which he collected with a long-handled scraper and stored in sacks. He had a marvellous way with horses and could quieten a wild brumby, freshly caught from the bush, quicker than any man. His dray was drawn by a shafter with a leader out in front and on one occasion he won a bet that he could direct the horses and dray from the platform of the Wooroloo Station; over a crossing about a hundred yards away; back over the crossing and up to the platform again, without he himself leaving the platform. He simply shouted orders to the leader and the horses did the rest! He had a flare for poetry, some of which he composed himself and recited and sang it in the bars of hotels for the entertainment of the patrons. He was a flamboyant bushman of a type for which there is little room in the world of to-day.

George William Dunham,

Most probably Jane Dunham (nee Tunstill)

FOURTH CHILD OF WILLIAM DUNHAM (1815-1884) AND CAROLINE WRIGHT (NEE PORLEY) (1823-1897)

4. DUNHAM, LEWIS JAMES (1857-1914) was born 18 Aug 1857, York, WA [Reg. 3828], father, William Dunham, mother, Caroline Porley. He married **LOUISA JANE YOUNG (1859-1944)**, 13 Sep 1882, York, WA [Reg. 5430]. Lewis died 26 Apr 1914, York, WA [Reg. 13].



CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE. 5430

Copy of marriage certificate of Lewis James Dunham and Louisa Jane Young, witness Ralph Ashworth *was Louisa's sister Elizabeth's husband. Courtesy Jean Stallwood.*

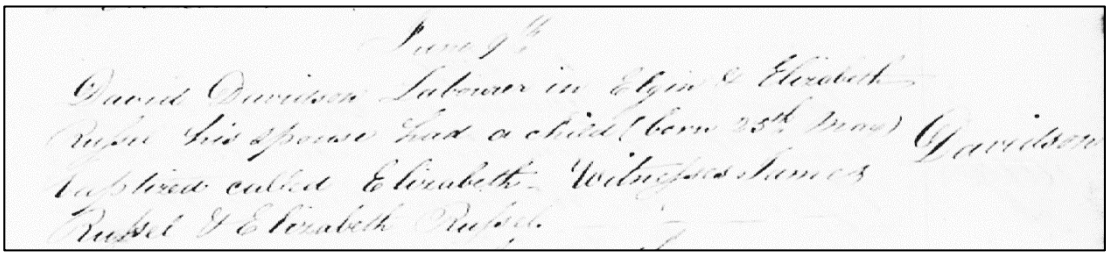
YOUNG, LOUISA 'AGNES' JANE (1859-1944) (Via Avilla, Mountford Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 31 Dec 1859, registered in 1860, Rottnest, WA [Reg. 5259], father, **THOMAS ALEXANDER YOUNG (1816-1873)**, mother, **ELIZABETH DAVIDSON (1821-1899)** who were married 16 Jul 1852, Elgin, Moray, Scotland. Thomas Young was a Pensioner guard who arrived in Fremantle on the *Stag,* 24 May 1855, Fremantle, WA. Louisa Jane Dunham (nee Young) died 27 Dec 1944, York, WA [Reg.71000].

Louisa Jane Dunham (nee Young) *born 31 Dec 1859 Rottnest died 27 Dec 1944 York. Louisa was the daughter of Pensioner Guard Thomas Young (arrived on the Stag 1855) born 3 Nov 1816 Elgin Scotland died 27 Nov 1873 West Guildford and Elizabeth Davidson born 25 May 1829 died 12 Sep 1899. Louisa married Lewis James Dunham on the 13 Sep 1882 Holy Trinity Church York. This was a double wedding with Lewis's sister Emma Sarah Dunham born 13 Oct 1862 York died 7 Jul 1947 Beverley to Jessie William Blechynden born 9 Jun 1851 died 1 May 1934*

1940 circa Walter, Iris, Louisa, Olive, Jean (my mother) and Lewis Dunham

Louisa Jane Dunham (nee Young) with her daughter Iris Dunham

ELIZABETH DAVIDSON (1821-1899), Louisa Jane Young's mother, was born 25 May, baptised 9 Jun 1821, Elgin, Moray, Scotland, parents: David Davidson, labourer and spouse, Elizabeth. Elizabeth died 12 Sep 1899, WA [Reg. 1875].



Copy of baptism of Elizabeth Davidson. Courtesy Jean Stallwood.

THOMAS ALEXANDER YOUNG (1816-1873), Louisa Jane Young's father, was born 3 Nov 1816, Elgin, Scotland. Parents: **WILLLIAM YOUNG (1788-1863)** and **MARGARET 'MILLIE' SMITH (1775-1836) 'Millie'** who Were married 7 Dec 1817, Montrose, Angus, Scotland. Thomas died 27 Dec 1873, West Guildford, WA [Reg. 6912].

LEWIS JAMES DUNHAM (1857-1914) and LOUISA JANE YOUNG (1859-1944) had six children as below. More details of these six children following in their individual sections:

1. WALTER LEWIS DUNHAM (1883-1953)
2. DUNHAM, HILDA ELIZABETH (1885-1971)
3. DUNHAM, WILLIAM THOMAS (1888-1945)
4. DUNHAM, GEORGE ALFRED (1890-1967)

5. DUNHAM, ANNIE AMELIA (1893-1968)
6. DUNHAM, IRIS EMELINE (1895-1977)

Lewis James Dunham died 26 Apr 1914, York, WA [Reg. 13].

***Eastern Districts Chronicle* (York, WA: 1877 - 1927), Fri 1 May 1914, pg 4**
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OBITUARY

LEWIS JAMES DUNHAM—56.

The stern and unrelenting hand of Death has been busy in this community of late, one of the most recent removals from our midst being Mr. Lewis James Dunham, who at the age of 56 years breathed his last at St. Vincent's Hospital on Sunday night last. The deceased developed an incurable disease many months back and towards the end of last year an operation was performed, with the result that the family were made acquainted with the painful fact that the end was only a matter of a few months at most. He bore his affliction with wonderful patience, and was ever hopeful that a recovery would be made. His condition, however, gradually grew worse, and when on Sunday evening the summons came he passed peacefully away in the arms of his bereaved widow who throughout his long and trying illness was almost continuously at the bedside.

The funeral took place on Monday afternoon, and before the coffin was removed from "Brocklesby," the late residence of deceased, a short service was conducted by the Rev. R. R. Fleming. The procession was lengthy and representative, over thirty vehicles being included. At Wesley Church a most impressive service was conducted by the Rev. Fleming, who delivered an eloquent and appropriate address. There was special singing, the hymns "O God our help in ages past," and "Rock of Ages" being rendered. Miss Vera Pyke, the Church organist, presided at the organ, and as the coffin was borne from the sacred edifice played "The Dead March," the congregation standing with bowed heads. Nearly two hundred persons witnessed the burial, and many were visibly affected. The chief mourners were Messrs. Walter J., William, and George (sons), and George (brother). The deceased leaves a widow and family of three sons and three daughters, two of the latter being married—Mrs. E. Ashbolt of our town, and Mrs. A. Cruickshank, of Perth. The sympathy extended is widespread. The family are held in the highest esteem, and with those who knew him—and his acquaintance was a pleasure—the deceased was ever regarded as a conscientious and upright resident. In his home his family best knew him, but their loss must be extremely heavy.

Deceased's father, the late William Dunham, arrived in Western Australia during the year of its foundation—1829—and was thus one of the band of pioneers whose name should be written large in the history of this State.

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LOUISA JANE DUNHAM (nee YOUNG) was honoured with being awarded her Red Cross 20 years of service medal in 1937:

***York Chronicle* (WA: 1927 - 1954), Fri 8 Oct 1937, pg 3**
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PRESENTATION OF RED CROSS MEDAL

A very pleasing ceremony took place at the residence of Mrs. L. Dunham on Monday, September 27 when the officers of the local branch of the Red Cross Society attended to witness the presentation of a 'twenty years' service medal to Mrs. Dunham. In making the presentation, the president (Mrs. J. Campbell MacLachlan) spoke of the great volume of work done by Mrs. Dunham during the war years, and since, on behalf of the soldiers and voiced the pleasure it gave her to present this well merited recognition, which is one of the first to be presented in the State.

Mrs. Dunham, who is just recovering from a severe illness, was wonderfully bright and very delighted to receive the gift. It is anticipated that Lady Mitchell will visit York in the near future and present medals to other members of the society.

A very dainty afternoon tea was kindly provided by Miss Dunham and much appreciated. Those present included Mesdames MacLachlan, A. J. Monger (vice president), R. Loughlin (treasurer) and C. A. Foreman (hon. secretary).

Note: Her Red Cross medal is currently in the possession of Jean Stallwood.

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Mrs. Dunham, who is just recovering from a severe illness, was wonderfully bright and very delighted to receive the gift. It is anticipated that Lady Mitchell will visit York in the near future and present medals to other members of the society.

A very dainty afternoon tea was kindly provided by Miss Dunham and much appreciated. Those present included Mesdames MacLachlan, A J. Monger (vice-president), R. Loughlin (treasurer) and C. A. Foreman (hon. secretary).

Louisa Jane Dunham (nee Young) died 27 Dec 1944, York, WA [Reg. 71000].

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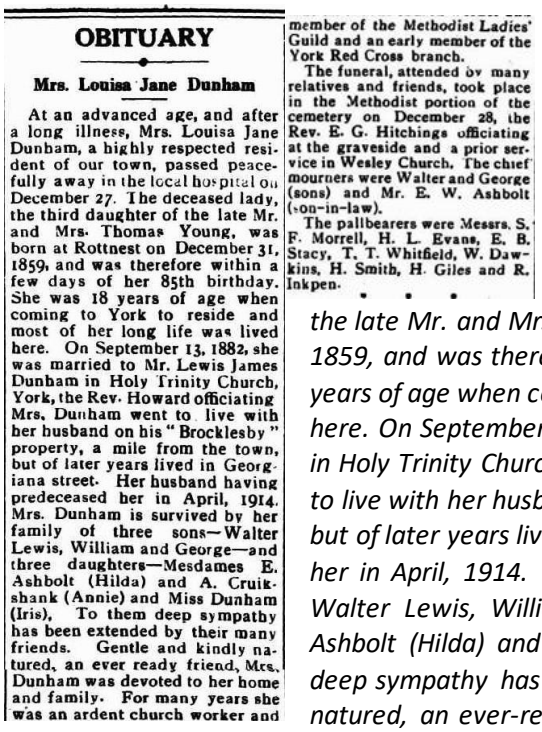

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OLIVE 'JEAN' MELVIN (1883-1975) was born 31 May 1883, Adelaide, SA [Pg. 15, Vol. 305), parents: **WILLIAM MELVIN (1836-1910)** and **MARTHA THREADGOLD (1843-1923)** who were married 24 May 1864, Res of George Tunn Norwood, Adelaide, SA [Pg. 33, Vol. 59].
Olive 'Jean' Dunham (nee Melvin) died 10 Jun 1975, Perth, WA.

The following two pages have details of Olive 'Jean' Melvin's parents and grandparents.

WILLIAM MELVIN (1836-1910), Olive 'Jean' Melvin's father, was born 5 May 1836, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland. Parents **DAVID MELVIN (1798-1839)** and **WILHELMINA BANNERMAN (1805-**

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Emigration: Alfred and Elizabeth Threadgold and their children, Martha, Mary, Thomas and Francis:
Departure, 6 December 1850, from Liverpool, Lancashire, England.
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Alfred Threadgold died 4 Oct 1900, Yongala, SA.
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1. MINA MELVIN (1865-1869) 2. FLORENCE MELVIN (1866-1869) 3. CLAUDE MELVIN (1868-1869) 4. JESSIE ISABELLA MELVIN (1870-1946) 5. EDITH MELVIN (1872-1933) 6. MARTHA MELVIN (1874-1960) 7. WILLIAM HAROLD MELVIN (1876-1953) 8. FRANK PAGE MELVIN (1878-1931) 9. DUNCAN BEEBY MELVIN (1879-1940) 10. MARGARET MELVA MELVIN (1881-1897) **11. OLIVE JEAN MELVIN (1883-1975)** 12. COLIN DOUGLAS MELVIN (1888-1892).

The following article from *Trove* gives a brief summary of Olive Jean Melvin's parents.

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Courtesy of Jean Stallwood.

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South Western Times **(Bunbury, WA: 1932 - 1954), Thu 7 Mar 1946, pg 15**
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1949 Post Office Administrative Staff in Perth. This photo was given to Jean Stallwood by Mr. Halvorsen's daughter.

Kalgoorlie Miner **(WA: 1895 - 1954), Tue 26 May 1953, pg 4**
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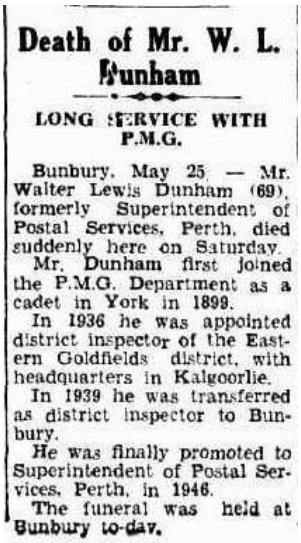

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Edward William Ashbolt died 1966, Perth, WA [Reg. 91].

Eastern Districts Chronicle **(York, WA: 1877 - 1927), Fri 16 Sep 1910, pg 3**
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Henry Ashbolt died 1940, York, WA [Reg. 7100035]. William Ashbolt died 12 Jun 1872, York, WA [Reg. 6272], aged 55 years. Lydia Ashbolt (nee Mills) died 17 Sep 1878, York, WA [Reg.9884], aged 58 years.

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Harriet Hannah Fisher was born 4 Sep 1855, York, WA [Reg. 2911]. Parents: **GEORGE FISHER (1811-1855)** and **SARAH MARY JORDAN (1810-1891)** who were married 4 May 1835, Bearfield, Bradford, Devon, England. Harriet was the last of nine children. Their first four children were born in England. Their fifth child, Mary born in 1845 followed by the others was born in York, WA.
Emigration: 1843, via the ship *Success*: George, Eliza Fisher with their children, James, Ruth and Sarah.
Following the death of her husband Henry Fisher in 1855, **m2**. **SARAH MARY FISHER** married **HENRY STEPHEN CARTER (1823-1902)** 1856, York, WA [Reg. 929].
Harriet Hannah Ashbolt (nee Fisher) died 13 May 1946, at her residence, Grey St, York, WA [Reg. 7100013].
George Fisher died 24 Jan 1855, York, WA [Reg.704].
Sarah Mary Carter, Fisher (nee Jordan) died 23 Mar 1889, Northam, WA [Reg.563], aged 79-80 years.
https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/224545781/sarah-carter

Edward William Ashbolt's maternal grandparents: **GEORGE FISHER (1811-1855) and SARAH MARY JORDAN (1810-1891) had nine children.**

1. ELIZA FISHER (1835-1894) 2. GEORGE FISHER (1837–1879) 3. RUTH FISHER (1841–1853) 4. JAMES FISHER (1842–1899) 5. MARY FISHER (1845–1848) 6. MARY FISHER (1848–1910) 7. SARAH FISHER (1850–1859) 8. SAMUEL FISHER (1852–1931) 9. HARRIET HANNAH FISHER (1855-1946).

Edward William Ashbolt's parents: **HENRY ASHBOLT (1856-1940) and HARRIET HANNAH FISHER (1855-1946) had seven children:**

1. GEORGE HENRY ASHBOLT (1882-1959) married **EDITH FANNY STONE (1880-1963)** 25 Jun 1913, York, WA [Reg. 7100009].
2. EDWARD WILLIAM ASHBOLT (1884–1966) married **HILDA ELIZABETH DUNHAM (1885-1971)** 7 Sep 1910, York, WA [Reg. 26].
3. LEWIS ASHBOLT (1885–1970) married **ALVA ADELINE GUDE (1900-1976)** 1927, Perth, SWA [Reg. 100906].
4. HORACE JAMES ASHBOLT (1887–1969) married **IVY COOK (1894-1948)** 1931, Swan, WA [Reg. 6100017].
5. FRANK ASHBOLT (1889–1966) married **MINNIE MCGRATH (1895-1949)** 1931, Perth, WA [Reg. 101300].
6. AMY SUSANNAH ASHBOLT (1891-1975) Electoral Roll: 1925, 1954, Grey St York, shop assistant.
7. FREDERICK ASHBOLT (1893–1970) married **LILIAN CHARLOTTE THRUM (1894-1977)** 26 Mar 1921, Perth, WA [Reg. 100327].

***York Chronicle* (WA: 1927 - 1954), Fri 13 Dec 1940, pg 2**
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OBITUARY

Mr. Henry Ashbolt

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Mr. Ashbolt was born on June 28, 1856, at the home of his parents on the property now owned by the Misses Spice. As a young man he spent a considerable time shepherding sheep east of York for the late Mr. William Parker and was afterwards engaged in team work between York and Fremantle and later worked in the town and district before retiring to live quietly in Grey street. On November 18, 1880 he married Miss Harriett Hannah Fisher and the diamond wedding of this couple was celebrated last month. The deceased was an upright man and an ardent follower of his church.

Mr. Ashbolt is survived by his widow and adult family of six sons—George, Edward, Horace, Frank, Fred and Lewis—and a daughter—Miss Amy Ashbolt—and to them expressions of deepest sympathy have been extended by a wide circle of friends.

The funeral, at which there was a large attendance of relatives and friends, took place in the Methodist portion of the cemetery on Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. J. Pole officiated at the graveside and at a prior service

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The pallbearers were Messrs. A. Thorn, H. L. Evans, Roy Inkpen, H. Smith and W. A. Smith and J. Wells (representing M.U.O.F.S. Lodge).

Mr. Ashbolt had been a member of the M.U.O.F.S. Lodge for nearly sixty years and brethren of that order formed up inside the cemetery gates and at the conclusion of the church service the lodge service was read by P.G. Bro. E. G. Nottle.

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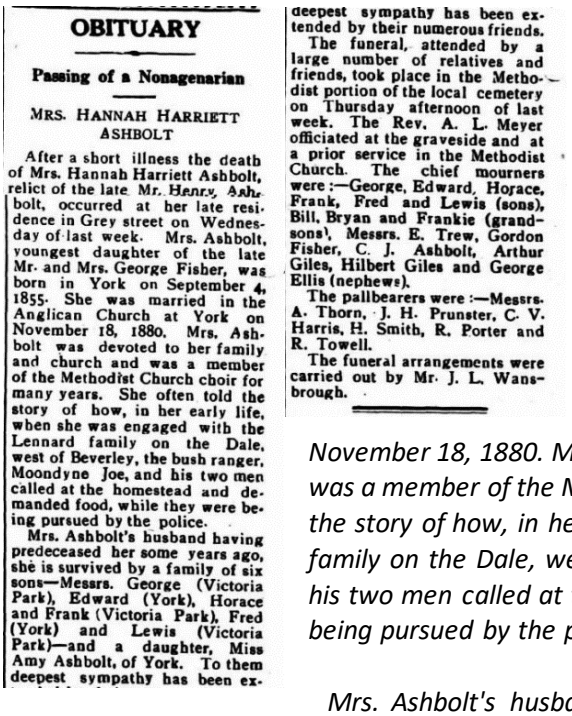

OBITUARY

Passing of a Nonagenarian

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Mrs. Ashbolt's husband having predeceased her some years ago, she is survived by a family of six sons—Messrs. George (Victoria Park), Edward (York), Horace and Frank (Victoria Park), Fred (York) and Lewis (Victoria Park)—and a daughter, Miss Amy Ashbolt, of York. To them deepest sympathy has been extended by their numerous friends.

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Electoral Roll:

1910 Hilda Elizabeth Dunham, York, dressmaker. Parents: Louis Dunham, Brocklerby (*Brocklesby)* Farm, farmer, Louisa Dunham, home duties.
1910 Edward William Ashbolt, Grey St, York, carter
1917, 1931, 1943, 1949 Edward William Ashbolt, Guildford Rd, York, carter, Hilda Elizabeth, married.
1958, 1963 Edward William Ashbolt, 53 State St, Victoria Park, Hilda Elizabeth, home duties.

THIRD CHILD OF LEWIS JAMES DUNHAM (1857-1914) and LOUISA JANE YOUNG (1859-1944):

3. DUNHAM, WILLIAM 'BILLY' THOMAS (1888-1945)
William Thomas Dunham was born 5 Feb 1888, York, WA [Reg. 360].
Unmarried.
William Thomas Dunham died 5 Feb 1945, Bunbury, (Wellington), WA [Reg. 22]

William Thomas Dunham.
Courtesy Jean Stallwood.

History of Schooling in the Avon Valley
https://educationdocbox.com/Private_School/76907552-History-of-schooling-in-the-avon-valley-wa.html

***Shire of Beverley Rural Schools**, p. 54 – 58*
***Shire of York Rural Schools**, p. 65 – 70, p. 79*

Schools in Beverley operated from 1859- 1946 and numbered 16, with only a couple located in the township of Beverley and the remaining schools were dotted in the surrounding areas. Mourambine School was funded by the Anglican Church (Buchanan2002:189). Beverley currently has only one District High school in the township from PP-yr10. An Aboriginal school was operated from 1924. York contained operational schools from 1841-1975 and boasted a total of 33 schools located between York and Northam and Beverley. Only 4 schools were located in the township of York with the remaining rural schools being located in surrounding regions. York contains only one District High school today from PP-yr1

SCHOOL PRIZE GIVING ARTICLES

Following are segments cropped from the articles from *Trove* about school presentation ceremonies at the end of the year, in which William Thomas Dunham and many others are mentioned. To view images of the articles, follow the links.

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1. YORK STATE SCHOOL, 1901: Courtesy Jean Stallwood.
DUX OF SCHOOL - Willie Dunham

***Eastern Districts Chronicle* (York, WA: 1877 - 1927), Sat 21 Dec 1901, pg 2**
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The annual presentation of prizes took place at York State School on Fri afternoon. The schoolroom had never looked better, tastefully decorated for the occasion and the children presented a very healthy appearance. The privileged winners of course appeared particularly jubilant, while the unsuccessful ones were almost equally so in anticipation, no doubt, of the Christmas vacation. . .
Prize List.
*. . . Dux of School: "**Willie Dunham**. Proximo: Philip Sargent.*
Class VII.—Dux: Ted Steward. 1st Girls: Alice Downey and Louisa Pyke.
equal. Sewing, and Painting: Leta Wansbrough.

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2. YORK STATE SCHOOL, 1908: Courtesy Jean Stallwood. W Dunham
***Eastern Districts Chronicle* (York, WA: 1877 - 1927), Sat 18 Apr 1908, pg 2**
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On Thursday afternoon, prior to the State School entering upon its Easter vacation, the distribution of attendance prizes and medals for the years 1906 and 1907 took place in the presence of several members of the local Education Board, and a number of visitors. . .
. . . Ex VII.—K. Harris, M. Stewart, ***W. Dunham****.*

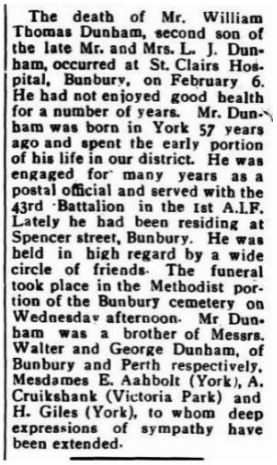
Sunday Times **(Perth, WA: 1902 - 1954), Sun 4 May 1913, pg 9**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article57746109.txt
P and T Department: Appointments Confirmed, William Thomas Dunham, lines man;
Dunham William Thomas: SERN 2319: POB York WA: POE Perth WA: NOK M Dunham Louisa Jane

William Thomas Dunham signed his Attestation Papers 15 May 1916. Embarked Fremantle vis the *Melbourne. 29 Dec 2016* proceeded overseas to France per *SS Golden Eagle*. Wounded in action 11 Oct 17. Re-joined 43rd Bn 27 May 17. 24 May 18 Wounded in action - mustard gas poisoning. Returned to Australia per England, 19 Oct 18. Valvular disease of the heart.

Electoral Roll:
1910, 1912, 1913, 1915 William Thomas Dunham, York, farmer
1919 William Thomas Dunham, 25 Museum St, North Perth, telephone lineman.
1831, William Thomas Dunham, 196 Bulwer St, North Perth, lineman.
1943 William Thomas Dunham, Georgina St, York.

York Chronicle **(WA: 1927 - 1954), Fri 9 Feb 1945, pg 2**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article252106280.txt

The death of Mr. William Thomas Dunham, second son of the late Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Dunham, occurred at St. Claire Hospital, Bunbury, on February 6. He had not enjoyed good health for a number of years. Mr. Dunham was born in York 57 years ago and spent the early portion of his life in our district. He was engaged, for many years as a postal official and served with the 43rd Battalion in the 1st A.I.F. Lately he had been residing at Spencer Street, Bunbury. He was held in high regard by a wide circle of friends. The funeral took place in the Methodist portion of the Bunbury cemetery on Wednesday afternoon. Mr Dunham was a brother of Messrs. Walter and George Dunham, of Bunbury and Perth respectively, Mesdames E. Ashbolt (York), A. Cruikshank (Victoria Park) and H. Giles (York), to whom deep expressions of sympathy have been extended.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4. DUNHAM, GEORGE ALFRED (1890-1967)
George Alfred Dunham was born 27 May 1890, York, WA [Reg. 734].
George Alfred Dunham died 12 Feb 1967, Mt Lawley, WA [Reg. 6272]. Burial Karrakatta Cemetery, Garden of Remembrance/ Crematorium Rose Garden / Garden 8 / 0004.

GEORGE ALFRED DUNHAM (1890-1967) married **AGNES MAY BRITTAIN (1889-1971)** 25 Mar 1916, Wesley Church, Perth WA [Reg. 307].

***Eastern Districts Chronicle* (York, WA: 1877 - 1927), Fri 12 May 1916, pg 2**
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WEDDING BELLS.

DUNHAM—BRITTAIN.

The marriage of Mr. George Alfred Dunham, the youngest son of the late Mr. Lewis J., and Mrs. Dunham, of "Brockleby," York, to Miss Agnes May Brittain, youngest daughter of Mr. F. W. Brittain, of North Perth, was solemnised at Wesley Church, Perth, on March 25. The bride, who looked charming in a cream tailor costume, with black picture hat, and carrying a posey of cream roses, was given away by her brother, Mr. J. B. Brittain. Miss L. McLeod acted as bridesmaid, and wore shell pink crepe-de-chene, with black hat, and carried a posey of pink roses. Mr. C. S. (" Bert ") Pyke performed the duties of best man. At the conclusion of the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. S. Stones, of Leader Street, Leederville, where the happy couple were the recipients of hearty congratulations from relatives and friends. Numerous useful and costly presents were received, together with messages conveying best wishes for the future. The honeymoon was spent at Kalamunda.

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AGNES MAY BRITTAIN (1889-1971) was born 1889, Perth, WA [Reg. 595]. Parents: **FREDERICK WILLIAM BRITTAIN (1846-1917)** and **ELIZABETH COX (1851-1896)** who were married 1875, Guildford, WA [Reg. 3894). They had nine children. Agnes May Dunham (nee Brittain) died 14 Feb 1971, Inglewood, WA [Reg. 743]. Karrakatta Cemetery, Ashes scattered at Karrakatta.

The following three pages contain details of Agnes May Brittain's parents and grandparents:

FREDERICK WILLIAM BRITTAIN (1846-1917) Agnes May Brittain's father

Frederick William Brittain was born 1846, Newton, Cambridgeshire, England. Parents: **JAMES BRITTAIN (1823-1901)** and **ANN DANIELS (1825-1899)** who were married 12 Aug 1844, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, England.
Frederick William Brittain died 1917, 94 Alma Rd, North Perth, WA.
James Brittain died 15 Dec 1901, Perth, WA [Reg. 2231]. Parents: Benjamin Brittain and Sarah.
Ann Brittain (nee Daniels) died 21 Oct 1899, Municipality of Perth, WA [Reg. 1940) aged 74 years.

Agnes May Brittain's **grandparents: JAMES BRITTAIN (1823-1901)** and **ANN DANIELS (1825-1899) had eleven children:**
The first three children were born in England. Elizabeth born 1852 and the rest following were born in WA. Harriet aged three years and Ellen aged one year, both died in 1858.

1. FREDERICK WILLIAM BRITTAIN (1846-1917) 2. SARAH ELIZABETH BRITTAIN (1848–1935) 3. BENJAMIN BRITTAIN (1849–1927) 4. ELIZABETH BRITTAIN (1853–1927) 5. HARRIET BRITTAIN (1854–1858) 6. ELLEN BRITTAIN (1856–1858) 7. JOSEPH BRITTAIN (1859–1906) 8. ANN MARY BRITTAIN (1861–1897) 9. JOHN JAMES BRITTAIN (1864–1933) 10. HARRIETT ELLEN BRITTAIN (1866–1922) 11. ALFRED ERNEST BRITTAIN (1868–1942)

ELIZABETH COX (1851-1896) Agnes May Brittain's mother

Elizabeth Cox was born 1851, Killeady Cross Roads, Cork, Ireland. Parents: **HUDSON COX (1826-1882)** and **ELIZABETH HALLIDAY (1828-1883)** who were married 27 Apr 1849, Antrim County, Norther Ireland.
Emigration: Arrival 13 Jun 1853, Fremantle, WA, on Passenger Ship *Sabrina* departing from Liverpool.
Elizabeth Brittain (nee Cox) died 15 Oct 1896, Perth, WA [Reg. 1615], aged 46 years.
Hudson Cox died 1882, Perth, WA [Reg.11363], aged 56 years.
Elizabeth Cox (nee Halliday) died 1883, Perth, WA [Reg. 11701], aged 55 years.

Agnes May Brittain's maternal grandparents: **HUDSON COX (1826-1882)** and **ELIZABETH HALLIDAY (1828-1883)** had eight children: The first two were born in Northern Ireland. William Cox born 1854 and the others were born in Fremantle, WA. Jane married James Hayes in 1885 and moved to SA. The others remained in WA.

1. ELIZABETH COX (1851-1896) 2. JOSEPH H COX (1853–1935) 3. WILLIAM COX (1854-1936) 4. JANE COX (1856-1917) 5. HUDSON COX (1858-1946) 6. NATHANIEL ALEXANDER COX (1865–1913) 7. AGNES COX (1867–1888) 8. ESTHER (ESTER) COX (1870–1951)

FREDERICK WILLIAM BRITTAIN (1846-1917) and **ELIZABETH COX (1851-1896)** had eight children as follows:

1. FREDERICK WILLIAM BRITTAIN (1876-1902) was born 1876, Perth, WA [Reg. 17059]. Frederick died 6 May 1902, Perth, WA [Reg. 2053].

2. JAMES HUDSON BRITTAIN (1878–1879) was born 1878, Perth, WA [Reg.18896]. James died 1879, Perth, WA [Reg. 9968], aged 11 months.

3. m1 ALBERT EDWARD BRITTAIN (1879–1925) married **MAUDE MARIE KENNEY (1884-)** 1904, Perth, WA [Reg.1183]. One child, Millicent Agnes Brittain, died aged 11 months.
m2. ALBERT EDWARD BRITTAIN (1879–1925) married **m2. GLADYS DILLON BELL (1888-1972)** 21 Feb 1908, Perth, WA [Reg. 100096]. Four children.
m3. ALBERT EDWARD BRITTAIN (1879–1925) married **ETHEL MAY WOOLCOCK (1886-1969)** 1917, West Perth, WA [Reg.100217].

4. ANNIE ELLEN ETHEL BRITTAIN (1881–1956) married **SYDNEY STONES (1877-1918)** 1904, Perth, WA [Reg. 1613].

5. JAMES ERNEST BRITTAIN (1883–1955) married **m2. THERESA SHARPE** 16 Jun 1926, Bunbury, Wellington, WA; [Reg. 6600064]. Registered as Theresa Sharpe.

m1. THIRZA MARIA TAGG (1876-1969) married **CHARLES ROBERT SHARPE (1875-1919)** 4 Aug 1900, Swadlincote, Derbyshire, England. Her name as per records.

6. ELIZABETH MAY BRITTAIN (1885–1885) was born 1885, Perth, WA [Reg. 26549]. She died in 1885, Perth, WA [Reg. 1376], aged 4 months.

7. AUBREY CHARLES BRITTAIN (1887–1888) was born 1887, Perth, WA [Reg. 6110]. He died 1888, Perth, WA [Reg. 220], aged 10 months.

8. AGNES MAY BRITTAIN (1889–1971) married **GEORGE ALFRED DUNHAM (1890-1967)** 25 Mar 1916, Wesley Church, Perth WA [Reg. 307].

***Daily News* (Perth, WA: 1882 - 1955), Thu 12 Jul 1917, pg 3**
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The Late Mr. F. W. Brittain.—The funeral of the late Mr. Frederick William Brittain, of 94 Alma-road, North Perth (eldest son of the late Mr. James Brittain, builder and contractor), took place on Saturday afternoon, anw was largely attended. The deceased, aged 71 years, was born at Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, England, and with his parents arrived in this State in the sailing ship Sir Walter Raleigh, about the end of the year 1853, resided in the Eastern States about four years, and in this State 59 years. He leaves a grown-up family of two sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. The cortege moved from his late residence, 94 Alma-road, North Perth, and proceeded by road to the Wesleyan portion of the Karrakatta Cemetery, where the remains were interred. The Rev. Brian Wibberley conducted the burial service. The chief mourners were:—Messrs. A. E. Brittain and J. E. Brittain (sons), Mesdames S. Stones and G. Dunham (daughters), Mr. S. Stones (son-in-law), Mesdames A. E. Brittain, J. E. Brittain (daughters-in-law), Messrs. B. Brittain and Alf. E. Brittain (brothers), Mesdames S. Howlett, S. B. Devenish, C. D. Longson (sisters), Messrs. S. Howlett, J. Cox, J. Carter (brothers-in-law), Mesdames Alf. E. Brittain, J. Cox, J. Carter (sisters-in-law), Mrs. J. Steele (niece), Mr. V. Needham (nephew). The pall-bearers were:—Capt. C. H. Wilson, Messrs. H. T. Bell, F. L. Glaskin, W. Tapping, E. J. Read, and W. Barnett. Among those present were:—Messrs. E. G. Joyce, R. Hood, D. A. James, G. Pounder, M. Stack, Captain Bantock, Mesdames H. Glaskin, Coffen, Kennedy, Sadlier, Costello, Pounder, Miss Glaskin. Wreaths were sent by Mr. and Mrs. Bert Brittain, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Stones, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brittain, Mr. and Mrs. G. Dunham and daughter, Mr. Ben Brittain, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Howlett, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Brittain, Miss Ethel Brittain, Mr. and Mrs. Carter and family, Mr. Mrs. J. Cox and family, Misses Beryl and Irene Stones, Mr. and Mrs. A. Glaskin, Miss Joan Glaskin, Miss Jessie Brittain, Mr. and Mr. V. Needham, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Swain, Mr. and Mrs. N. Sampson, Mr. and Mrs. Gundil. Numerous messages of sympathy were received.

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Returning to George Alfred Dunham (1890-1967) and Agnes May Brittain (1889-1971):

George Alfred Dunham served overseas in the First World War: SERN 3262: POB York WA: POE Perth WA: NOK W Dunham Agnes May. Private, 46th Battalion / 8th Reinforcements, left Fremantle A34 Persic on 29 Dec 1916. 16 Jul 17 Proceeded to France via Southampton. 4 Aug 17 46th Bn, Havre. 4 Jan 18, promoted Lance Corporal. Disembarked Fremantle, Jun 20.

WAG Railways employed George as a clerk then a booking clerk at Perth Station until 13 Mar 1929.

The next article tells of a fatal crash in which George Alfred Dunham was involved and was lucky to have survived.

West Australian **(Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Thu 22 Nov 1928, pg 23**
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He had driven his companions that day from Perth to York, he added, and during the trip he had taken six glasses of beer. However, he considered himself absolutely sober. After the accident he had been examined by Dr. Badock, of Midland Junction, who gave him a clean bill. The deceased, a big heavy man, was helpless to assist himself by reason of the fact that he had a wooden leg, which was wedged in the car. At no time during the day had he exceeded 25 miles per hour.

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1954 George Alfred Dunham, 25 Joseph St, Wembley, railway officer, Agnes May, home duties.
1963 George Alfred Dunham, 112 First Av, Mt Lawley, retired, Agnes May, home duties

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FIFTH CHILD OF LEWIS JAMES DUNHAM (1857-1914) and LOUISA JANE YOUNG (1859-1944):

5. DUNHAM, ANNIE AMELIA 'DOT' (1893-1968) was born 18 Feb 1893, York, WA [Reg. 423]. She married **ANDREW CRUIKSHANK (1886-1971)** 6 Nov 1913, York, WA [Reg. 18]. Dot died 23 Nov 1968, Perth, WA [Reg. 4208].

Annie Amelia (Dot) Dunham. Courtesy Phyl Dunham

***Eastern Districts Chronicle* (York, WA: 1877 - 1927), Fri 7 Nov 1913, pg 5**

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ANGLICAN CHURCH.—The Very Reverend H. F. Mercer, Dean of Perth, will be the preacher on Sunday morning at 11 in Holy Trinity Church, York. In the afternoon service will be held in St. Paul's Church, Tipperary, at 3 15. The Dean and Mrs. Mercer are the guests of Mrs Ballen at the Rectory.

WEDDING.—The marriage of Miss Annie ("Dot") Dunham, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Dunham, of "Brocklesby," York, with Mr. Andrew Cruikshank, of the Postal Department, Perth, and youngest son of Mr. G W. Cruikshank, of Leura, N.S Wales, was quietly solemnised at "Brocklesby" yesterday afternoon, the Rev. J. Tiller officiating. The attendance, owing to the indisposition of the bride's father, was limited to members of the family. The bride was given away by her father, while the bride's sister, Iris, acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. Brennand, of Perth, performed the duties of best man. The wedding presents were numerous and useful, and quite a sheaf of messages of congratulation were received. Mr. and Mrs. Cruikshank caught the 6 o'clock train for the City, their future home being at Victoria Park.

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The following pages have details of Andrew Cruikshank's parents:

GEORGE CRUIKSHANK (1860-1949) married **ELIZA HIBBS (1860-1903)** 8 Apr 1876 Port Adelaide, SA [pg. 35, Vol 197]. **Father: Andrew Cruikshank, Spouse Father: Joseph Hibbs.**

GEORGE CRUIKSHANK (1860-1949) Andrew Cruikshank's father

George Cruikshank was born 1860, UK. Parents: **Andrew Cruikshank (1840-)**
George Cruikshank died 1949, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 5]. This could be him.

Via Cruikshank Family Tree, Ancestry. They have his name as George Watson Cruikshank.
George, a carpenter emigrated to Adelaide on the "Forfarshire" from Plymouth leaving UK Nov/Dec 1873 arriving Adelaide 08.02.1874. We believe he was the 2nd son, and moved to Australia as his brother was inheriting the family farm in the UK.

Electoral Roll:
This appears to be George and his son James. Eliza had died.
1912 George Cruikshank, Wiluna, miner.
1917 George Cruikshank, Mt Magnet, miner.
1934 George Cruikshank, Goongarrie, (Kalgoorlie, Menzies), prospector, James, prospector.
1937 George Cruikshank, Goongarrie, prospector, James, prospector.

ELIZA HIBBS (1860-1903) Andrew Cruikshank's mother

Eliza Hibbs was born 1860, UK. Parents: **JOSEPH HIBBS (1840-)**. Eliza Cruikshank (nee Hibbs) died 1903, Coolgardie, WA. [273], parents: Joseph Hibbs and unknown Goddard. Family Trees Ancestry have her death as 1894. I can't find a registration for 1894.

Emigration: Eliza Hibbs and George Cruikshank, 1874

***South Australian Advertiser* (Adelaide, SA: 1858 - 1889), Mon 9 Feb 1874, pg. 3**
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ARRIVAL OF THE FORFARSHIRE.
It is pretty evident the Commissioners showed great judgment when the Forfarshire was selected to carry emigrants, for a finer vessel could scarcely be desired. She is a ship of 1,238 tons, with fine beam and good height between decks. She left London on November 13th, and Plymouth on November 23rd, having on board 419 persons; and such good regulations have been observed on the voyage that the mortality has been very low.

The following is a list of the passengers:
[Both Eliza Hibbs and George Cruikshank were recorded as passengers.]

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1. HELEN CRUIKSHANK (1877-1880) was born 8 Jan 1877, New Liverpool, Port Adelaide, SA [Pg. 409 Vol 177]. Died, aged two years, 1880, Port Augusta, SA [pg. 258 Vol 101].

2. DAVID CRUIKSHANK (1878–1878) was born 2 Sep 1878, Port Pirie, SA [Pg. 340 Vol 208]. Died aged almost six weeks, 27 Oct 1878, Port Pirie, SA [pg. 378 Vol 90].

3. JOHN 'JACK' CRUIKSHANK (1880–1967) was born 18 Feb 1880, Port Augusta, Frome, SA [Pg. 226 Vol 235]. He married **ANNIE AGNUS MURPHY (1874-1960)** 1908. Perth, WA [Reg. 1908]. John Cruikshank died 16 Apr 1967, Moorabbin, VIC.

Electoral Roll:
1906 John Cruikshank, Hunt St, Coolgardie, telegraph operator.
1916, 1917 John Cruikshank, cr. 30 1st Avenue and Carrington St, Maylands, telegraphist, Annie Agnus, home duties.
1924, 1931, 1936 John Cruikshank, Lucknow St, Melbourne, Telegraphist, Annie Agnus, home duties.
1949 John Cruikshank, 26 Florence St, Balaclave, nil, Annie Agnus, home duties.

4. JAMES 'JIM' CRUIKSHANK (1882–1966) was born 6 Mar Quorn, Frome, SA [Pg. 288 Vol 279]. He died 1966, Mukinbudin WA [Reg 4100058].

Electoral Roll:
I think this is James with his father George Cruikshank.
1934 George Cruikshank, Goongarrie, (Kalgoorlie, Menzies), prospector, James, prospector.
1937 George Cruikshank, Goongarrie, prospector, James, prospector.

5. ARCHIBALD WATSON CRUIKSHANK (1884–1968) was born 13 Aug 1884, Semaphore, Port Adelaide, SA [Pg. 179 Vol 334]. He married **LAVINA ROSE BOOTH (1890-1972)** 1910, Port Adelaide, SA. Archibald died Mount Hawthorn, Perth, WA [Reg. 102057].

Electoral Roll:
1912 Archibald Cruikshank, Lock St, Sunning Hill, civil servant, Lavinia Rose, home duties.
1916 Archibald Cruikshank, Haden St, Osbourne Park, telegraphist, Lavinia Rose, home duties.

1931, 1937 Archibald Cruikshank, Main St, Osbourne Park, telegraphist, Lavinia Rose, home duties.

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7. ELIZA ELLEN CRUIKSHANK (1891–) was born 19 Jan 1891, Wolseley, Wellington, SA [Pg. 330 Vol 472]. Further details on Eliza are elusive.

CHILDREN OF ANNIE AMELIA 'DOT' DUNHAM (1893-1968) and **ANDREW CRUIKSHANK (1886-1971):** Variations of spelling, Cruikshank, Cruickshank.

1. MAY CRUIKSHANK (1914-1940) was born 26 Jul 1914, Perth, WA [Reg. 1298]. Recorded as Cruickshank. May died 26 Apr 1940, Perth, WA [Reg. 757] aged 26 years. Recorded as Cruikshank.

Electoral Roll:
1937 May Cruikshank, 38 Hubert St, Victoria Park, clerk. Living with her parents Annie and Andrew and sister 'Nelly'.

2. NELLIE CRUIKSHANK (1915-2005) was born 21 Aug 1915, Perth, WA [Reg. 1383]. Recorded as Cruickshank. Nellie died 2 Jul 2005, Bentley, Perth, WA.

Electoral Roll:
1937 Nellie Cruikshank, 38 Hubert St, Victoria Park, clerk. 1937, living with her parents, Annie and Andrew and sister May.
1954 Nellie Cruikshank, 38 Hubert St, Victoria Park, clerk. 1937, living with her parents, Annie and Andrew.

3. WILLIAM DUNHAM CRUIKSHANK (1917-1986) was born 1917, York, WA [Reg. 47]. Recorded as Cruikshank. Married **SHIRLEY ALISON WOOD (1918-1987).** William died 2 Jul 1986, Nedlands, WA.

Electoral Roll:
Surname recorded as Cruikshank.
1943 William Dunham Cruikshank, 38 Hubert St, Victoria Park, process engraver, Nelly, sister, Clerk. Parents: Andrew Cruikshank, telegraphist, Annie Amelia, home duties.
1949, 1980 William Dunham Cruikshank, 144 Lockhart St, South Perth, engraver, Shirley Alison, home duties.

Electoral Roll:
Andrew and Annie Cruikshank
1931, 1934, 1937, 1943, 1949, 1954 Andrew Cruikshank,
Hubert St, Victoria Park, telegraphist, Annie Amelia, married.

Annie (nee Dunham) and Andrew Cruikshank.
Courtesy Pat 2 Family Tree, Ancestry

SIXTH CHILD OF LEWIS JAMES DUNHAM (1857-1914) and LOUISA JANE YOUNG (1859-1944):

6. DUNHAM, IRIS EMELINE (1895-1977)
Via Stallwood (Andre) Family Tree, Ancestry.

Iris Emeline Dunham was born 1 Mar 1895, York, WA [Reg. 391].
Iris Emeline Giles (nee Dunham) died 8 May 1977, York, WA.

IRIS EMELINE DUNHAM (1895-1977) married **HILBERT GEORGE GILES (1896-1958)** 6 Jan 1945, York, WA [Reg. 1]. Reception held at the residence of Mrs. E.W. Ashbolt, Perth Road, York, WA.

Wedding Hilbert George Giles and Iris Emeline Dunham, Methodist Church, York.
Courtesy Stallwood Family Tree.

HILBERT GEORGE GILES (1896-1958) was born 1896, York, WA [Reg. 4026]. Parents: **AARON GILES (1862-1942)** and **MATILDA ELIZABETH ASHBOLT (1863-1945)** who were married 1890, York, WA [Reg. 60]. Hilbert died 2 Dec 1958, York, WA [Reg. 46].

The following three pages have details of Hilbert George Giles' parents and grandparents:

AARON GILES (1862-1942) Hilbert George Giles' father

Aaron Giles was born 1862, York, WA [Reg. 6774]. Parents: **ISAAC GILES (1819-1878)** and **ELIZABETH ANN CHEVERIL (1835-1923)**.
Aaron Giles died 26 Aug 1942, York, WA [Reg. 7100020].

ISAAC GILES (1819-1878) and **ELIZABETH ANN CHEVERIL (1835-1923)** who were married 1855, Registry Office, York, WA [Reg. 893].

m2. ELIZABETH ANN CHEVERIL (1835-1923) married **DAVID HAYES** 1885. Beverley, WA [Reg. 6255), registered as David Hay.
Isaac Giles died 4 May 1878, York, WA. Via Family Tree. Can't find registration.
Elizabeth Hayes, Ann Giles (nee Cheveril) died 23 Nov 1923, York, WA [Reg. 7100023]. Registered as Elizabeth Hayes, Parents: Jesse Cheveril and Elizabeth Sops.

Hilbert George Giles' grandparents, ISAAC GILES (1819-1878) and ELIZABETH ANN CHEVERIL (1835-1923) had eight children: Elizabeth's first child Harriet was born in Guildford and her father was named on the certificate as John Mills, (convict). The rest of the Giles children were born in York. Their last child Alfred sadly died at 5 months.

1. HARRIET MILLS (1852-1928)- GILES 2. GEORGE GILES (1855–1915) 3. WALTER GILES (1857–1931) 4. CHARLES GILES (1860–1932) 5. AARON GILES (1862–1942) 6. ISAAC GILES (1864–1950) 7. JOHN GILES (1869–1945) 8. ANN 'HANNAH' GILES (1872–1901) 9. ALFRED GILES (1877–1877).

MATILDA ELIZABETH ASHBOLT (1863-1945) Hilbert George Giles' mother
Matilda Elizabeth Ashbolt was born 1863, York, WA [Reg. 7227]. Parents: **WILLIAM ASHBOLT (1817-1872)** and **LYDIA MILLS (1821-1878)** who were married 24 Nov 1844, Boxworth, St Ives, Cambridgeshire, England.
Matilda Elizabeth Giles (nee Ashbolt) died 1945 York, WA [Reg. 7100018].
William Ashbolt died 12 Jun 1872, York, WA [Reg.6272], aged 55 years.
Lydia Ashbolt (nee Mills) died 17 Sep 1878, York, WA [Reg. 9884], aged 58 years.

Hilbert George Giles' maternal grandparents, WILLIAM ASHBOLT (1817-1872) and LYDIA MILLS (1821-1878) had ten children:

The first four children were born in England.
Their first child Jane Ann died at the age of 1 year. Their second child Ann died at the age of six years. This was a sad time for William and Lydia.
They emigrated from England to WA with their two children, Jane and Sarah.
Their fifth child John born in 1854 was born in WA, most probably Perth.

The rest were born in York. Sadly, they lost two more children. Samuel born 1858, died in 1859 aged 1 year, the next child also named Samuel, born in 1860, died in 1862 aged 2 years.

1. JANE ANN ASHBOLT (1844-1845) 2. ANN ASHBOLT (1845-1851) 3. JANE ANN ASHBOLT (1846-1898) 4. SARAH ANN ASHBOLT (1851-1927) 5. JOHN ASHBOLT (1854–1931) 6. HENRY ASHBOLT (1856–1940) 7. SAMUEL ASHBOLT (1858–1859) 8. SAMUEL ASHBOLT (1860–1862) 9. MATILDA ELIZABETH ASHBOLT (1863–1945) 10. LOUISA ASHBOLT (1867–1895)

Hilbert George Giles' parents, AARON GILES (1862-1942) and MATILDA ELIZABETH ASHBOLT (1863-1945) had seven children.
Their first child John died aged 4 months, the second child, unnamed, died at birth and the third child Lindsay died aged between 1-2 years.

1. JOHN WILLIAM GILES (1890-1891) Died aged 4 months

John William Giles was born 1890, York, WA [Reg. 53].
John William Giles died 1891, York, WA [Reg. 229], aged 4 months.

2. UNNAMED GILES (1891-1891)

Unnamed Giles, was born 1891, York, WA [Reg.1377].
Unnamed Giles, died 1891, York, WA [Reg.592], 10 minutes.

3. LINDSAY ROY GILES (1893-1895) Died aged 1-2 years

Lindsay Roy Giles was born 1893, York, WA [Reg. 429].
Lindsay Roy Giles died 1895, WA [Reg. 42].

4. ARTHUR HENRY GILES (1894-1976)

Arthur Henry Giles was born 1894, York. WA [Reg. 2060).
Arthur Henry Giles died 1976 Northam, WA [Reg. 4900097], registered year 1977.

ARTHUR HENRY GILES (1894-1976) married **KATHLEEN EDNA PRIEST (1903-1956)** 1928, York, WA [Reg. 7100011].

5. HILBERT GEORGE GILES (1896–1958)
Hilbert George Giles was born 1896, York, WA [Reg. 4026].
Hilbert George Giles died 1958, York, WA [Reg. 7100046].

HILBERT GEORGE GILES (1896-1958) married **IRIS EMELINE DUNHAM (1895-1977)** 6 Jan 1945, York, WA [Reg. 1]. Reception held at the residence of Mrs. E.W. Ashbolt, Perth Road, York, WA. More details on this couple following.

6. RAYMOND CLIFFORD GILES (1903–1994)
Raymond Clifford Giles was born 1903, York, WA [Reg. 6879].
Raymond Clifford Giles died 16 Jul 1994, Narrogin, WA.

7. MYRTLE LOUISA GILES (1908–1980)
Myrtle Louisa Giles was born 1908, York, WA [Reg. 28].
Myrtle Louisa McQueen (nee Giles) died 1980, Northam, WA.

MYRTLE LOUISA GILES (1908–1980) married **DONALD CLARENCE MCQUEEN (1900-1940)** 1934, York, WA [Reg. 7100016].

Electoral Roll:
Hilbert's parents, Aaron and Matilda Giles
1910, 1912, 1921, 1937 Aaron Giles, Ulster Rd, York, foreman, Matilda, married.
1943 Matilda Giles, Ulster Rd, York, married.

The following articles give some details of the history of Hilbert's father, Aaron Giles:

***York Chronicle* (WA: 1927 - 1954), Fri 4 Sep 1942, pg 2**
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OBITUARY

Mr. Aaron Giles

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Electoral Roll:
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1949 Hilbert George Giles, Georgiana St, York, boot repairer,
1954 Hilbert George Giles, Town Hall, Avon Terrace, caretaker, Iris Emeneline, home duties.
1963 Iris Emeneline Giles, 21 Georgina St, York, home duties.
1972 Iris Emeline Giles, Ningana, Bentley.

FIFTH CHILD OF WILLIAM DUNHAM (1815-1884), AND CAROLINE WRIGHT (NEE PORLEY) (1823-1897)

5. DUNHAM, WALTER JOHN (1859-1861) Died aged 1 year

Walter John Dunham was born 27 Jun 1859, York, WA [Reg. 4699], father, William Dunham, mother, Caroline Pauley (sic.), WA [Reg. 4600]. When Walter John Dunham was born his siblings were aged approx: Anna Maria Dunham, 9 years; (William Dunham born in 1852 had only lived 9 days); George William Dunham, 4 years; Lewis James Dunham, 2 years; Emma Sarah Dunham had not yet been born. The older Wright children were aged approx: Emma Amelia Wright, 18 years; Ellen Jane Wright, 16 years and Alfred Ambrose Wright, 14 years.
It was a sad time for the family when Walter John Dunham died 1861, York, WA [Reg. 1629], registered in 1861, recorded under Denham.

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6. DUNHAM, EMMA SARAH (1862-1947) was born 13 Oct 1862, York, WA, father, William Dunham, mother, Caroline Porley, [Reg. 6700]. Emma Sarah Dunham died 7 Jul 1947, Beverley, WA [Reg. 22]. Emma married **JESSE WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN (1851-1934)**, 13 Sep 1882, York, WA [Reg. 5431] and together they had seven children. More details follow in their own chapter. Jesse was born 9 Jun 1851, Beverley, WA [Reg. 1705]. He died 1 May 1934, Beverley, WA [Reg. 11].

CONTINUING ON WITH THOMAS HARRISON BLECHYNDEN (1849-1933)
AND ANNIE MARIA DUNHAM (1850-1933)

Following their marriage, Thomas Harrison Blechynden 1849-1933) and Annie Maria Dunham (1850-1933), did not have any children.
Annie's sister and Thomas's brother, Jesse William Blechynden (1851-1934) and Emma Sarah Dunham (1862-1947) had seven children.

At the age of 14 months, Benjamin Lewis Blechynden, third child of Jesse William Blechynden (1851-1934) and Emma Sarah Dunham (1862-1947), went to live with and was brought up by his aunt and uncle, Annie Maria Dunham (1850-1933) and Thomas Harrison Blechynden (1849-1933). The reasons have been outlined by Mary Coulthard in her dedication to Benjamin and family about 20 pages further on.

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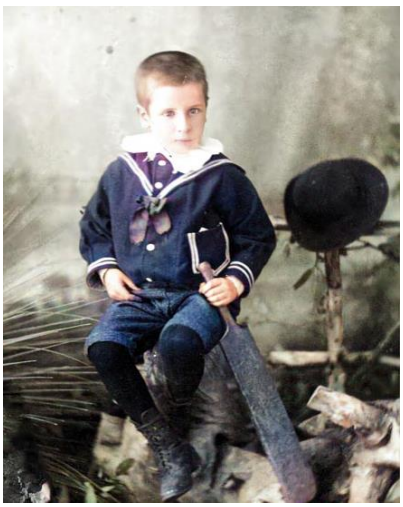
1. BLECHYNDEN, BENJAMIN LEWIS (1891-1971) & POWELL, ELLEN 'DAISY' (1898-1968)



Benjamin Lewis Blechynden.
Courtesy Mary Coulthard.

BLECHYNDEN, BENJAMIN LEWIS (1891-1971) was born 3 Jan 1891, York, WA [Reg. 55]. Baptised 25 Feb 1891, 'Glenrock', Beverley. He was the third child of **JESSE WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN** and **EMMA SARAH DUNHAM.**

BENJAMIN married **ELLEN DAISY POWELL (1898-1968)** , 16 Apr 1917, Katanning, WA [Reg. 17]. Benjamin died 24 Jul 1971, Beverley, WA.

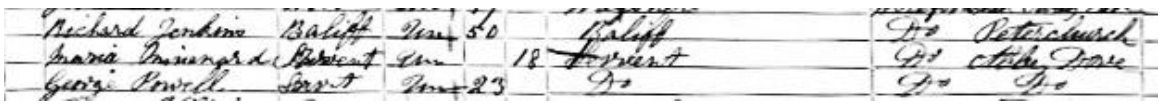
Ellen was born 20 May 1898, Carnarvon, WA [Reg. 1972], registered under Ellien Powell. Parents, **DANSY POWELL (1862-1928)** and **ELLEN MATILDA BIRD (1865-1936)** , who were married 1894, Carnarvon, WA [Reg.74], name recorded as Danzey (sic) Dansy. Ellen Daisy Blechynden (nee Powell) died 2 Mar 1968, Perth, WA.

The following pages contain details of Ellen's parents and grandparents.

POWELL, DANSY (1862-1928) Ellen's father [Note: There are variations in records of his name: Danzey, Dansy, Dansey. Baptism as Dansey, marriage as Danzey, his headstone and Will as Dansy], was baptised 11 Mar 1862, Abbey Dore, Herefordshire, England, (name recorded as Dansey). Parents: **GEORGE POWELL (1836-1902)** and **MARIA MINARD (1842-1901)**. Dansy Powell died 26 Mar 1928, Mount View Farm, Wagin, (Katanning), WA [Reg. 17], registered under Dansy.

GEORGE POWELL (1836-1902), convict, Dansy's father, was born 21 Jul 1836, Abbey Dore, Herefordshire, England. Parents: **m.1 JOHN POWELL (1799-1867)** and **MARY CHADDICK (1801-1864)** who were married 18 Nov 1817, Aconbury, Herefordshire, England. George died 24 Aug 1902, Chittibin, Northam, WA [Reg. 1750], aged 66 years. **GEORGE** married **MARIA MINARD (1842-1901)** 26 Sep 1861, Abbey-Dore Parish, Herefordshire, England.

Census 1861: Maria Mineyard (sic), Servant, 18 years, George Powell, 23 years, Servant



CONVICT: **The Hereford Journal, Sat Jul 5, 1862:**

A Wholesale Sheep Stealer. George Powell (against whom 5 bills had been found for sheep stealing) pleaded guilty to three of the indictments, but not guilty to two of the charges. The Chairman enquired if the prisoner was known. Supt. Blossett answered that he had known the prisoner for several years, but had never suspected him of any offence till the present charges were brought against him. The

Chairman said it was necessary to visit these offences with severe punishment. Sentenced to six years penal servitude.

Transferred to Australia on the Ship Clara 13 Apr 1864. Police No 7821. Ticket of Leave 16 Mar 1865. Conditional Freedom 22 Nov 1869 Toodyay.

George Powell arrived Fremantle via the *Clara* (convict) 13 Apr 1864. Three years later his wife Maria, with Dansy, three years and Sarah, two years, followed on the *Palestine* in 1867.

MARIA MINARD (1842-1901), Dansy's mother, was born 1842, Hereford, Herefordshire, England. Parents: **FRANCIS MINARD (1813-1866)** and **ELIZABETH 'BETSY' (1810-1883)** who were married 25 May 1835, Saint Devereux, Hereford, England. Maria died 1901, Northam, WA [Reg. 156], aged 57 years, parents: Francis and Betsy Minard.

GEORGE and **MARIA** had eight children as follows:

1. DANZEY POWELL (1862-1928) was baptised 11 Mar 1862, Abbey Dore, Herefordshire, England, (name recorded as Dansey). He died 26 Mar 1928, Mount View Farm, Wagin, (Katanning), WA [Reg. 17], registered under Dansy. **DANSY** married **ELLEN MATILDA BIRD (1865-1936)**, in 1894, Carnarvon, WA [Reg.74], name recorded as Danzey (sic) Dansy. More details on Dansy and Ellen further on.

2. SARAH JANE POWELL (1864-1927) was born 1864, Bromyard, Herefordshire, England. **SARAH** married **EDWIN FLYNN (1862-1946)** 29 Sep 1886, St George's Cathedral, Perth, WA [Reg. 6295]. 11 children as follows: 1. Unnamed Female Flynn (1887-1887), 2. John Edwin Flynn (1888-1922), 3. Minard Flynn (1890-1915), 4. Eunice Flynn (1891-1964), 5. Phoebe Flynn (1893-1893) died aged 12 days, 6. William Flynn (1895-1899), 7. Mabel Maria Flynn (1898-1925), 8. Catherine Maud Flynn (1898-1898), 9. Daisy Edith Flynn (1903-1903) died aged 7 months, 10. George Robert Flynn (1905-1990), and 11. Francis Albert Flynn (1907-2001).

3. GEORGE POWELL (1870-1957) was born 7 Jun 1870, Northam, WA [Reg. 12474]. **m.1 GEORGE** married **MARY ANNIE WESTERN (1874-1960)** 29 Apr 1891, Wongamine, WA [Reg. 163]. They had one child, Charles Douglas Powell (1895-1895), who sadly died at the age of five months. **m2. MARY ANNIE WESTERN (1874-1960)** married **ERNEST CROMPTON CORK (1869-1956)** 1900, Perth WA [Reg. 1082]. One child: Inez Western Cork was born 1900, Subiaco, WA [Reg. 4670], Parents: Ernest Cork and Annie Western. They moved to NSW. **m.2 GEORGE** partnered with **ELIZABETH SOPHIE BARRETT (1880-1933)** 1902, Kalgoorlie, WA. I can't find a marriage registration. They had two children: **1. George Francis Minard Powell (1904-1980)** was born 1904, WA [Reg. 4260], and **2. Barrett Edward Valentine Powell (1906-1979)** was born 1906, Goomalling, (Northam), WA [Reg. 279]. Elizabeth Sophie Powell (nee Barrett) died 1933, Goomalling, WA [Reg. 4900070), Parents: George Seal Barrett and Mary Jones.

4. JAMES POWELL (1872-1934) was born 1872, Northam, WA [Reg. 14080]. **JAMES** married **ELIZABETH JANE REILLY (1875-1929)**, 16 Mar 1897, St Andrews Church, Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 82]. They had 7 children as follows: 1. Margaret Maria Powell (1898–1980) 2. Daisy Violet Powell (1899–1961) 3. Angelina May Powell (1901–1974) 4. David Solomon Powell (1903–1984) 5. Dephress Mary Maude Powell (1908–1971) 6. Iris Victoria Powell (1911–1988) 7. Stella Mae Powell (1913–1997).

5. JOHN FRANCIS POWELL (1875-1957) was born 1875, Northam, WA [Reg. 16372]. **JOHN** married **m2. ELIZABETH WILKINS (NEE BONSER) 1866-1918)**, 1897, Northam, WA [Reg. 762]. They had seven children (one stillborn): 1. John Albert Powell (1896-1952) 2. Lionel Daniel Powell (1898–1963) 3. George Francis Powell (1900–1962) 4. Cecil Sydney Powell (1902–1971) 5. Percival Percy Powell (1906–1964) 6.Stillborn POWELL (1908–1908) 7. Donald Dausey Powell (1908–1989). **m1. ELIZABETH BONSER (1866-1918)** married **JAMES WILKINS (1860-1895)** 25 Apr 1883, Northam, WA [Reg. 5479]. They had five children: 1. Henry Wilkins (1884–1957) 2. Margaret Rose Wilkins (1886–1938) 3. James Wilkins (1888–1970)

4. William Wilkins (1891–1918) 5. Frederick Thomas Wilkins (1893-1923). **m.2 JOHN FRANCIS POWELL (1875-1957)** married **MARJORIE RICHARDS (1892-1955)** 1926, Northam, WA. They had one child: Murray Kenneth Powell (1927-1928).

6. JOSEPH CHARLES POWELL (1876-1898) was born 1876, Middle Station, (Northam), WA [Reg. 17720]. Joseph died 1898, Northam, WA [Reg. 1653].

7. WILLIAM LIONEL POWELL (1879-1959) was born 1879, Northam, WA [Reg. 19774]. **WILLIAM** married **ROSE CHARLOTTE 'LOTTIE' WESTERN (1886-1917)**, 30 Sep 1902, Northam, WA [Reg. 1153]. They had five children. Sadly, they lost three: two at birth and one at two days. 1. Percival 'Percy' Roy Powell (1905-1905) 2. Douglas Lionel Powell (1906-1906) 3. Ruby Myrtle Greta Powell (1907-1971) 4. William Lionel Powell (1908-1908) 5. Alfred Norman Powell (1911-2001).

8. ALBERT CHARLES POWELL (1880-1964) was born 1880, Chittering, WA [Reg. 21546]. **ALBERT** married **MARGARET WILKINS (1886-1938)**, 23 Feb 1903, Northam, WA [Reg. 1093]. They had twelve children as follows: 1. Regina May Powell (1904-1988) 2. Herbert Reginald Nelson Powell (1905–1961) 3. Allen Ethelbert Powell (1907-1943) 4. Albert Henry Powell (1910–1971) 5. Ivan Charles Powell (1912–1979) 6. Annie Powell (1914–1977) 7. James George Powell (1916–1986) 8. Vera Veronica Powell (1918–1996) 9. Evelyn Powell (1920–1988) 10. William Frederick Powell (1923-2010) 11. Unnamed (stillborn) Powell F (1925-1925) 12. Gwendoline Powell (1926–1983)

George Powell and six sons:
Danzy, centre of front row.
Via Sharon Jane Facinelli Family Tree, Ancestry, shared on 02 Feb 2014.

BIRD, ELLEN MATILDA (1865-1936), Ellen's mother, was born 10 May 1865, York, WA [Reg. 8548]. Parents**: THOMAS BIRD (1834-1886)** and **SELINA REYNOLDS (1838-1915)** who were married 14 Jun 1855, York, WA. **THOMAS** and **SELINA REYNOLDS (1838-1915)** had 14 children as follows:

1. THOMAS BIRD (1855-1884) married **ELLEN MITCHEL (1860-1894)**, 28 Sep 1882, Northampton, WA [Reg. 5361]. They had two children. 1. Mary Jane 'May' Mitchell Bird (1883-1965), and 2. Violet Verina Bird (1885-1885) who died at seven weeks.

2. CAROLINE BIRD (1857-1897) married **ALFRED HUNT HUBBLE (1862-1887)**, 17 Jun 1881, York, WA [Reg. 5118]. They had four children: 1. Jane Hubble (1881-1961), 2. Selina Hubble (1883–1970), 3. Alice Gertrude Hubble (1885–1978), and 4. Alfred William Thomas Hubble (1887–1920). **CAROLINE** with partner **ERNEST DUCKHAM,** had a child about five years after death of her first husband Alfred Hubble and two years before her remarriage to Alfred Martin. Ernest Henry Martin (1892-1971), was born 1892, Northam, WA [Reg. 1101], registered under Ernest Duckham, father Alfred Duckham, mother Caroline Bird. **m2. CAROLINE HUBBLE (NEE BIRD) (1857-1897)** married **ALFRED ERNEST MARTIN (1867-)** 1894, Northam, WA [Reg. 191]. They had two children: 1. William John Martin (1894-1972), and 2. Charles Henry Martin (1897-1898), died aged 10 months.

3. HENRY BIRD (1859-1859) was born 31 Jan 1859, Salt River, York, WA [Reg. 4582]. Henry died as a baby 1859, York, WA. Buried York Cemetery.

4. EDWIN BIRD (1861-1936) (a twin) married **m2. LILLIAN 'LILLIE' ELIZABETH BIRD (NEE FREEMAN) (1869-1957)**, 1898, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 498]. Following his brother Alfred's death, Edwin married his widow, Lillian. Edwin and Lilian had six children: 1. Laura Bird (1898-1969), 2. Edwin Bird (1900–1975), 3. Hilda May Bird (1903–1974), 4. Pearline Lillian Bird (1905–1985), 5. Eleanor (Nellie) May Bird (1907–1974), and 6. Robert James Bird (1909–1950). **m1. LILLIAN** married **ALFRED BIRD (1863-1896)** 1887, Carnarvon, WA [Reg. 172]. Alfred and Lilian had four children: 1. Alfred Vaughan Bird (1889-1896), 2. Samuel Bird (1891–1962), 3. William Thomas Bird (1893–1893) died at five weeks, and 4. William Edwin Bird (1894–1969).

5. HENRY BIRD (1861-1927) (a twin) married **FLORENCE AMY THOMPSON (1877-1952)** 1897, VIC [Reg. 510]. Register under Flo Thompson. They had four children (the first two were born in Ballarat VIC, the next two in Coolgardie and Kalgoorlie, WA): 1. Myrtle Josephine Bird (1897-1908), 2. Ivy May Bird (1904-2001), 3. Henry Bird (1910-1988), and 4. William Kent Bird (1913- 1977). Henry Bird was born 1861, Salt River, (York), WA [Reg. 6200]. He died 1927, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 82]. Florence died 1952, East Coolgardie, WA [Reg. 1800150].

6. ALFRED BIRD (1863-1896) married **LILLIAN 'LILLIE' ELIZABETH FREEMAN (1869-1957)**, 1887, Carnarvon, WA [Reg. 172]. As per above [see 4], Alfred and Lilian had four children. Following Alfred's death, Lillian married his brother Edwin – see details above.

7. ELLEN MATILDA BIRD (1865-1936) married **DANSY POWELL (1862-1928)**, 1894, Carnarvon, WA [Reg.74], name recorded as Danzey (sic) Dansy. 10 children. More details following.

8. SAMUEL BIRD (1867-1945) was born 1867, York, WA [Reg. 10152]. Samuel died 1945, Perth, WA [Reg. 540].

Electoral Roll:

There are two people registered under the same name, in the same districts which caused some confusion. The other Samuel is Samuel Bird (1891-1962) who married Hilda Grace Houghton (1891-1972) in 1934.
1922, 1925 Samuel Bird, Gascoyne Rd, Yankee Town, carrier.
1931, 1936, 1943 Samuel Bird, Mt Sandiman, pastoralist.
Note: Samuel Bird's sister Ann Maria was married twice. Her second husband Edward Henry Graham was recorded as being a shearer on Sandiman Station.

9. ANN MARIA BIRD (1870-1954) married **EDWARD CHARLES DEVENISH (1866-1954)**, 6 Aug 1890, Carnarvon, WA [Reg. 180). They had six children: 1. Arthur Samuel Devenish (1890-1980) 2. William Henry Devenish (1893–1910) 3. Ernest Devenish (1895–1923) 4. Amelia Rachel Devenish (1900–1965) 5. Robert Edward Devenish (1905–1951) 6. Doris Letitia Mary Devenish (1910–1984). Ann and Edward then divorced. Ann then gave birth to another two children to **Edward Henry Graham** as follows. The children were registered under Devenish. Ann married Edward Graham in 1919. **1. Laborist Victorious Annie Devenish (1911-1958)** (as registered), born 1911 East Carnarvon, Gascoyne, WA [Reg. 21] (Annie was registered as the child of Edward Devenish but in his divorce case Edward Graham was named as her father). Annie Graham died 1958, Perth, WA [Reg. 2812]. **2. Ida Kathleen Maude Devenish (1916-1952)** born 23 Jun 1916, Carnarvon, Gascoyne, WA [Reg. 21]. Both registered numbers are 21. Ida was registered as the child of Edward Devenish but in his divorce case Edward Graham was named as her father. Not shown as a child of Edward Devenish on his death notice. **m.2 ANN MARIA DEVENISH (NEE BIRD) (1870-1954)** married **EDWARD HENRY GRAHAM (1871-1940)**, 1919, Gascoyne, (Carnarvon), WA. They had two children. Edward was a shearer on Mt Sandiman Station in the Gascoyne. Ann and Edward Graham were in Carnarvon. Ann at Granny Bird Plantation, housewife, and Edward at Yankee Town, shearer.

10. JOHN HENRY BIRD (1872-1891) was born 1872, York, WA [Reg. 14072]. John died 1891, Carnarvon, WA [Reg. 458], aged 19 years.

11. ROBERT BIRD (1875-1956) married **LUCY MAUD WALKER (1882-1955)**, 6 Feb 1901, Carnarvon, WA [Reg. 813]. They had eight children: 1. Selina Mary Ellen Bird (1904-1904) died at three months, 2. Doris Maude Bird (1905-1906) died at six weeks, 3. Louisa Margaret Bird 'Lovie' (1907-1988), 4. Ann May Bird 'Pat' (1909-1999), 5. Maud 'Sally' Bird (1910-1971), 6. Ruth Bird (1912-1912) died at two days, 7. Delia Bird 'Della' (1916-1984) twin, and 8. Barbara Bird (1916-1975) twin.

12. WILLIAM BIRD (1877-1878) was born 15 Dec 1877, York, WA [18701]. William died 2 Feb 1878, aged 6 weeks. [Reg. 9600].

13. CHARLOTTE BIRD (1879-1966) married **WILLIAM DOUGLAS FREEMAN (1871-1933)**, 16 Jun 1897, Carnarvon, WA [Reg.634]. They had fifteen children: 1.Sydney Douglas Freeman (1898-1971), 2. Lilly Pearline Freeman (1900–1973), 3. William Eric Freeman (1901–1902) died aged one, 4. Ellen Amelia Freeman (1902–1998), 5. Selina Gladys Freeman (1904–1904) died at 15 days, 6. William Herbert Freeman (1905–1953), 7. Edith Maude Freeman (1908–1972), 8. Samuel George Freeman (1910–1981), 9. Aubrey James Douglas Freeman (1911–1968), 10. Alfred Robert Augustus Freeman (1914–1995), 11. Rubena Lottie Freeman (1916–1984), 12. Lorne Robert Freeman (1918–), 13. Avril Dolores Freeman (1919–1999), 14. Harold Jeffrey Freeman (1921–1921) died at 19 days, and 15. Leonard Owen Freeman (1923-1960). I cannot find a registration or details for Lorne Robert Freeman.

14. CHARLES BIRD (1881-1881) was born 7 Jul 1881, York, WA [Reg. 22090]. Charles died 8 Jul 1881, aged 1 day, WA [Reg. 11011].

The following unbelievable article was found in *Trove* by Mary Coulthard, relating to the marriage of Edwin Bird (above) to his brother Alfred's widow.

***Coolgardie Miner* (WA: 1894 - 1911), Wed 6 Jul 1898, pg 6.**

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This is getting to be an almighty moral colony. Anyway Ned Bird and Lily Bird, of Fremantle, must think so, for they have both been convicted for perjury for swearing before a parson that there was no impediment to their marriage. Ned Bird married his brother's widow, and an old Act, passed in the time of Henry VIII, and which has never been repealed, has been raked up, and the two Birds have been trapped. If Lily was such a good wife to Ned's brother Alfred, that Ned considered her the best woman in the world for him, why the dickens should someone trot out an Act, passed in the dark ages to punish him? It's a man-o'-war to a mile post that neither of the Birds knew anything about Henry VIII's Act when they thought of mating and building their little nest. It will be pretty tough if the male Bird has to flutter round for a season in a Government cage whilst the lady Bird sits brooding on a perch outside. If it was not lawful for them to marry, are they married? If they are not married is it lawful to punish them?

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Trying his wings up above.

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'Nd each of 'em wanted the other,
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So each of 'em married the other,
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Now it's two little birds in trouble,
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Ellen Daisy Powell's parents.

1. JAMES ALFRED POWELL (1896-1983). No birth record found. However, he is listed on his parents' headstones, and on his own it states son of Dansy and Ellen Powell with year of birth given.
2. UNNAMED POWELL (1897-1897) F Stillborn. Unnamed Powell was stillborn, 1897, Carnarvon, WA [Reg.1400] [Reg. 1236].
3. DANZEY ALFRED LIONEL POWELL (1897-1980) married KATHLEEN ROBINSON (1913-1976) 8 Jan 1937, Perth, WA [Reg. 104]. Registered as Dauzey.
4. ELLEN DAISY POWELL (1898–1968) married **BENJAMIN LEWIS BLECHYNDEN (1891-1971)** 16 Apr 1917, Katanning, WA [Reg. 17]. More details on Ellen and Ben following.
5. GEORGE BADEN POWELL (1900–1990) married NELLIE MAY BIRD (1907-1974) 24 APR 1926, Wagin, WA [Reg. 6].
6. ALBERT JOHN (JACK) POWELL (1902–1978) married MYRTLE GLADYS EILEEN THOMPSON (1904-1980) 22 Sep 1927, Narrogin, WA [Reg. 46].
7. EUNICE MARIA POWELL (1905–1987) married ALEXANDER LAMOND DAVIDSON (1899-1987) 5 Dec 1928, Wagin, WA [Reg.73].
8. AMY CALLAGIDDY POWELL (1907–1984) married JAMES LAMOND DAVIDSON (1906-1954) 2 Mar 1932, Wagin, WA [Reg. 16]. Registered in 1933.
m2. AMY CALLAGIDDY DAVIDSON (NEE POWELL) (1907–1984) married ALEXANDER GEORGE EDWARDS (1896-1979) 21 Jan 1961, Armadale, Perth, WA [Reg. 21]. Registered at Canning.
9. OLIVE MAY POWELL (1909–1984) married ALAN DALY (1910-1952) 21 Nov 1930, Katanning, WA [Reg. 72]. Divorce.
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10. JESSIE POWELL (1911–1981) married JACK HENRY MARRELL (1907-1999) 23 Apr 1930, Wagin, WA [Reg. 35].

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***Eastern Districts Chronicle* (York, WA: 1877 - 1927), Sat 27 Nov 1886, pg 2**
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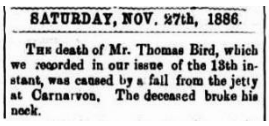
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***Northern Times (Carnarvon*, WA: 1905 - 1952), Sat 24 Apr 1915, pg 5**
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DEATH OF AN OLD COLONIST

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The end came very unexpectedly, as the day previous to the paralytic stroke she was in town visiting her relations and appeared in the best of health. After she was found in her home by Miss Maggie Walker, lying unconscious, she never rallied, and passed away the following day.

The funeral, which was a very lengthy one, left her late residence at Yankee Town and proceeded to St. George's Church, where the Rev. W. Sharp made an impressive address, dwelling, on the late lady's life and the esteem in which she was held. The pall-bearers were Messrs. C. Turner, C. Wheelock, A. Woolley and W. Russell. The chief mourners Messrs. Ned. and Sam Bird (sons), W. Freeman (son-in-law), Sam. and Edwin Bird, Syd. and Herbie. Freeman, and Arthur and Eddie Devenish (grandsons). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. P. T. Batty, and the Rev. W. Sharp officiated at the graveside. The following sent wreaths: —Mr., and Mrs. Ned. Bird and family; Mr. and Mrs. Bob. Bird and family; Mr. Sam. Bird; Mr. and Mrs. Freeman and family; Mr. and Mrs. Devenish and family; Rev. and Mrs. W. Sharp and family; Mrs. D. Wilson; Mrs. Skipworth; Mr. and Mrs. Con. Glasson and family; Mrs. Glasgow and family; Dr. and, Mrs. Gordon; Mr. and Mrs. Davies; Mrs. Smith and family; Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Morgan; Mr. and Mrs. Wheelock; Leura Farm employees; Mr. and Mrs. Kirkby; Mr. Chas, Turner; Mr. and Mrs. Marmion; Mr. and Mrs. Glaris; Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Lefroy; Mr. and Mrs. Whitlock; Mr. W. E. Fenner; Mr. and Mrs. Foss; Mr. D. Kemp; Mr and Mrs. G. Young; Mr. and Mrs. Watkins; Mr. and Mrs. Louden; Mr and Mrs. Nicol; Mr. and Mrs. Batty; Mrs. Barratt; Mr. and Mrs. N. Morgan; Mrs. Travers; Mrs. E. Morgan; Mr and Mrs. Ayliffe; Mr. and Mrs. Newman; Miss Herbert and Mr. Snook; Mr. and Mrs. Pearson; Mr. and Mrs. Woolley; Mrs. Fitzpatrick; Mrs. Donleavy and Mr. Henfry; Mr. and Mrs. Maitland; Pat, Mary and Jane Turner.

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Dansy Powell died 26 Mar 1928, Mount View Farm, Wagin, (Katanning), WA [Reg. 17], registered under Dansy.

***Northern Times* (Carnarvon, WA: 1905 – 1952), Sat 31 Mar 1928, pg 6**
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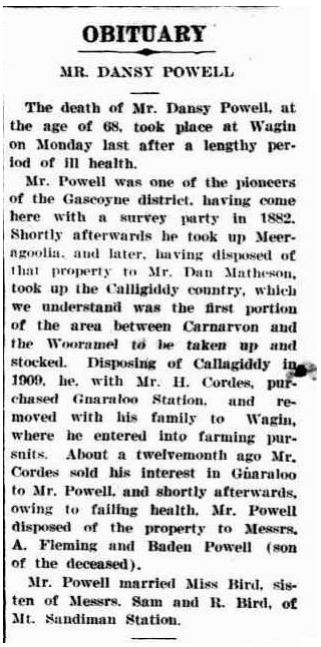
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***Wagin Argus & Arthur, Dumbleyung, Lake Grace Express* (WA: 1924 - 1954), Thu 3 Sep 1936, pg 3**
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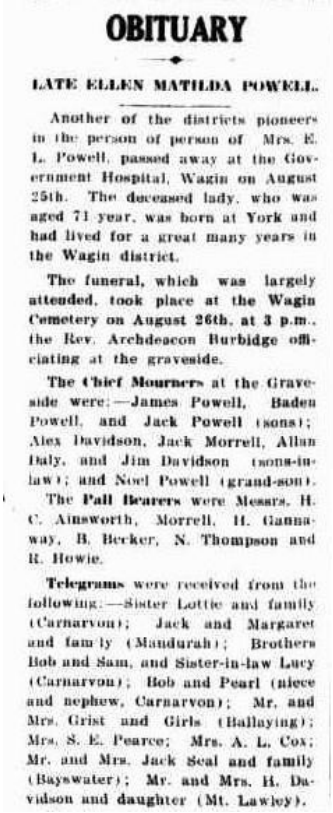

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Headstone of Dansy Powel and Ellen Mathilda (nee Bird)

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Aged 66 years
EVER REMEMBERED

ALSO OUR DEARLY BELOVED MOTHER
WHO LEFT US 25 AUG 1936
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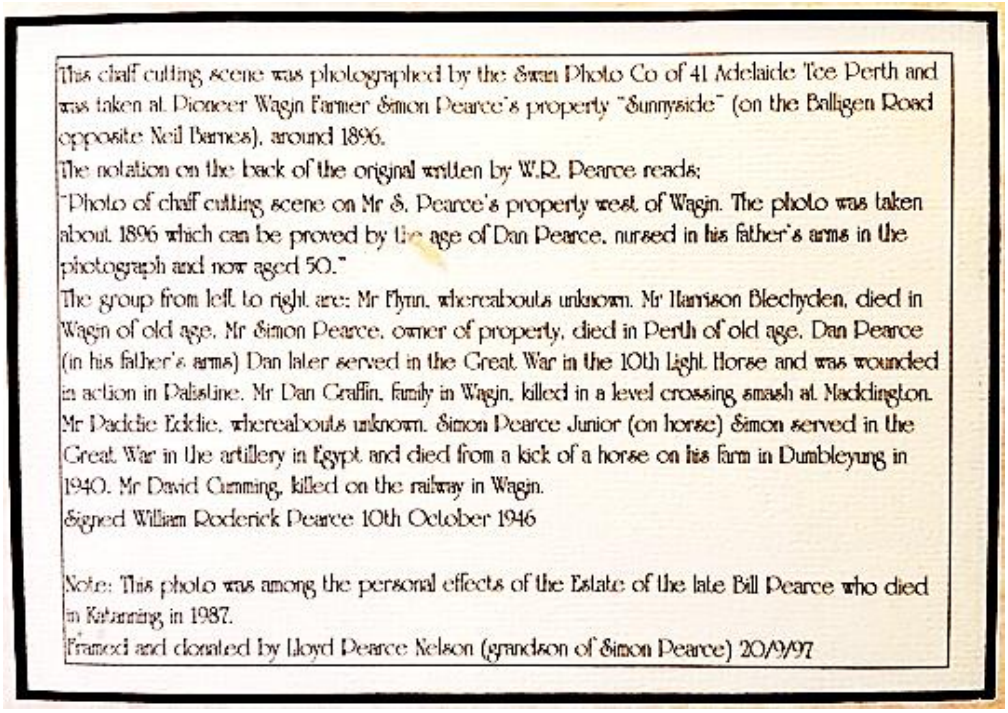
CONTINUING THE STORY OF THOMAS HARRISON BLECHYNDEN (1849-1933), ANNIE MARIA DUNHAM (1850-1933) AND THEIR 'SON' BENJAMIN LEWIS BLECHYNDEN (1891-1971):

On previous trips to Bridgetown, Harrison, (as he was known), found some land in Wagin where he wanted to build his house and settle down. He purchased **Williams Lot 1932** of 224 acres and was one of the first settlers in the Wagin district.

WAGIN HISTORICAL VILLAGE: *https://www.australiasgoldenoutback.com/products/wagin-historical-village*

The Wagin Historical Village has the following interesting photo taken at 'Sunnyside' farm west of Wagin in 1895. The description names Thomas Harrison Blechynden as the second from the left.

Sunnyside' farm west of Wagin in 1895: Harrison (Thomas Harrison) Blechynden second from the left.



This chaff cutting scene was photographed by the Swan Photo Co of 41 Adelaide Tce Perth and was taken at Pioneer Wagin Farmer Simon Pearce's property "Sunnyside" (on the Balligen Road opposite Neil Barnes), around 1896.
The notation on the back of the original written by W.R. Pearce reads:
"Photo of chaff cutting scene on Mr S. Pearce's property west of Wagin. The photo was taken about 1896 which can be proved by the age of Dan Pearce, nursed in his father's arms in the photograph and now aged 50."
The group from left to right are: Mr Flynn, whereabouts unknown. Mr Harrison Blechyden, died in Wagin of old age. Mr Simon Pearce, owner of property, died in Perth of old age. Dan Pearce (in his father's arms) Dan later served in the Great War in the 10th Light Horse and was wounded in action in Palistine. Mr Dan Graffin, family in Wagin, killed in a level crossing smash at Maddington. Mr Paddie Eddie, whereabouts unknown. Simon Pearce Junior (on horse) Simon served in the Great War in the artillery in Egypt and died from a kick of a horse on his farm in Dumbleyung in 1940. Mr David Cumming, killed on the railway in Wagin.
Signed William Roderick Pearce 10th October 1946

Note: This photo was among the personal effects of the Estate of the late Bill Pearce who died in Katanning in 1987.
Framed and donated by Lloyd Pearce Nelson (grandson of Simon Pearce) 20/9/97

Notes re the chaff cutting scene at Wagin farmer Simon Pearce's property 'Sunnyside'.

Following is a range of various items regarding Thomas Harrison Blechynden and family found in *Trove*.

Thomas Harrison Blechynden was a Wagin farmer. In 1877 he signed a petition regarding discrimination against expirees.

***Eastern Districts Chronicle* (York, WA: 1877 - 1927), Sat 19 Sep 1885, pg 3**
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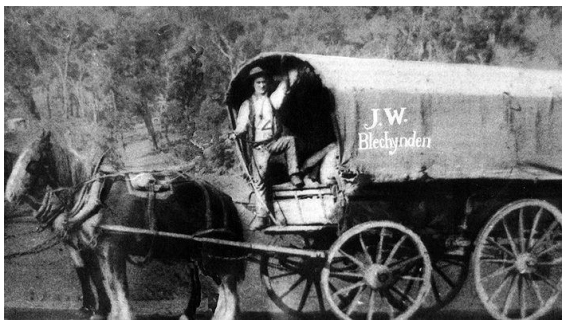


The carriage may well have been similar to the one on the right operated by Thomas's nephew John William Blechynden of Bridgetown.

Thomas Harrison (Harrison) was an active member of the community, entering in the local shows, donating to fundraising events.

He was elected Vice in the "***1893 & 1895 Roads Board Elections for Arthur..TH Blechynden (Vice)".***

Thomas Harrison Blechynden was a shareholder in the ***Wagin Flour Mill*** *& attended meetings.*

He was on the General Committee for the ***Agricultral Society Wagin.***

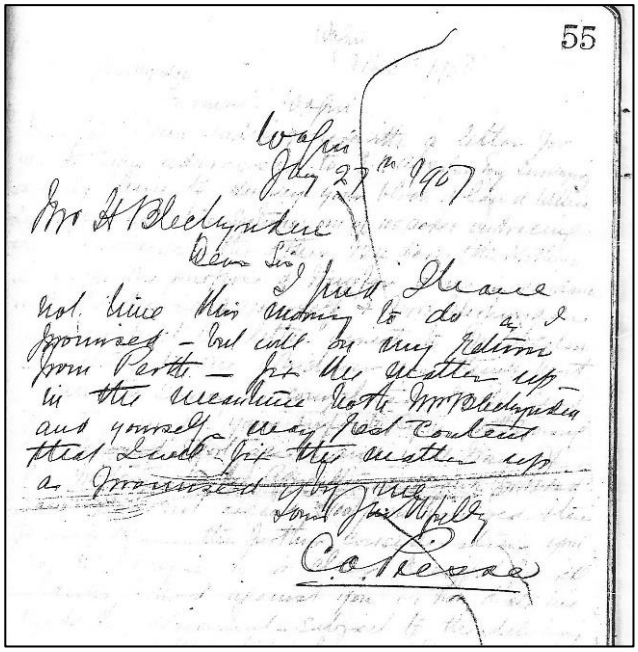
The following image, featuring the home of Thomas Harrison Blechynden, dated 1908, appeared in the ***Countryman, Western Mail*** **(Perth, WA: 1885 - 1954), Sat 25 Jan 1908, pg. 23**

IN RECENT weeks we have been featuring pictures taken from our old times.
This picture was published in Jan 1908 and show the home of Mr H Blechynden, a pioneer of Wagin.

Annie Maria and Thomas Harrison Blechynden with Benjamin Lewis Blechynden outside their home at Wagin. Benjamin was 17 years of age.

In 1908 Thomas Harrison Blechynden sold 124 acres to C Piesse – see letters following:

LETTER DATED 27 Jan 1907



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Wagin
July 27th 1907
Mr H Blechynden
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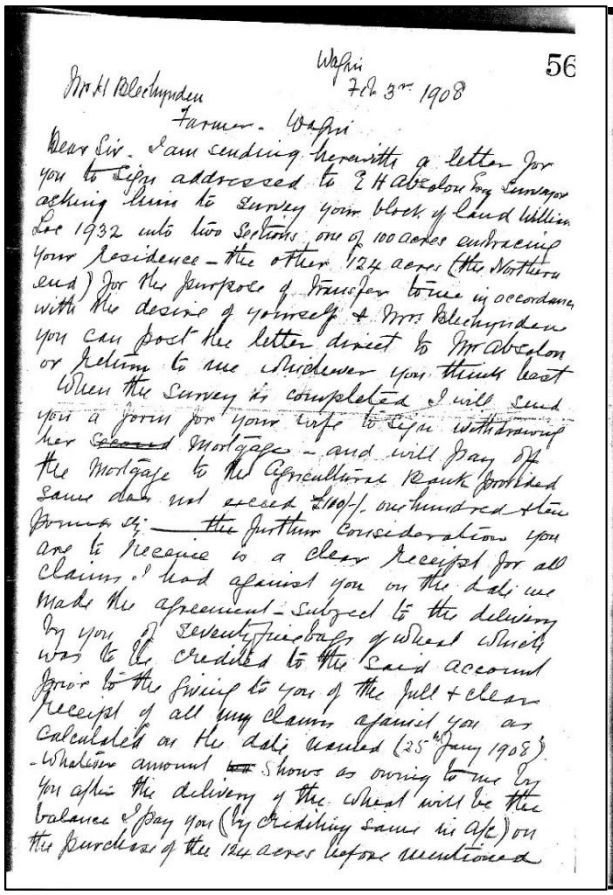

Wagin
Feb 3rd 1908
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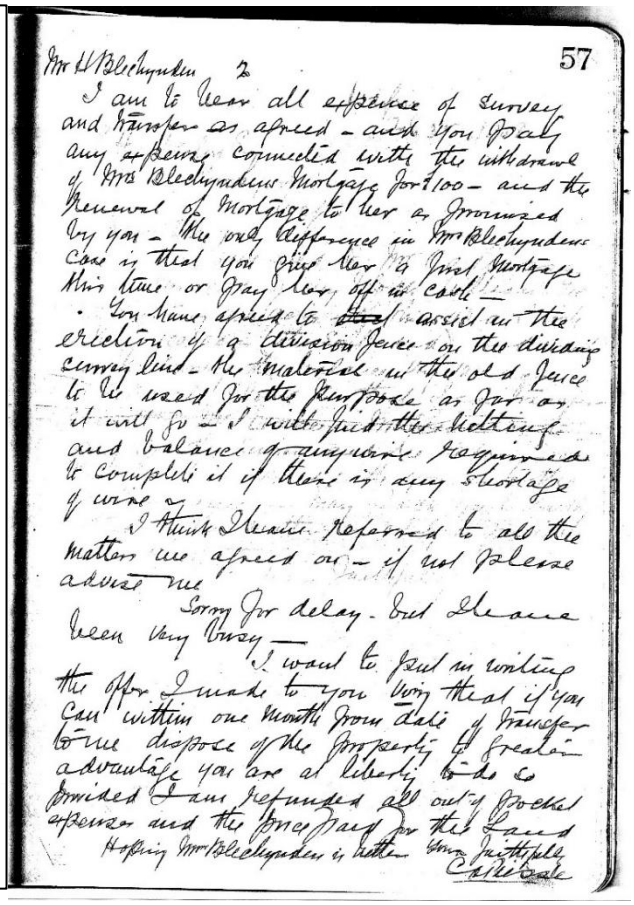
Mr H Blechynden
Farmer - Wagin

Dear Sir. I am sending herewith a letter for you to sign addressed to E H Abercrombie Esq Surveyor asking him to survey your block of land William Loc 1932 into two Sections one of 100 acres embracing your residence - the other 124 acres (the Northern end) for the purpose of transfer to me in accordance with the desire of yourself & Mrs Blechynden you can post the letter direct to Mr Abercrombie or return to me whichever you think best

When the Survey is completed I will send you a form for your wife to sign withdrawing her ~~second~~ Mortgage - and will pay off the Mortgage to the Agricultural Bank provided same does not exceed £100/- one hundred pounds of:— the further consideration you are to receive is a clear receipt for all claims I had against you on the date we made the agreement - subject to the delivery by you of seventy five bags of wheat which was to be credited to the said account prior to the giving to you of the full & clear receipt of all my claims against you as calculated on the date ended (25th January 1908) - whatever amount ~~was~~ shows as owing to me by you after the delivery of the wheat will be the balance I pay you (by crediting same in a/c) on the purchase of the 124 acres before mentioned

LETTER DATED 3 Feb 1908, No 57



Mr H Blechynden 2
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I am to bear all expense of survey and transfer as agreed - and you pay any expense connected with the withdrawal of Mrs Blechynden's Mortgage for £100 - and the renewal of Mortgage to her as promised by you - the only difference in Mrs Blechynden's case is that you give her a first Mortgage this time or pay her off in cash —

You have agreed to ~~this~~ assist in the erection of a division fence on the dividing survey line - the material in the old fence to be used for the purpose as far as it will go - I will find the netting and balance of anything required to complete it if there is any shortage of wire &c

I think I have referred to all the matters we agreed on - if not please advise me

Sorry for delay - but I have been very busy —

I want to find in writing the offer I made to you verbally that if you can within one month from date of transfer to me dispose of the property to greater advantage you are at liberty to do so provided I am refunded all out of pocket expenses and the £100 paid for the land

Hoping Mrs Blechynden is better

Yours faithfully
E H Abercrombie

In **1911 Thomas "*Harrington*"** Blechynden was Confirmed at St George's Wagin.
Note that he is recorded on this Confirmation certificate as "Harrington". He was 63 years old in 1911. The record was signed by the Rector who knew him as Thomas and not being familiar with the name Harrison possibly wrote down what he thought he had heard. That is pure speculation of course.

Diocese of Bunbury.

Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life.

Thomas Harrington Blechynden

Baptized

Confirmed Sunday August 6. 1911. at Saint George's, Wagin, W.A.

First Communion

Signed E. J. T. Chorley
Rector of Wagin, W.A.

A DAILY PRAYER

Almighty and Everliving GOD, defend me, Thy servant, with Thy heavenly Grace, that I may continue Thine for ever, and daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more, until I come unto Thine Everlasting Kingdom, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

F. Bunbury

Confirmation certificate of Thomas Harrison Blechynden, Saint George's Church, Wagin, 1911

1912 Southern Argus &Wagin Arthur Express listed as Second place for Langshan Rooster

1912 Livestock brand registered **Brooklyn Wagin B7H**

1916 Sandbag Subscription Fund TH Blechynden 3/- **Wagin**

1916 Apr attended Agricultural Society Annual meeting in **Wagin** was on the General Committee.

1917 Harrison, Annie Maria & Emma Sarah Blechynden (half-sisters to Ellen Jane) attended the funeral of Hellen (Ellen) J Quartermaine (daughter of Edmund & Caroline Wright) in **Wagin** along with many other family members.

1918 Aug Donation to Wagin Hospital, Mrs. Blechynden, 1 fowl & eggs, Mr. Blechynden 2 flannel shirts.

Meet Uncle Maurie, our ABC Spirit of Volunteering Award winner
https://www.abc.net.au/radio/perth/programs/mornings/maurice-becker/13354222

Maurie Becker featured in the item above, still volunteers in 2021 at the Wagin Historical Village and helped our researchers with various items for the Blechynden Project.

'Uncle Maurie'

Wagin stalwart and all-round legend Maurice Becker has nabbed the ABC's Spirit of Volunteering Award WA. The 91-year-old has volunteered with the Wagin Woolorama for nearly 50 years, helping out with the fashion parade.

'Uncle Maurie' has also given his time to the Wagin Rotary Club and the local footy club, and currently volunteers at the Wagin Historical Village. "I guess I'm inspired to help my community," *he said back when we caught up with him in April.*

The gentleman on the right in this photo of prize rams with Dansy Powell is believed to be Maurie's father, a good friend of the Powell family.

Mr Becker and Dan Powell with two magnificent rams. Courtesy Mary Coulthard

Southern Argus and Wagin-Arthur Express
(Perth, WA: 1905 - 1924), Sat 24 Aug 1918, pg 2
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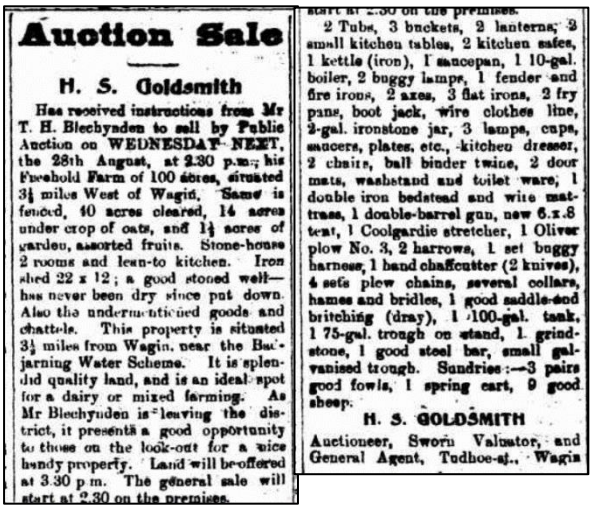
Auction Sale.

— Mr H. S. Goldsmith gives full particulars elsewhere that next Wednesday (August 28th) a general sale will take place at Mr T.H. Blechynden's farm, 3 1/2 miles west of Wagin at 2.30 p.m. The hundred-acre farm which was one of the first Selected in the district, will be offered for sale at 3.30 p m.

The article on the right contains the full particulars of the property (and chattels) mentioned above. This provides an interesting description of farm and household items in a standard wheatbelt farmhouse at that time.



Auction Sale

H. S. Goldsmith

Has received instructions from Mr T. H. Blechynden to sell by Public Auction on WEDNESDAY NEXT, the 28th August, at 2.30 p.m., his Freehold Farm of 100 acres, situated 3½ miles West of Wagin. Same is fenced, 40 acres cleared, 14 acres under crop of oats, and 1½ acres of garden, assorted fruits. Stone-house 2 rooms and lean-to kitchen. Iron shed 22 x 12; a good stoned well—has never been dry since put down. Also the undermentioned goods and chattels. This property is situated 3½ miles from Wagin, near the Bacjarning Water Scheme. It is splendid quality land, and is an ideal spot for a dairy or mixed farming. As Mr Blechynden is leaving the district, it presents a good opportunity to those on the look-out for a nice handy property. Land will be offered at 3.30 p m. The general sale will start at 2.30 on the premises.

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2 Tubs, 3 buckets, 2 lanterns, 2 small kitchen tables, 2 kitchen safes, 1 kettle (iron), 1 saucepan, 1 10-gal. boiler, 2 buggy lamps, 1 fender and fire irons, 2 axes, 3 flat irons, 2 fry pans, boot jack, wire clothes line, 2-gal. ironstone jar, 3 lamps, cups, saucers, plates, etc., kitchen dresser, 2 chairs, ball binder twine, 2 door mats, washstand and toilet ware, 1 double iron bedstead and wire mattress, 1 double-barrel gun, new 6.x.8 tent, 1 Coolgardie stretcher, 1 Oliver plow No. 3, 2 harrows, 1 set buggy harness, 1 band chaffcutter (2 knives), 4 sets plow chains, several collars, hames and bridles, 1 good saddle-and britching (dray), 1 100-gal. tank, 1 75-gal. trough on stand, 1 grindstone, 1 good steel bar, small galvanised trough. Sundries:—3 pairs good fowls, 1 spring cart, 9 good sheep.

H. S. GOLDSMITH

Auctioneer, Sworn Valuator, and General Agent, Tudhoe-st., Wagin

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Electoral Roll:

Thomas Harrison and Annie Maria Daisy Blechynden and Benjamin Lewis Blechynden:

1910 Thomas Harrison Blechynden, Puntapin Rock, farm hand Annie, Waderlocking, Wagin, married.
Note Puntapin Rock is a granite rock formation located approximately 4 km (2.5 mi) southeast of Wagin.

1913,1916 Thomas Harrison Blechynden, Wagin, farmer, M Annie Maria, Wagin, married.

1916 Benjamin Lewis Blechynden, Moodiarrup, via Wagin, farmer

1925 Thomas Harrison Blechynden, Wagin, labourer

1925 Benjamin Lewis Blechynden, Pingelly, labourer Ellen Daisy, Main Camp, Beverley, housewife

1931 Benjamin Lewis Blechynden, East Beverley, farm hand.

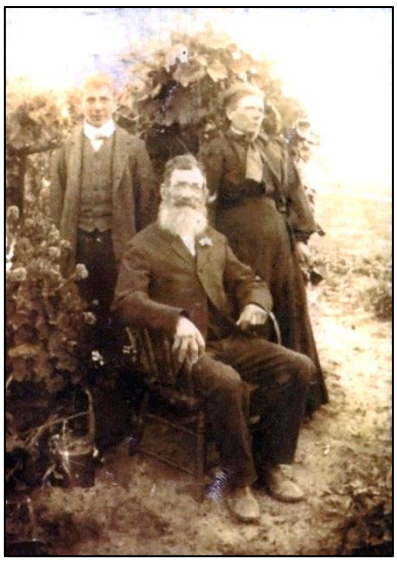
1931 Thomas Harrison Blechynden, Trent Street, Wagin, retired Annie Maria – same address.

1936,1937 Benjamin Lewis Blechynden, Wongan Hills, labourer

1936 Ellen Daisy Blechynden, Kudardap, home duties

1943 Benjamin Lewis Blechynden, Forrest Street Beverley, farm hand.

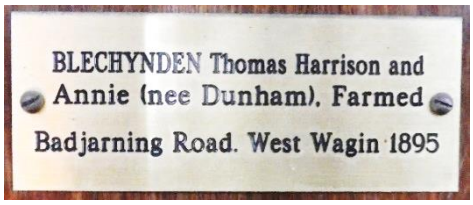
1954,1958 Ellen Daisy Blechynden, Trayning, home duties.



Back: *Benjamin Lewis Blechynden, abt. 17 years of age, and Annie Blechynden* Front: *Thomas Harrison Blechynden*

Annie Maria Blechynden (nee Dunham), died 4 May 1933 in Wagin, WA [Reg. 49]. **Thomas Harrison Blechynden died 11 Sep 1933** in Wagin, WA, aged 84 years, Reg district, Katanning, registered year 1933, [Reg. 81]. They are buried in the Wagin Cemetery in unmarked graves; however, a plaque is dedicated to them in the old church in the Wagin Historical Village.

Thomas Harrison Blechynden and Annie Maria Blechynden (nee Dunham) are buried here in Lot 106 and 107 in the Wagin Cemetery.



Plaque in the old church, Wagin Historical Village

Wagin Argus & Arthur, Dumbleyung, Lake Grace Express **(WA: 1924 - 1954), Thu 18 May 1933, pg 2** 18 May 1933 - OBITUARY (nla.gov.au)

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Late Mrs Blechynden.

With the death of Mrs. Blechynden, who passed away at the Wagin Hospital on Thursday 4th of May, Wagin loses yet another of its pioneers.

The deceased lady was 82 years of age, was born in York and came to reside in Wagin over thirty years ago.

The funeral took place on Sat May the 6th at the Wagin Cemetery, The Rev. Archdeacon Burbidge officiated at the Church and at the Graveside.

The Pall Bearers were Messrs F. Hamersley, L. Abbot, A. Quartermaine, H. Quartermaine, E. Quartermaine and T. Mears.

Wreaths and floral tributes were sent by the following: Her Loving Husband; Loving sister Emma and nieces and nephews, Ethel ? ------- ? and family, Norm, Elsie and Desmond; Eunice and Alex Davidson and also little Ron; Edmund, Eric and Hilda; Amy and Jim also Eunice and Alex; -----n ? and Nellie ? and family, Frank, Ween, and Norma, Mr and Mrs E.T. Thompson. and Mr and Mrs R Patterson, H. Gladstones and Family, Mrs D Powell, also Mr and Mrs A. Albert, Mercie and little Neville (Lake Grace; Ernie, Mary and family (Lake Grace); Mr and Mrs Austin Piesse; Mr and Mrs L.H.? Absolom; Albert Florrie And family; Mr and Mrs Albert Horn and Family; Mr and Miss Kernutt; E. Morsley and Billie; Mrs Millen and Emme; Mrs C.A. Piesse and Family; M rand Mrs S. Pearce Snr.; Mr and Mrs RA Oliver; Mr and Mrs T. W. Box and Family; Mr and Mrs Bilston and Family; Mrs JW Thompson; Mr and Mrs A.E. Gell and Family; Mr and Mrs Hubert Nelson; Mr H.A. Pfeiffer Verdie and Robina; Archdeacon and Mrs J. Burbidge; Mr and Mrs Baldwin and family; Mr and Mrs J. Nelson and Family; Mr and Mrs E. Mildwaters and Family Mr and Mrs Percy Gell and Family; Mrs WJ Piesse and Family: Mr and Mrs R.N. Hubbard; Mr and Mrs and Miss Good; Mr Mrs Frank. Piesse and Family; G Kersley and Family. The Funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr HA Pfieffer, Undertaker Wagin.

West Australian **(Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Wed 17 May 1933, pg 6**
17 May 1933 - COUNTRY NEWS. (nla.gov.au)

COUNTRY NEWS.

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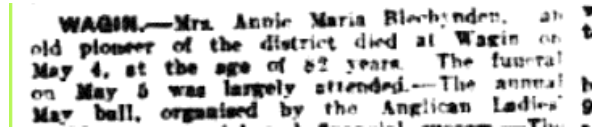
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Wagin Argus & Arthur, Dumbleyung, Lake Grace Express **(WA: 1924 - 1954), Thu 28 Sep 1933, pg 1**
28 Sep 1933 - OBITUARY (nla.gov.au)

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The deceased gentleman had been ill for a short period prior to his death, and at the time of his demise was 84 years of age. He was born in Beverley in 1849, but spent the last 40 years of his life in the Wagin District.

The funeral took place from the Church of England on Wednesday September 13th, the Rev. Archdeacon W. Burbidge officiating at the Church and at the graveside.

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Note: There appears to be an error here **-** *Mr. James (Thomas) Harrison Blechynden*. Perhaps he was also known as James?

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BENJAMIN LEWIS BLECHYNDEN (1891-1971) and **ELLEN DAISY POWELL (1898-1968)** were married 16 Apr 1917, Katanning, WA [Reg. 17] and went on to have seven children as follows.

Wedding photo: Benjamin Lewis Blechynden and Ellen Daisy Powell, other people unknown.

Further details on these children can be found in the next section following, dedicated to her grandfather, Benjamin Lewis Blechynden, contributed by Mary Coulthard.

1. BLECHYNDEN, DANSY LEWIS WILLIAM (1918-1991) (Note: There are variations in registration records of his name - family members say he was called Dansy.

Dansy Lewis William Blechynden was born 17 Mar 1918, Katanning, WA [Reg. 84], registered as Dansy. Dansy Lewis William Blechynden died 5 Mar 1991, Girrawheen, WA.

DANSY LEWIS WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN (1918-1991) married **ESTHER MABEL DAVENPORT (1906-1986)**, 1948, Northam, WA [Reg. 16], registered as Dansy. They had 2 children, Rae and Valma.

2. BLECHYNDEN, ELLEN 'NELLIE' MAY PEACE (1919-1957)
Ellen May Peace Blechynden was born 18 Jul 1919, Katanning, WA [Reg. 147].
Ellen Nellie Beaumont (Yeaman, nee Blechynden) died 19 Feb 1957, Geraldton, WA [Ref No. 24].

m. 1 ELLEN MAY PEACE BLECHYNDEN (1919-1957) married **JAMES YEAMAN (1906-1975)**, 1940, Perth, WA [Reg. 342]. Divorced.

m. 2 ELLEN MAY PEACE YEAMAN (NEE BLECHYNDEN) (1919-1957) married **ARTHUR CHARLES BEAUMONT (1916-2001)** 14 May 1947, Perth, WA [Reg. 1277].

3. BLECHYNDEN, THOMAS ALBERT BADEN (1921-1989)

Thomas Albert Baden Blechynden was born 14 Apr 1921, Beverley, registered Katanning, WA [Reg. 125]. Thomas Albert Baden Blechynden died 5 Aug 1989, Perth, WA.

THOMAS ALBERT BADEN BLECHYNDEN (1921-1989) married **RUBY MARY LEE 'POLLY' (1921-2005)** 30 Dec 1940, Perth. WA [2767]. They had four children:

4. BLECHYNDEN, AMY SARAH ANNIE (1923-2007)
Amy Sarah Annie Blechynden was born 22 Jan 1923 Pingelly WA [Reg. 33].
Amy Sarah Annie McGregor (nee Blechynden) died 15 Mar 2007, Mandurah, WA.

AMY SARAH ANNIE BLECHYNDEN (1923-2007) married **ALLAN WALTER MCGREGOR (1917-2002)**, 27 Dec 1945, Perth, WA [Reg. 128]. No children.

5. BLECHYNDEN, OLIVE BEATRICE PEARL (1924-1976)

Olive Beatrice Pearl Blechynden was born 24 Dec 1924, Perth, WA [Reg. 2422].
Olive Beatrice Bird (Buckley, nee Blechynden) died 4 Mar 1976.

m.1 OLIVE BEATRICE PEARL BLECHYNDEN (1924-1976) married **PATRICK JOHN BUCKLEY (1921-1962)**, 1943, Wiluna, (East Murchison, WA [Reg. 8]. They had four children.

m.2 OLIVE BEATRICE PEARL BUCKLEY (NEE BLECHYNDEN) (1924-1976) married **WALTER LESLIE BIRD**, 1964, Perth, WA [Reg. 883]. No children.

6. BLECHYNDEN, EVELYN EUNICE JESSIE (1926-2013)

Evelyn Eunice Jessie Blechynden was born 25 Sep 1926, Beverley, WA [Reg. 199]. Evelyn Eunice Jessie Blechynden died 3 Feb 2013, Beverley, WA.

m1. EVELYN EUNICE JESSIE BLECHYNDEN (1926-2013) married **ALFRED WILLIAM WARE (1925-2002)**, 1948, Beverley District, WA [Reg. 22]. 11 children. Divorced

m.2 EVELYN EUNICE JESSIE WARE (NEE BLECHYNDEN) (1926-2013) married **HERBERT GEORGE 'TOM' BAKER (1901-1991)** 1980, Northam, WA.

7. BLECHYNDEN, JOY POWELL (1929-2005)

Joy Powell Blechynden was born 8 Jul 1929, Wagin, registered in Katanning, WA [Reg. 173], registered under Joy.
Joy Gracie (Nee Blechynden) died 30 Oct 2005, Albany, WA.

JOY POWELL BLECHYNDEN (1929-2005) married **JAMES ALEXANDER GRACIE (1926-2008)**, 1946, Perth, WA [Reg. 1520]. Children: Ronald (dec.), Cheryl and Beverley.

THE FOLLOWING SECTION DEDICATED TO HER GRANDFATHER, BENJAMIN LEWIS BLECHYNDEN, CONTRIBUTED BY MARY COULTHARD.

BLECHYNDEN
Benjamin

Wedding photo: Benjamin Lewis Blechynden and Ellen Daisy Powell

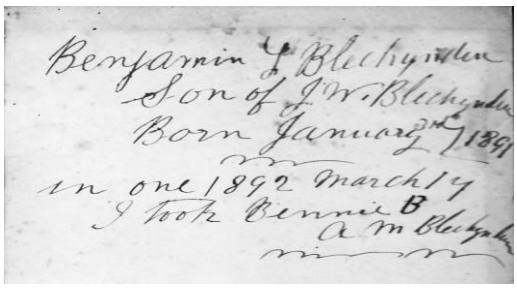
Benjamin Lewis Blechynden

B: 3 Jan 1891 Beverley, WA (Reg York 55)
D: 24 Jul 1971 Beverley, WA (Reg York 15)
M: Ellen Daisy Powell 16 Apr 1917 Wagin, WA (Reg Katanning 17)
D: Canning 1968 Reg:36

Parents: Dansy Powell B: Hertfordshire UK 1862 D: 23 Mar 1928 Reg: Katanning 17, Ellen Matilda Bird B:10th May 1865 Reg: York 8548 D:26 Aug 1936, Reg: Katanning 71.

Benjamin was the third child of Jesse William Blechynden and Emma Sarah (Dunham) Blechynden.

Ben was born in Beverley but grew up in Wagin, WA. When he was very, young 14 months old, he went to live with his Uncle Thomas Harrison Blechynden and Aunt Annie Maria (Dunham) Blechynden. I think this was because his mother had problems with her health, or her eyesight, as she was blind in later life.


Benjamin J Blechynden
Son of J W Blechynden
Born January 3rd 1891
in one 1892 March 17
I took Bennie B
A M Blechynden

Whilst visiting brother Jesse and sister Emma, Harrison and Annie would have been overjoyed after 14 years of longing for a child of their own on the 17 Mar 1892 Emma handed the responsibility of Benjamin over to her sister and brother-in-law to bring him up as their own son.

From Annie Maria Blechynden's Bible

A sad day for Jesse, Emma, brother Fred now aged nine, sister Ida aged four years and cousin Ernest Dunham aged 14 who was fostered by Jesse and Emma. There would have been many tears of sadness and happiness as Emma reflected on what a wonderful sister she had and the gift of Motherhood she had given her, I can imagine Annie's tears of happiness still flowing as she gathered Bennie to her to wave goodbye as the heavy wooden cart slowly made its way out of Beverley on their long journey home to Wagin.

Benjamin thrived under the care of his doting foster parents and "Bennie" as they fondly called him was their pride and joy. Ben attended school, his letter to *"Aunt Mary" of The Western Mail 13 Sep 1902 Brooklyn near Wagin. This is the first letter I have written to you. I live 3 miles from Wagin. I walk to school every day. I often get a ride home. We have 5 young pigs and a little foal. It rained here yesterday. I hope they got some at York. Good-Bye from your loving nephew, Benjamin Blechynden.*

Benjamin Lewis Blechynden

"Uncle Harrison" (as he was known) used to travel by horse drawn wagon down to Bridgetown to see the family there, (John Blechynden's family), and up to Beverley to see the family there. Ben would go with him and they would camp and sleep under the wagon at night sometimes away from home for many weeks at a time. Aunt Annie visited the family in Beverley with him sometimes - (Aunty Kit's Letter).

Ben married Ellen Daisy Powell, 16 Apr 1917, the same day as his elder brother, Fredrick William Blechynden, was killed in action WW1.

In the early years of their marriage 1919, Ben was working for his father-In-law Dansy (Dan) Powell in Wagin. Whilst working there breaking horses, he broke his leg rather badly. The horse jammed him against the fence, he jumped off and the broken bone impacted, leaving him with a shortened leg and a stay in the Wagin Hospital.

***Southern Argus and Wagin-Arthur Express (Perth, WA: 1905 - 1924), Sat 11 Oct 1919, pg** 2*
LOCAL AND GENERAL ITEMS: Accidents. —During the week. ***Mr Ben. Blechynden****, who was driving a mob of horses Thursday, had his leg broken below the knee by being kicked by one of the animals. Both unfortunates are doing well, the latter being removed to the hospital.*

By this time Ben and Daisy had two young children born in Wagin, (Reg, Katanning), Dansy (Dan) only a toddler and Ellen (Nellie) only three months old. So, the family went to live with Daisy's parents, Dansy Powell (1862 – 26 Mar 1928) and Ellen Matilda (Bird) Powell (10 May 1865 – 26 Aug 1936). They lived on one of Dansy's farms in Wagin while Ben was recuperating and doing odd jobs around the place. His leg was always a problem and he was left with a permanent limp. Some years later whilst working on my maternal grandmother, (Thora Jean (Antony) Lee's) farm, "Nil Desperandum" at North Garret out of Southern Cross, the comb of the header became jammed. As Ben bent to clear it, the handle came up and hit him in the eye. He lost his eye and his cheek bone was broken.

It wasn't long before the babies started arriving and Daisy was caught up in the chores of the incessant washing, meals and cleaning with six young children. It was a never-ending task, then in Mar 1928 Daisy's father Dansy was taken ill and the family made the trip to Wagin. Sadly, he died on 26 Mar 1928.

Above: Children of Benjamin Lewis Blechynden and Ellen Daisy Blechynden (nee Powell)

Left: Standing*: Jessie Powell m: Jack Henry Marrel, Benjamin Lewis Blechynden.* Centre: *Dan, Ellen Matilda (Bird) Powell (Grandmother) and Ellen.* Front: *Tom, Evelyn nursed by Grannie Amy, and Olive*

After their return home to Beverley, Daisy became restless and unhappy and decided to leave. Ben, having been brought up as an only child, was thrown into chaos. His brother Bob (Alfred Walter) and wife, Mary (Doohan), came to the rescue taking the two boys Dan and Tom for a time so he could sort himself out. After some time, Daisy returned home and everything returned to normal for a while as they tried to make a go of repairing their marriage. Baby Joy was born 7 Jul 1929 in Wagin. On Fri 2 Aug 1929, Ben put a notice in the West Australian stating he was not responsible for his wife Ellen Daisy Blechynden's debts. Daisy's father had left her a small amount of money and, in October 1929, Daisy contested her Father's Will and received an Annuity of 150 Pounds for life. She returned to Ben and the family in December 1930 only staying for three weeks.

***New Call* (Perth, WA: 1931 - 1934), Thu 17 Dec 1931, pg 18**

MRS. BLECHYNDEN PAYS

In "The New Call" of November 26, was told the story of the difficulties experienced by the Child Welfare Department in getting recognition from Mrs. Blechynden, of Busselton, in the matter of the maintenance of her children. After considerable negotiation, during which Mrs. Blechynden told the department that she did not intend to pay and they could do what they liked about it, she was persuaded to come to court on Monday week, and consented to enter into a bond to pay £5 forthwith and five pounds a month thereafter. So that's that. In connection with this matter, Mr. Blechynden writes from Jacob's Well to make his position in the matter clear. He says that he was never summoned to court for the maintenance of his six children. But because he was not in a position to maintain them, he was advised by Mr. Jacoby, J.P., of Brookton, to have the children committed to the State through the Beverley Children's Court, and this was done. Mr. Blechynden is paying 5/- a week.

Dan and Tom went to The Salvation Army Boys Home in Nedlands and the girls Ellen, Amy, Olive and Evelyn into The Salvation Army Girls Home in Cottesloe. Olive and Evelyn were fostered out from here to a family named McDonald, Olive going on to win a Scholarship and going to Boarding School in Northam. Baby Joy stayed with Daisy. Daisy was required to pay maintenance for their upkeep.

Ben and Daisy divorced in 1937 and Ben continued to work on farms around the Beverley district until he retired at about 70 years of age. He lived with his sister, Evalyn Annie Blechynden, in Hunt Street Beverley until his death in the Beverley Hospital on the 24 Jul 1971 at the age of 80.

1. Dansy Lewis William Blechynden: WX11361**.** B: 17 Mar 1918 Wagin, Reg*: 84 Katanning,* D: 5 Mar 1991 Girrawheen. Married **Esther Mabel Davenport** 9 Feb 1948 Northam. Esther Mabel Blechynden b: 20 Apr 1906, *Reg: 205 E Coolgardie:* D: 18 Sep 1986. Two children. (Rae Naomi B: 4 Jun 1949 D: 21 Mar 1980). **Esther** trained as a nurse at Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital & was Matron at Kununoppin 4yrs +, Bruce Rock 2.5 years, Mt Barker 6 years & Southern Cross Hospitals also relieving at several other hospitals. Information from *Trove* and her daughter, Valma Treen.

Dansy L Blechynden

Esther M (Davenport) Blechynden

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2. Ellen May Peace (Nellie) Blechynden B: 18 Jul 1919 Wagin, *Reg: No 147 Katanning:* D: 19 Feb 1957 Mullewa. Married **(1) Patrick James Yeaman (Div), (2) Arthur Charles Beamont** B: 18 Jan 1916, M: 14 May 1947, D: 16 Mar 2010 Geraldton. 1 child **Karlene Elizabeth** B: 11 Jan 1954: D: 2 Mar 2020.

Arthur, Nell & Karlene Beamont

Nell & Karlene

Karlene Beamont

3. Thomas Albert Baden Blechynden: WX8062 B: 14 Apr 1921 Wagin, Reg No 125 Katanning, D: 5 Aug 1989 Palmyra. M: **Ruby Mary Lee (Polly)** 30 Dec 1940, **Ruby Mary Lee:** B: 19 Feb 1921 Quairading Reg: Beverley 33. D: 11 Nov 2005 (4 Children, Thomas Alfred dec) parents M: 25 Dec

1917: Sidney Gordon Lee WX 5242. B: 1891 Wodonga Vic. Reg: 8069/1891: D: 15th Dec 1953 Reg: Broome 30. Thora Jean Antony. B: 3 Aug 1896 Yea Vic. Reg: 32200/1896. D: 28 Sep 1951 Reg Swan: 113. 4 children.

Thomas Albert 'Tom' and Ruby Mary Blechynden. Tom in RSL Band Uniform.

WX 8062 PTE. T. BLECHYNDEN 2/16 BN. A.I.F.
Enl. 16 Aug 40. Dis. 21 Apr 45. W.I.A. Served in Australia, the Middle East and New Guinea. P.M.G. at Southern Cross.

Wedding day, 30 Dec 1940
Thomas Albert Baden Blechynden and Ruby Mary Lee (Polly)

Thomas Alfred Blechynden

(Thomas Albert and Ruby Mary Blechynden) (circ 1976)
Tom and Ruby (Polly) Blechynden

Polly Blechynden
(circ 1996)

4. Amy Sarah Annie Blechynden: B: 22 Jan 1923 Pingelly *Reg: Beverley 33*. D: Mandurah 2007. **M**: **Walter Allan McGregor: WX497**: 27 Dec 1945. **B**: 13 Oct *Reg: 1551 Perth 1917.* D: Mandurah 2002. No children. Sally and Wally fostered several children.

Amy Sarah Annie (nee Blechynden)
and Walter Allan McGregor

5. Olive Beatrice Pearl Blechynden: B: Perth 24th Dec 1924*, Reg No 3422.* **D:** 4th Mar 1976**. M: Patrick John Buckley (1)** 4 children. **M :(2) Walter Leslie Bird 1964,** no children.

Olive Beatrice Pearl Blechynden

Patrick John Buckley

Nell, Tom and Olive Buckley

6. Evelyn Eunice Jessie Blechynden: B: *25th Sep 1926 Reg 199 Beverley:* D: 3 Feb 2013 **M: (1) Alfred Ware**. B: 18th Feb 1925, (*York Reg: 14.)* D: 30th Sep 2002, 13 children, divorced. **M: (2) Herbert George Baker** 24th Aug 1980, born 1901, died 1991.

Alfred Ware

Evelyn Ware (nee Blechynden)

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Headstone of Alfred William and Evelyn Ware (nee Blechynden). Beverley Methodist and Catholic Cemetery

7. Joy Powell, born 7 Jul 1929 [Reg No 173], Katanning. Died 30 Oct 2005, Albany WA. Married **James Alexander Gracie** Perth, WA, 1946 [Reg. 1520] B: 21 Oct 1926 Collie WA, [Reg: Wellington 432]. D: 18 Sep 2008 Albany. 8 children.

Joy & Jim Gracie

Jim & Joy Gracie

Olive, Joy & Amy Blechynden

Evalyn Annie Blechynden, Ellen Daisy Blechynden holding Tom Blechynden, Ellen & Dan Blechynden in front

Left: Dan Blechynden. Right: Tom Blechynden, Salvation Army Boys Home circ 1930

Ellen Matilda Powell holding Dansy L Blechynden (Grandson)

Parents & Aunt of Ruby M (Lee) Blechynden, Sidney G Lee, Mary J Antony, Thora J Antony, (Bride)

Tom, Ellen, Dan and Amy Blechynden

DEATH OF BENJAMIN LEWIS BLECHYNDEN

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Sat 31 Jul 1971, pg 7**
31 Jul 1971 - Ben Blechynden dies at 80 (nla.gov.au)

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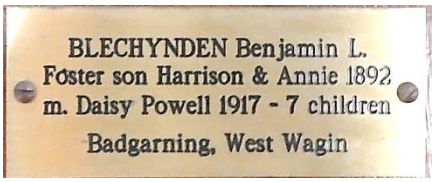
BLECHYNDEN (Benjamin Lewis): On July 24th, at Beverley, loved father and father-in-law of Tom and Polly, loving grandfather of Phyl, Mary, Bonny and Tommy; aged 80 years.
At rest.

BLECHYNDEN (B. L.): Dear father of Amy, father-in-law of Wally.
Tend him God with loving care,
And make up for all he had to bear.

BLECHYNDEN (Ben): Passed away at Beverley Hospital, dearly loved granddad of Phyl and Alf Fernihough, loved great-granddad of Frances, Robyn and Ross.
We were not there to say goodbye,
But memories of you will never die.



Plaque commemorating Benjamin.
Old church in the Wagin Historical Village.

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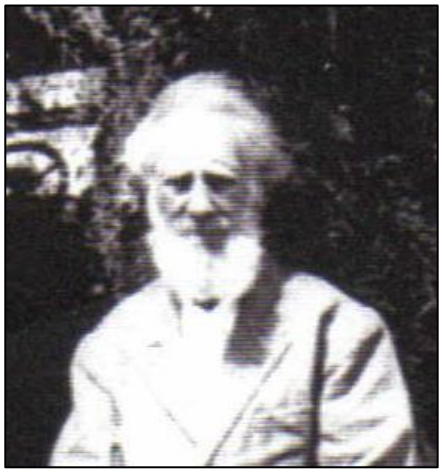
9. JESSE WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN (1851-1934) & EMMA SARAH DUNHAM (1862-1947)



Jesse William was Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden's ninth child. He was born on 9 Jun 1851 in Beverley.

On 13 Sep 1882, Jesse William married Emma Sarah Dunham in the Anglican Holy Trinity Church at York. He was 31 years of age and she 20.

Together, they went on to have seven children and raised another.

Jesse William passed away on 1 May 1934 at the age of 82, and Emma on 7 Jul 1947 at 84, both in Beverley. They are buried in the Beverley Anglican Cemetery.

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BLECHYNDEN, JESSE WILLIAM (1851-1934) was born 9 Jun 1851, Beverley, WA [Reg. 1705]. He was the ninth child and seventh son of Harrison Blechynden (1802-1873) and Charlotte Robus (1812-1889). His parents, Harrison Blechynden and Charlotte Robus emigrated from Kent in England to the newly formed Swan River Colony, arriving on the ship *Minstrel* on 20 Jan 1830. They were married in Perth on 3 Mar 1832.

Their first two children, John born in 1833 and Sarah Harrison born 1841 were born in Perth. Due to changing circumstances, Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden and their two children, John and Sarah travelled by horse and cart over the ranges to 'St Aubyns', in the newly zoned district of Beverley. According to records 'St Aubyns' at this stage had a barracks on the property. It was here where their third child, Elizabeth 'Anne' was born on 19 Mar 1842.

Looking to settle and raise their family Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden leased the property 'Babbyalla', next to 'St Aubyns', where they remained until many years later when Bevan Hamersley inherited the property of 'Babbyalla' Estate and took up residence there in 1888. This can all be found in the individual chapters on Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden

The next seven children, all boys, were born on 'Babbyalla': Henry George born 1843, followed by Jesse William, (his namesake, born in 1845 and who died as a toddler on 1946), Walter Edward born 1846, Charles Edwin born 1848, Thomas Harrison born 1849 and Jesse William born 1851, named after his brother.

At the time of Jessie William's birth his siblings were aged as follows: John 18 years, Sarah 10 years, Elizabeth 9 years, Henry 8 years, Walter 5 years, Charles 3 years and Thomas 21 months. In Feb 1853, number ten child, Joseph, yet another son, was added to the family.

One can imagine it was an unruly household with seven energetic boys. The girls, Sarah and Elizabeth would have been kept very busy helping their mother with basic household chores and keeping the younger ones in order. The children all grew up on 'Babbyalla'. Jesse was too young to have a lot to do with his older brother John who, in 1854, walked to the Blackwood district at the age of 21, guided by friendly Aboriginals and acquired two pastoral leases along the Blackwood River.

Jesse was recorded as being eight years in the 1859 Census. 'Babbyalla' by this time was a going concern and his father was busy working from dawn until dusk. The children were given chores around the house and yard from a very early age. They were all taught to ride horses and when old enough progressed to helping their father on the farm. One can imagine they often travelled to the small settlement at Edwards Crossing by horse and cart to visit the new mud bat store and the wheelwright. Jesse was excited and looked forward to taking part when the family travelled each year to attend the Agricultural shows held at York.

Life on the farm and in the surrounding district was busy and as the older children left home, the younger children including Jessie and Joseph had very little formal education. No schools had been established in the district close to 'Babbyalla' and the first one in Beverley was established in 1873 when Jessie was 21 years old.

Jesse was only six years of age when John Blechynden married Elizabeth Green on 23rd of Feb 1860, at St George's Cathedral in Perth. This was possibly his first trip to the big city, which took several days, stopping to overnight on the way. What an adventure.

His sister Elizabeth married Thomas Edwards in March 1862 in the nearby thriving town of York. In 1864, looking to the future and seeking land for themselves, his brothers Walter Edward and Charles Edwin left 'Babbyalla' and walked to Bridgetown to visit their older brother John who was now established with his own home and property.

The children left at 'Babbyalla' were now aged as follows: Sarah 23 years, Henry 21 years, Thomas 16 years, Jesse 13 years and Joseph 11 years. The younger boys now joined their older brother Henry with their father working on the farm. They all put on their best clothes when his sister Sarah married John Henry Markham Page in November 1867 in York. Jesse was now aged 16 years of age and working as hard as his father at the multitude of farming tasks on the property.

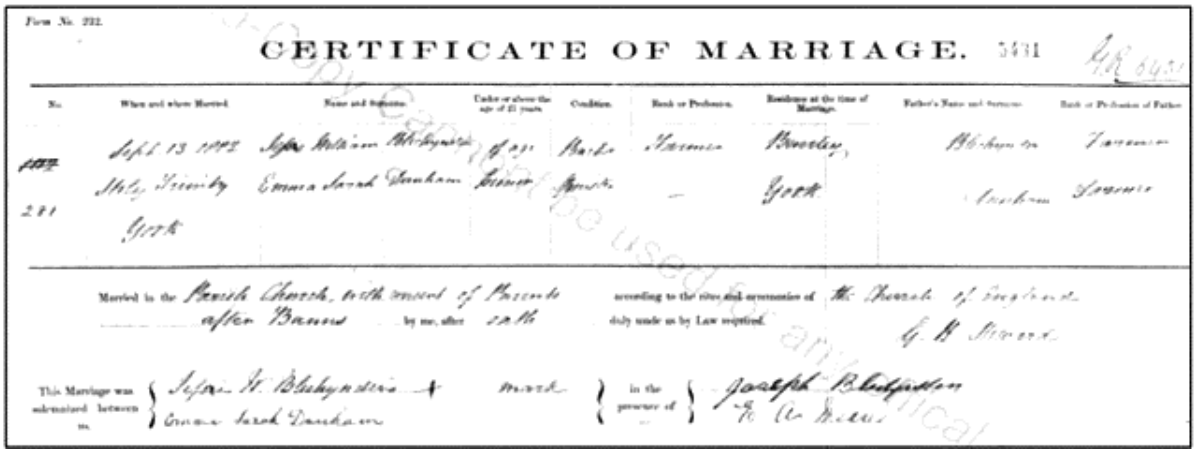
Another chance to dress up and celebrate was the occasion when Charles Edwin married Caroline Mary Davies in Apr 1872 at the nearby St Paul's Church in Beverley. Henry George Blechynden took up land at Mr. Kokeby, the property being known as 'Erindale', across the other side of the Avon River from 'Babbyalla'.

However, life was about to change dramatically for the family when their father Harrison Blechynden died on the 17th Jul 1873, aged 71 years. It was a sad day when the funeral took place at St Paul's Church, Edwards Crossing and he was laid to rest at the Edwards Crossing Cemetery, Beverley. Life had to continue on, Thomas Harrison, Jesse and Joseph together with their mother, working the farm at 'Babbyalla'. Jesse's mother Charlotte was aged 61 years, Henry George was now aged 30 years, Thomas 24 years, Jesse 22 years and Joseph 20 years.

Soon after his father's death, Walter Edward Blechynden married Jane Needs in Oct 1873 in the Picton Anglican Church, Bunbury. Henry was married in York 27 May 1874 to Mary Ann Reilly.

Thomas 'Harrison' married Annie Maria Dunham in Sep 1877 in the Anglican Church, Northam. Annie's sister Emma Sarah was just 15 years of age. Perhaps it was at the wedding when she caught the eye of Harrison's brother Jesse. Spending time with his brother and new wife Annie Marie, Jesse began to court her sister Emma Sarah Dunham.

At the age of 31 years. **JESSE WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN (1851-1934)** was married in the Holy Trinity Church York to **EMMA SARAH DUNHAM (1862-1947)**, 13 Sep 1882 WA [Reg. No 5431]. Emma Sarah was aged 20 years.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CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE. 5431

No.	When and where Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
1447	Sept 13 1882	Jesse William Blechynden	of age	Bachelor	Farmer	Beverley	William	Farmer
281	Holy Trinity York	Emma Sarah Dunham	Minor	Spinster	—	York	Dunham	Farmer

Married in the Parish Church, with consent of Parents after Banns by me, after 12 M. according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England duly made as by Law required. G. H. Stone

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Jesse W. Blechynden + Emma Sarah Dunham, marks, in the presence of Joseph Blechynden, R. A. Needs.

Copy of marriage certificate for Jessie William Blechynden and Emma Sarah Dunham.
Courtesy Tracey Currigan

This was a double wedding, celebrated with Emma's older brother, **LEWIS JAMES DUNHAM (1857-1914)** whose bride was **LOUISA JANE YOUNG (1859-1944)** [Reg. 5430].

Brothers, Thomas and Jesse Blechynden married sisters Anna Maria and Emma Sarah Dunham. One can imagine it was a joyous occasion as many members of both families attended.

DUNHAM, EMMA SARAH (1862-1947)

Emma Sarah Dunham was born 13 Aug 1862, York, WA [Reg. 6700]. Father **WILLIAM DUNHAM (1815-1884)**, mother, **CAROLINE PORLEY (1823-1897)**, **(m.2)**, WA [Reg. 6700]. Emma was the sister of

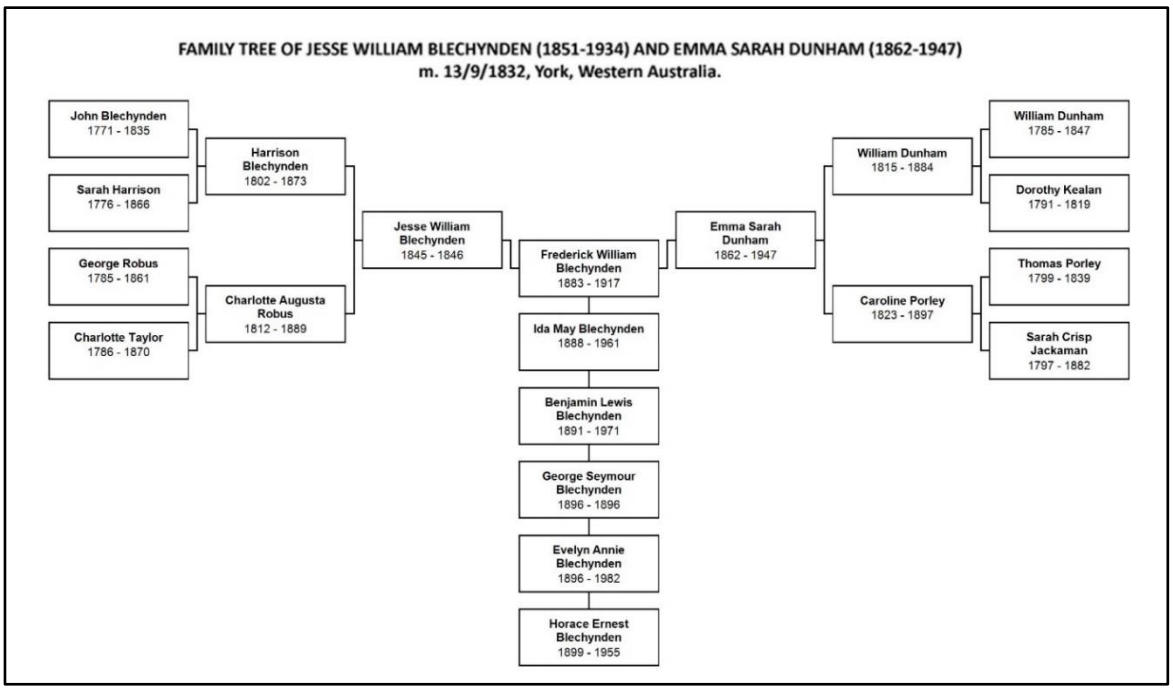
Annie Maria who married Jesse's brother, Thomas Harrison Blechynden. Emma's birth also recorded as 13 Oct 1862, possibly christening. Emma died 1947, Beverley, WA [Reg. 22].

Emma Sarah Dunham.
Courtesy Mary Coulthard

Note: To avoid repetition, for a more extensive view of Emma and Annie Dunham's parents' William Dunham (1815-1884) and Caroline Wright (nee Porley) (1823-1897) and family, go to the preceding chapter on Thomas Harrison Blechynden (1849-1933) and Annie Marie Dunham (1850-1932).

CAROLINE PORLEY (1823-1898). Discrepancy: Family researchers have Caroline Porley as being born in 1923, others in 1824.

Emma's mother, Caroline Porley, was born 1823, baptised 4 May 1824, Layham, Suffolk, England, daughter of **THOMAS PAWLY/PORLEY (1799-1839)** and **SARAH CHRISP JACKAMAN (1797-1882)** who were married 25 Dec 1822, Layham, Suffolk, England. They arrived in the Colony of WA, 23 Aug 1829 per *Marquis of Anglesea*. Caroline Dunham (Wright nee Porley) died 9 Jul 1897, York, WA [Reg. 2763], aged 74 years. **Note:** The spelling of the surname of Thomas and his father John varies from **Pawly/Pawley to Porley**. Caroline's father Thomas appears to have gone by the spelling of Porley on his emigration voyage and in some histories, researchers have his name as Thomas Harrison Porley.

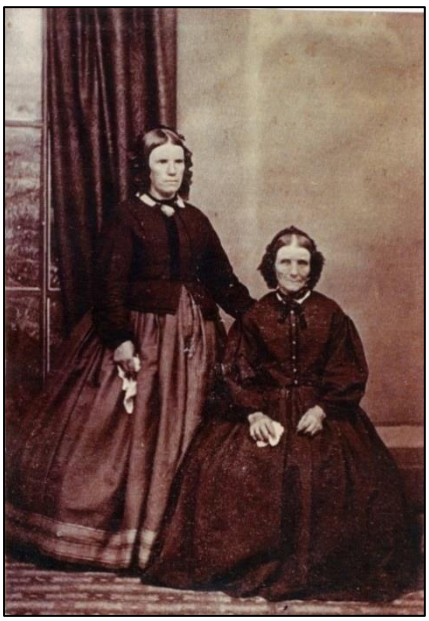


Caroline's father, Emma's grandfather, **THOMAS PAWLY/ PORLEY (1799-1839)** was born 21 Sep 1799, Layham, Suffolk, England. He was baptised 20 Oct 1799, Layham, Suffolk, England. Parents: **JOHN PAWLY (1784-1847)** and **MARY COOPER (~1767-)**. Thomas Porley died 18 May 1839, Swan River Colony, Perth, WA.

SARAH CHRISP JACKAMAN (1797-1882). Many researchers have Sarah Crisp Jackoman/Jackaman born in 1796. Family records have her as being born in 1797.

Caroline's mother, Emma's grandmother, **SARAH CHRISP JACKAMAN (1797-1882)** was born 26 Oct 1796/1797, Raydon, Suffolk, England. Bapt. 18 Nov 1796, Raydon, Suffolk, England. FHL Film number:

919628, year as recorded. The family birthday book currently owned by Mary Coulthard has her birth year as 1797. Sarah's parents: **ROBERT JACKERMAN (1772-)** and **SARAH CHRISP (1773-)** were married 18 Nov 1796, Raydon, Suffolk, England. FHL Film number: 919628. Spelling of names as recorded. Sarah Chrisp Porley (nee Jackaman) died 17 Oct 1882 in York, WA [Reg. 11610], aged 85 years.



Caroline Dunham (nee Porley) and her mother Sarah Porley (nee Jackaman). Courtesy Mary Coulthard

Thomas Porley (1799-1839) and Sarah Chrisp Jackaman (1797-1882) had two children: Caroline and Ambrose, both born in Layham, Suffolk, England. More details about them following.

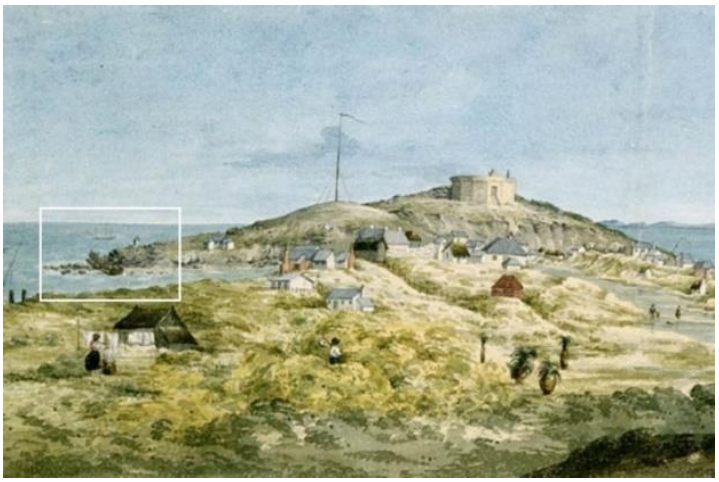
Thomas Porley (1799-1839) and Sarah Chrisp Jackaman (1797-1882) and their two children: Caroline and Ambrose, arrived 23 Aug 1829, Swan River Colony (Perth), WA, via the ship: ***Marquis of Anglesea***, departure Port London/Plymouth 94 panel. Bonded servants to R Partridge.

Marquis of Anglesea (1815 ship): Marquis of Anglesea (1815 ship) - Wikipedia

Per Wikipedia: Marquis of Anglesea arrived at the Swan River Colony on 23 Aug 1829. Although she was anchored at Gage Roads, some distance from Cockburn Sound and Fremantle, she landed her 90 settlers, 14 troops, and almost all of her cargo. She was the sixth vessel to arrive at the Colony. A gale drove Marquis of Anglesea ashore on 4 September 1829, wrecking her beyond repair. However, she did not break up, as had been expected. Instead, the colony found several uses for her. She had been condemned and sold for £180 to George Leake. He turned around and leased her to the government for £100 per year. She then was variously the Governor's residence when he visited Fremantle, the Harbour Master's office, the Post Office, a colonial gaol, and a prison ship for refractory servants. She was 's first prison hulk. A storm finally destroyed her some three years later.

Swan River Penal Colony – ABC

Swan River penal colony - ABC News (Australian Broadcasting Corporation)



A Panorama of the Swan River Settlement; detail showing beached Marquis of Anglesea, water colour drawing, 1830-1832. Mitchell Library, State Library of NSW. ML 827

AMBROSE PORLEY (1826-1842), Sarah and Thomas Porley's second child, was born ~1826, Layham, Suffolk, England. In the General muster book, Swan River Colony at the end of 1829, Ambrose was recorded as being four years and his sister Caroline seven years. The 1832 Census records his age as six. *Swan River Colony* 1832 Census #461. In 1840, he was granted land in Fee Simple in Perth being Lot O 11. More details further on. The Welcome Walls have Ambrose being born in 1824 and dying in 1842, aged 16 years.

Ambrose Porley died 1842, WA [Reg. 20]. *Record in East Perth Cemetery - Buried 25 Jan 1842, aged 16, died from Mortification (Gangrene).* Search Database - East Perth Cemeteries

The Dictionary of Western Australians, pre-1829-1888, compiled by Rica Erickson:
http://www.friendsofbattyelibrary.org.au/the-bicentennial-dictionary-of-western-australians.html

According to records in the above, after their arrival, Thomas and Sarah Porley had two more children.

PORLEY. Thomas. b. 1799. d. 18.5.1839. arr. 23.8.1829 per Marquis of Anglesea with wife & 2 chd. m. (UK) Sarah JACKAMAN b. 1803 d. I7.I0.1882 (York). Chd. Caroline b. 1822/3 d. 1897. Ambrose b. 1825, Harriet b. 1831 (Perth) d.? l831 / 2, George Ambrose b. 1833 d. 1842. Of yeoman stock, they came as servants of R. A. Partridge. Made a living as a butcher (1837 Census). His widow visited VIC 24 Dec 1854 per Vivid.

Discrepancy: In the Dictionary there is mention of George Ambrose Porley b. 1833 d. 1842 in WA. but no mention of the death of Ambrose Porley born in England, WA Registrations has a record for the death of Ambrose Porley,1842, aged 9 years WA [Reg. 20]. Ambrose born in England would have been 16 years and this is recorded in his burial records. I cannot find a death for George Ambrose in the Western Australian Registration for Deaths. If this was the registration for George Ambrose, he would have been nine years of age. It appears there may have been a bit of confusion by the person registering the death. Did both Ambrose and George die in 1842? I can find no further mention of George Ambrose, (note the duplication of Ambrose in the name). It is all a bit of a puzzle. Were they the same person?

Thomas Porley owned a butcher shop on Town Lot G3, St George's Terrace, Perth (Westralia Square). Thomas Porley died accidentally 1839, Perth (Ed. His death is outlined in comprehensive detail in Thomas Harrison and Annie Maria Blechynden's section). Sarah Porley (nee Jackaman) died in York, 1882, aged 82 years. WA [Reg. 11610).

Surmising: Further to Thomas's butcher shop mentioned above, Harrison Blechynden also had property E3 close to this area and from newspaper articles, they were known to one another as recorded in the chapter on Harrison Blechynden during his time following his arrival in the Swan River Colony. Perhaps Thomas Porley butchered the meat supplied by Harrison Blechynden and William Brockman, via 'Herne Hill'. Perhaps Harrison and Thomas Porley worked together as butchers, even in the same shop.

The following article provides an interesting account of George Grey's exploration in 1841 where Thomas Porley is referred to. Follow the link if you want further references:

***Daily News* (Perth, WA: 1882 - 1950), Sat 22 Jun 1935, pg 18**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/84177323?searchTerm=Barron%20v%20Porley

Early Justice in This State

REVEALED IN OLD COURT RECORDS - How Criminals were Treated
(By Alec Gollan)

From the books and documents which record the earliest court proceedings in WA, and which were recently rediscovered in the vaults of the Supreme Court buildings, can be gleaned many interesting and historic facts. A few of them are detailed here:

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TWO EXPEDITIONS OF DISCOVERY IN NORTH-WEST AND WA, DURING THE YEARS 1837-39
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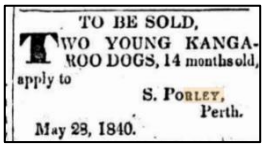
Chapter 4: From Gairdner's Range to Perth
HOSPITABLE RECEPTION BY THEM.

. . . Anxious questions were put by the men as to their distance from Perth, and the natives all told them they would see it the next morning, "whilst the sun was still small;" and on further enquiry it turned out that a kangaroo hunter of the name of ***Porley*** *was at a hut distant only seven miles from us, and according to the account of the natives he had a supply of provisions with him. . .*

IMBAT'S NOTIONS. My intentions in going on were to have everything prepared for the men on their arrival at the hut; but when I reached it, I found it deserted, the owner having returned to Perth. . .

Sarah Porley, Kangaroo dogs for sale -May 1840.
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/638660?searchTerm=Porley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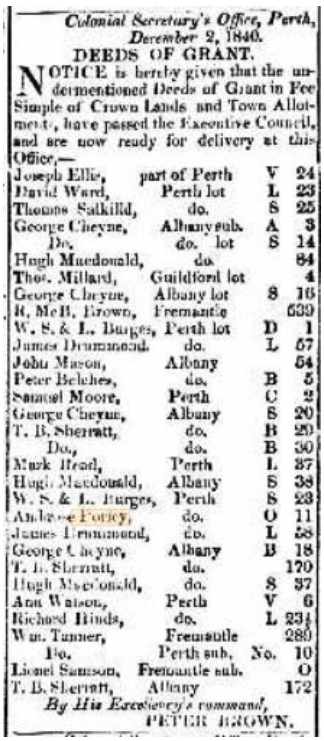
Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth, December 2, 1840.
DEEDS OF GRANT.
NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned Deeds of Grant in Fee Simple of Crown Lands and Town Allotments, have passed the Executive Council, and are now ready for delivery at this Office,—

Joseph Ellis,	part of Perth	V	24
David Ward,	Perth lot	L	23
Thomas Salkild,	do.	S	25
George Cheyne,	Albany sub.	A	3
Do.	do. lot	S	14
Hugh Macdonald,	do.		84
Thos. Millard,	Guildford lot		4
George Cheyne,	Albany lot	S	16
R. McB. Brown,	Fremantle		639
W. S. & L. Burges,	Perth lot	D	1
James Drummond,	do.	L	57
John Mason,	Albany		54
Peter Belches,	do.	B	5
Samuel Moore,	Perth	C	2
George Cheyne,	Albany	S	20
T. B. Sherratt,	do.	B	29
Do.,	do.	B	30
Mark Read,	Perth	L	37
Hugh Macdonald,	Albany	S	38
W. S. & L. Burges,	Perth	S	23
Ambrose Porley,	do.	O	11
James Drummond,	do.	L	58
George Cheyne,	Albany	B	18
T. B. Sherratt,	do.		170
Hugh Macdonald,	do.	S	37
Ann Watson,	Perth	V	6
Richard Hinds,	do.	L	23½
Wm. Tanner,	Fremantle		280
Do.	Perth sub.	No.	10
Lionel Samson,	Fremantle sub.		O
T. B. Sherratt,	Albany		172

By His Excellency's command,
PETER BROWN.

Perth Gazette and Western Australian Journal **(WA: 1833 - 1847), Sat 5 Dec 1840, pg 4**
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Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
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Ambrose Porley Perth Deed of Grant of town allotment O 11.
(Sadly, Ambrose died two years later).

Perth Gazette and Western Australian Journal **(WA: 1833 - 1847), Sat 10 May 1845, pg 2**
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SHERIFF'S OFFICE.
Perth, 8th May 1845
In the Civil Court,
George Green v. Edmund Wright,
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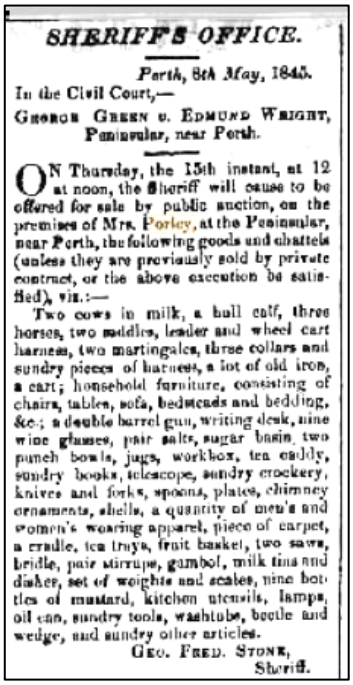

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In the Civil Court,—

GEORGE GREEN v. EDMUND WRIGHT, Peninsular, near Perth.

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Two cows in milk, a bull calf, three horses, two saddles, leader and wheel cart harness, two martingales, three collars and sundry pieces of harness, a lot of old iron, a cart; household furniture, consisting of chairs, tables, sofa, bedsteads and bedding, &c.; a double barrel gun, writing desk, nine wine glasses, pair salts, sugar basin, two punch bowls, jugs, workbox, tea caddy, sundry books, telescope, sundry crockery, knives and forks, spoons, plates, chimney ornaments, shells, a quantity of men's and women's wearing apparel, piece of carpet, a cradle, tea trays, fruit basket, two saws, bridle, pair stirrups, gambol, milk tins and dishes, set of weights and scales, nine bottles of mustard, kitchen utensils, lamps, oil can, sundry tools, washtubs, beetle and wedge, and sundry other articles.

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Note: Surmising: The Peninsular was in South Perth. George Green was the father of Elizabeth Green who married John Blechynden. George Green was involved in the building of many of the earliest prominent buildings in Perth. Thomas Porley died from an accident in 1839. Mrs Porley was Thomas Porley's wife, Sarah Chrisp (nee Jackaman) (1797-1882), who was still alive at the time of this article, 1845. She died in 1882 in York. Their daughter Caroline Porley who was single, married Edmund Wright in 1841. It is highly likely Sarah Porley following her husband's death, perhaps due to arrears following his death, was forced via the sheriff's office to sell their home items to pay the bills.

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***Inquirer* (Perth, WA: 1840 - 1855), Wed 12 May 1847, pg. 3**

The Committee of the Western Australian Mining Company in account with the Shareholders.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
To balance as per account passed 31 Mch. 1847	826	9	10

Cr.	£	s.	d.
Thomas, 6 weeks' wages to the 29th March	9	0	0
C. Von Bibra, harness, saddle and bridle	10	2	0
H. L. Cole, sinking in shaft and cartage	21	4	0
Mangles & Co., sundries	1	7	0
T. Clayer, making tent, saddle-bags, &c.	2	18	0
S. Porley, horse-hire	1	4	0
Francisco, horse	16	16	0
Dr. Von Sommer, 1 month's salary to 15th April	8	6	8
J. W. Gregory, 1 month's ditto to 4th April	5	9	0
S. P. Phillips, horse	10	0	0
Secretary, petty disbursements	5	0	0
C. King, making windlass, buckets, &c.	10	13	6
E. Stirling; advertisements in *Inquirer*	1	15	0
L. Samson, Paxton's account for crucibles, &c.	3	0	7
Habgood, sundries	6	13	11
Shenton, hay and ditto	5	0	8
J. W. Gregory, 1 month's salary to 4th May	5	0	0
By balance	703	8	0
	£826	9	10

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Note: *Sarah Porley (nee Jackaman) was the wife of Thomas Porley* (1799-1839)

***Perth Gazette and Western Australian Journal* (WA: 1833 - 1847), Sat 4 Jun 1842, pg 2**
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This is an extract from a larger item regarding an 1842 horse race. The colony was still in its infancy then. Readers might like to look up the article.

Porley's Grey, aged, Wright 2 2

Surmising: Thomas Porley died in 1839. His daughter Caroline married Edmund Wright in 1841. The article was written in June 1842. As Porley's Grey was entered as aged, it is likely he was originally owned by Thomas Porley and entered by Caroline's husband Edmund Wright.

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Screwer,	*2 "*	*Phillips,*	*dist.*
Jack,	*4 "*	*Cole,*	*dist.*
Nelson,	*4 "*	*Chipper,*	*dist.*
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Porley's Grey, aged, Wright, 2 2
The Ladies' purse, £25, was reserved for a future occasion, there being but two horses entered for this stake, Mr. Yn'o's

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SUMMARY OF PART OF A SIX PAGE DIARY WRITTEN BY EMMA SARAH DUNHAM IN 1922, DAUGHTER OF m. 2 CAROLINE PORLEY (1823-1897) AND WILLIAM DUNHAM (1852-1852):

Grandmother of Emma Sarah Blechynden – Sarah Chrisp Jackaman born 26 Oct 1797 married Thomas Porley about the year 1822. Carolyn Porley, daughter, born May 1823 (Ed. 1824) in England, Ambrose Porley, son of the above, Ambrose died when he was 16 years old in WA. Caroline Porley married Edmund Wright when she was seventeen years of age in 1841. Emma Amelia Wright born 28 May 1841, Hellen (sic) Jane Wright born Apr 27, 1843 and Alfred Ambrose Wright born - daughters and son of Edmund and Caroline.

Emma Amelia Wright married Richard Gamble Boyce Meares about 1857 they had four sons one died in infancy and the third died about 1883. George Goldsmith Meares and Seymour Boyce Gamble Meares are still living this is the year 1923. Richard Gamble Boyce Meares husband of Emma Amelia Meares died about 1867. In the year 1889 Emma Amelia Meares married Edmund Stirling who died in the year 1897. Emma Amelia Stirling died May 17th, 1923.

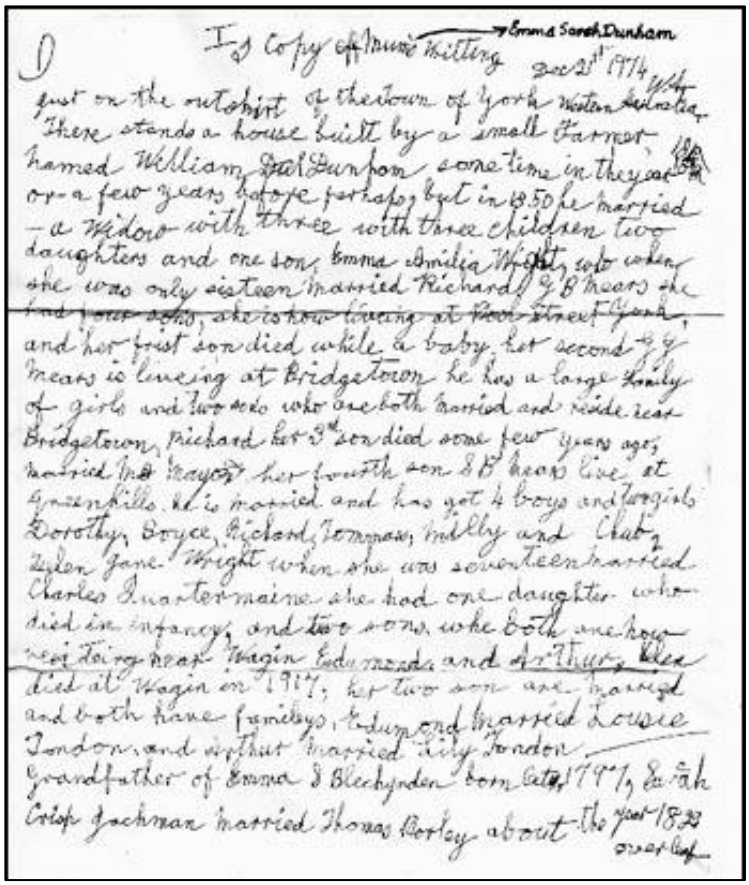
Edmund Wright drowned while crossing the Canning River with some cattle. Caroline Wright widow of Edmund Wright married William Dunham in 1850.

TRANSLATION FROM PART OF THE SIX PAGE DIARY WRITTEN BY EMMA SARAH DUNHAM IN 1922:

Just on the outskirts of the town of York, there stands a house built by a small farmer named William Dunham. Sometime in the year 1849 or a few years before perhaps but in 1850 he married (Mrs. Caroline Wright) a widow with three children two daughters and a son. Emma Amelia Wright who when she was only sixteen married Richard G.B. Meares. She had four sons. She is now living at Pool Street York and her first son died while a baby, her second G.G. Meares is living at Bridgetown, he has a large family of girls and two sons who are both married and reside near Bridgetown. Richard her third son died some few years ago – married M.A. Morgan her fourth son S.B. Meares lives in Greenhill's, he is married and has got 4 boys and two girls. Dorothy, Boyce, Richard, Thomas, Milly and Alf. Helen Jane Wright when she was seventeen married Charles Quartermaine, she had one daughter who died in infancy and two sons who both are now residing near Wagin, Edmond and Arthur. Helen died at Wagin in 1917 her two sons are married, and both have families. Edmund married Louisa Tondut and Arthur

married Lily Tondut. Edmund's children, Albert, Ethel, Clarence, Horace, Maud, Levinia and Edmund Quartermaine.

Arthur's children Arnold, Alice and Olive, Alice and Arnold both married. Alfred Ambrose Wright married when he was twenty-one, he had four sons and two daughters their names are Henry E Wright (not married), Emily (now Mrs. Walter Sexton), George A Wright, Amy (Mrs. Eastcott) now dead, William and Arthur Wright. Emily Sexton's childrens names are Frank killed in action, Ivy now (Mrs. A. Quartermaine), April and Ruby. Now I must go back to continue about my late Father and Mother William and Caroline Dunham of Brocklesby near York, they married in 1850 and first came to live in our old home that is now over seventy-two years ago. My eldest sister Annie Maria Dunham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……unfortunately, the end of the letter.

JESSE and **EMMA** had seven children of their own as follows. Due to the circumstances outlined, when he was six years of age, Ernest Dunham (1878-1959), was also taken in and raised by Jesse and Emma. More details on this in their individual sections.

1. FREDERICK WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN (1883-1917),
2. IDA MAY BLECHYNDEN (1888-1961),
3. BENJAMIN LEWIS BLECHYNDEN (1891-1971),
4. ALFRED WALTER 'BOB' BLECHYNDEN (1894-1976),
5. EVELYN ANNIE BLECHYNDEN (1896-1982) (Twin),
6. GEORGE SEYMOUR BLECHYNDEN 1896-1896) (Twin), and
7. HORACE ERNEST BLECHYNDEN (1899-1955).

5th, 2nd and 4th children of Jesse William Blechynden and Emma Sara (Dunham): Evelyn Annie (Eva), Ida May (standing) and Alfred Walter Blechynden

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Jesse William Blechynden was a Beverley farmer. He signed their marriage certificate with a X. Being born in 1851, Jesse had very little or no schooling. No schools had been established in the district and the first one in Beverley was established about 1872. The following article found in *Trove* is written with very strong feeling and emotion. Perhaps he had someone scribe it for him.

West Australian **(Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Tue 17 Jul 1883, pg 2**
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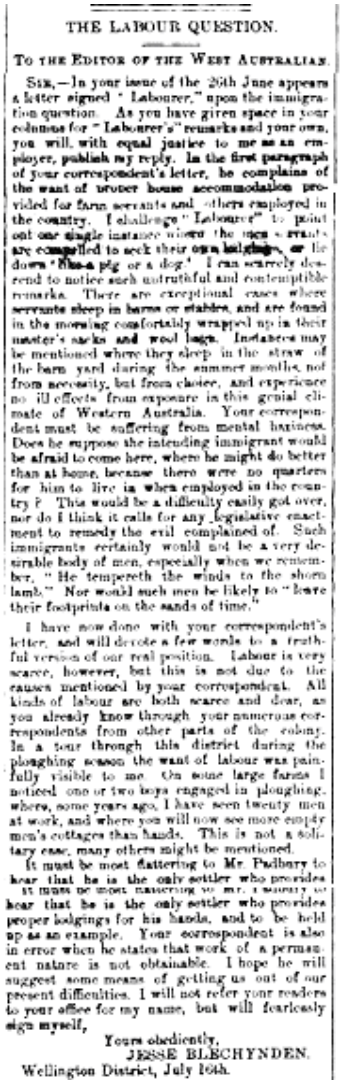
THE LABOUR QUESTION.

To the Editor of the *West Australian*.

Sir, -In your issue of the 26th June appears a letter signed "Labourer", upon the immigration question. As you have given space in your columns for "Labourers" remarks and your own, you will, with, equal justice to me as an employer, publish my reply. In the first paragraph of your correspondent's letter, he complains of the want of proper house accommodation provided for farm servants and others employed in the country. I challenge "Labourer" to point out one single instance where the men servants are 'compelled' to seek their own lodgings, or lie down like a pig or a dog. I can scarcely descend to notice such untruthful and contemptible remarks. There are exceptional cases where servants sleep in barns or stables and are found in the morning comfortably wrapped up in their master's sacks and wool bags. Instances may be mentioned where they sleep in the straw of the barn yard during the summer months, not from necessity, but from choice, and experience no ill effects from exposure in this genial climate of Western Australia. Your correspondent must be suffering from mental haziness. Does he suppose the intending immigrant would be afraid to come here, where he might do better than at home, because there were no quarters for him to live in when employed in the country? This would be a difficulty easily got over, nor do I think it calls for any legislative enactment to remedy the evil complained of. Such immigrants certainly would not be a very desirable body of men, especially when we remember, "He tempereth the winds to the shorn lamb." Nor would such men be likely to "leave their footprints on the sands of time."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It must be most flattering to Mr. Padbury to hear that he is the only settler who provides proper lodgings for his hands, and to be held up as an example. Your correspondent is also in error when he states that work of a permanent nature is not obtainable. I hope he will suggest some means of getting us out of our present difficulties. I will not refer your readers to your office for my name, but will fearlessly sign myself,

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POSTAL DIRECTORIES
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1895 Jesse Blechynden Labourer

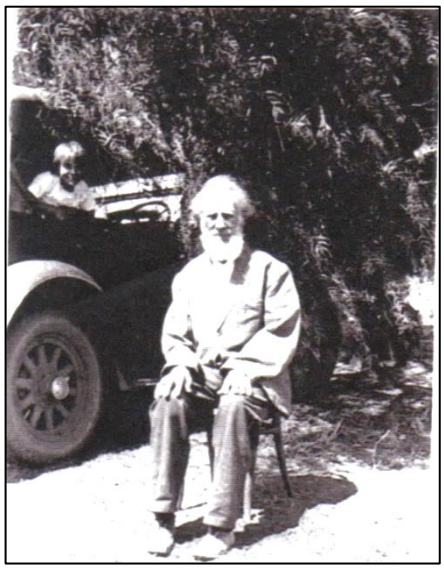
***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Thu 28 Nov 1974, pg 6**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article202743007.txt
In this article there is mention of Police Constable Thomas Edwards in 1881, visiting the station, claimed by Jess Blechynden.

AS IT WAS . . .

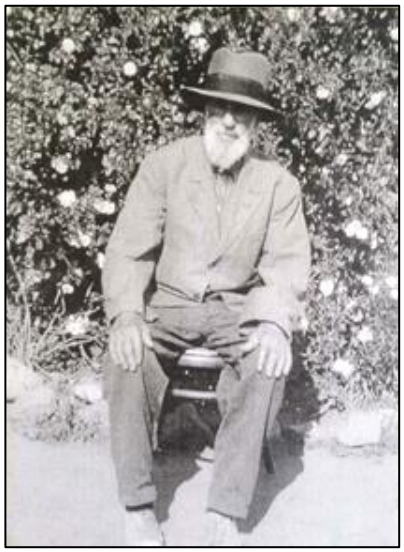
The following items, culled from the diary kept by Police Constable Thomas Edwards -Beverley's first police officer have been supplied by Mr H. T. (Bubs) Edwards. Readers will no doubt appreciate this peep at some early history of our district. The extracts read:

August 22nd, 1881: *Left station at 1.00p.m. for bush in search of native "Toby" having received information he was in the neighbourhood of Hancock's and Fleay's. . .*

. . . Now at the station, claimed by Jesse Blechynden. October 18th, 1881: Patrolling district and arrested aboriginal native "Yowan" on warrant charged with spearing aboriginal native woman "Amoo" through the thigh — Also took in "Amoo's" man "Weerell" as witness. October 31st, 1881: Left the station for York at 7a.m...



Jesse William Blechynden. Courtesy Mary Coulthard

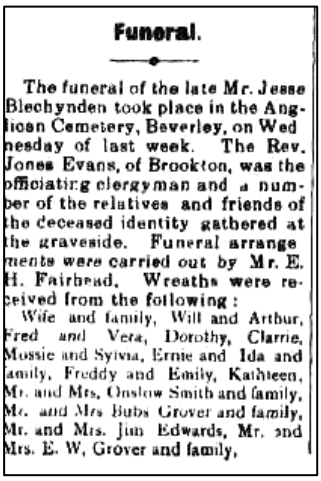


Electoral Roll:
1910 Jesse William Blechynden, Farmers paddock, East Beverley, contractor, Emma Sarah Blechynden, Salt Spring, housekeeper.
1913, 1917, 1925, 1931 Jesse William Blechynden, Mt Kokeby, farm assistant, Emma Sarah Blechynden, Bellbelling, Beverley, housekeeper.
1935 Emma Sarah Blechynden, Bellbelling, Beverley, housekeeper.

Jesse William Blechynden (1851-1934) died 1 May 1934 in Beverley, WA. (Age 82 years). Buried May 1934, Anglican section, Beverley Cemetery, WA

Funeral

The funeral of the late Mr. Jesse Blechynden took place in the Anglican Cemetery, Beverley on Wednesday of last week. The Rev Jones Evans, of Brookton was the officiating Clergyman and a number of relatives and friends of the deceased identity gathered at the graveside. Funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. E. H. Fairhead. Wreaths were received from the following: Wife and family, Will and Arthur, Fred and



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Headstone of Jesse William Blechynden, Anglican section, Beverley Cemetery.

Fob Watch chain which belonged to Jessie William Blechynden and was handed down to Mary Coulthard.

Via Mary Coulthard:

Sarah was blind later in life. She used to position herself in the middle of her house so that she knew when visitors were there and could have a chat and keep up to date with what was happening in the family. I remember Mum telling me that she and Dad went to visit Emma Sarah, if anyone walked through, she would collar them! "Who's that! who's that?" Mum (Polly) who had not been told this, was "collared! Why didn't I ask her what they chatted about???

Emma Sarah Blechynden when she was at Doug House, Forest St, Beverley.

The Late Mrs E. S. Blechynden

DAUGHTER OF PIONEERS

Brief reference was made in last issue to the passing at the Beverley Hospital of Mrs Emma Sarah Blechynden, mother of a family of sons and daughters well-known in this district, and widow of the late J W Blechynden, who was born in the district and was one of the early day sandal wood carters. The late Mrs Blechynden, who was 84 years of age at the time of her demise, was born in York; being the youngest daughter of the late William and Caroline Dunham. Before he began farming operations in the York district her father was for a period the mail contractor and coach driver between Guildford and York. She was married at the age of 20 and came to Beverley where she lived for the remainder of her days, the greater part of the time being spent in the Morbinning area. She had been ailing for a lengthly period and her death occurred within a few days of her admission to hospital.

The deceased citizen's family comprises: Ida (Mrs E Jackson, Main Camp), Ben (Southern Cross) Alfred (Morbinning), Eva (Beverley) and Ernest (Morbinning). She is also survived by a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The funeral took place at the Methodist Cemetery on July 9th, after a service at the Church. The Rev. McNair officiated and the arrangements were carried out by Mr E T Fairhead. The pallbearers were Messrs F Hobbs, S Manuel, I Petchell, F Young, W Curtis and S Wansbrough.

Emma Sarah DUNHAM (1862-1947) died 7 Jul 1947 Beverley, WA (Age 84 Years). Buried at Beverley, WA.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 18 Jul 1947, pg 1**
18 Jul 1947 - The Late Mrs E. S. Blechynden (nla.gov.au)

The Late Mrs E. S. Blechynden

DAUGHTER OF PIONEERS

Brief reference was made in last issue to the passing at the Beverley Hospital of Mrs Emma Sarah Blechynden, mother of a family of sons and daughters well-known in this district, and widow of the late J. W. Blechynden, who was born in the district and was one of the early day sandal wood carters. The late Mrs Blechynden, who was 84 years of age at the time of her demise, was born in York; being the youngest daughter of the late William and Caroline Dunham. Before he began farming operations in the York district her father was for a period the mail contractor and coach driver between Guildford and

York. She was married at the age of 20 and came to Beverley where she lived for the remainder of her days, the greater part of the time being spent in the Morbinning area. She had been ailing for a lengthy period and her death occurred within a few days of her admission to hospital.

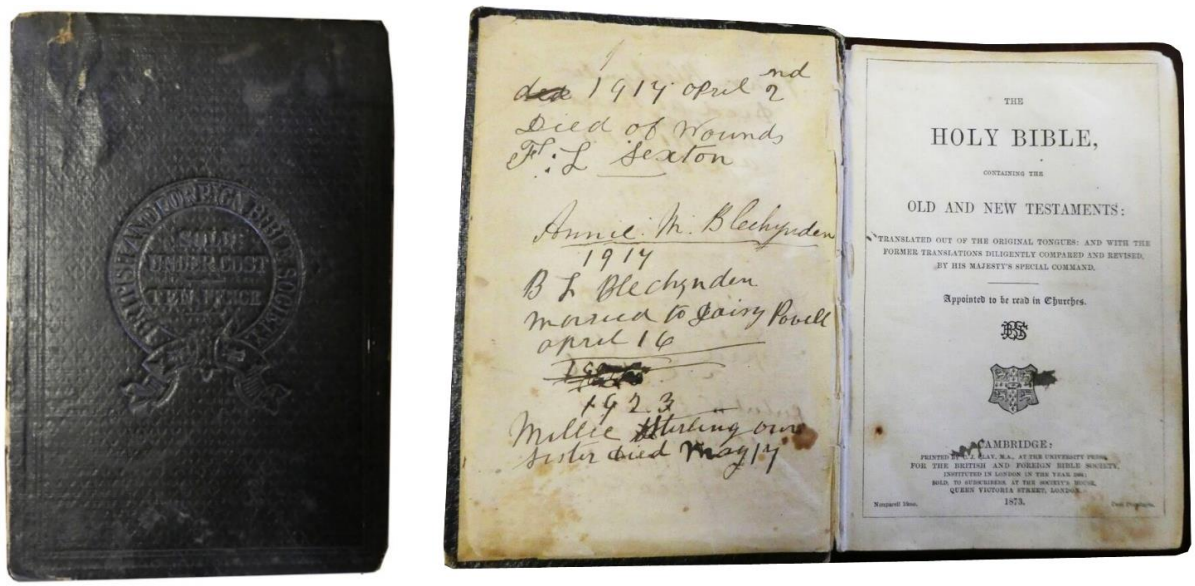
The deceased citizen's family comprises: Ida (Mrs E Jackson, Main Camp), Ben (Southern Cross) Alfred (Morbinning), Eva (Beverley) and Ernest (Morbinning). She is also survived by a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The funeral took place at the Methodist Cemetery on July 9th, after a service at the Church. The Rev, McNair officiated, and the arrangements were carried out by Mr E. T. Fairhead. The pallbearers were Messrs F Hobbs. S Manuel, I Petchell, F Young, W Curtis and S Wansbrough.

In
Loving Memory
OF
OUR DEAR MOTHER
EMMA SARAH
BLECHYNDEN
WHO
PASSED AWAY
7TH JULY 1947
AGED 84 YRS.

AT REST

Headstone of Emma Sarah Blechynden (nee Dunham), Methodist section, Beverley Cemetery.

JESSE WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN - FAMILY BIBLE



Above images of Family Bible of Jesse William and Annie Maria Blechynden

Transcription by Angela Blechynden from Jesse William Blechynden's Family Bible, following. Please note that these transcribed pages may contain names and dates of the living. Please be aware of privacy and confidentiality.

Jesse W. Blechynden Family Bible

Dansey Lewis William Blechynden
son of BL + Daisy Blechynden
Born March 7th 1918
Ellen May Peace Blechynden
Born July 18th 1919
Thomas Albert Baden Blechynden
Born April 14th 1921
Amy Sarah Annie Blechynden
Born January 23rd 1923
Olive Beatrice Pearl Blechynden
Born Dec 24th 1924
Evelyn ~~Kett~~ Unice Jessie Blechynden
Born Sep. 25th 1926
Alfred Walter Blechynden
Born June 14th 1894
Married Christina Mary Doohan Born 1900

Children of the above
Kathleen Mary Blechynden Born Feb 2nd 1922
Emily Muriel Blechynden Born Aug 3rd 1923
Frederick William Doohan Blechynden
Born January 30th 1925
Kathleen Mary Blechynden accidentally killed April 9th 1932
Ernest John Blechynden accidentally killed Aug 12th 1960
Benjamin Lewis Blechynden died July 24th 1971
Maureen Joan Cameron died Oct 24th 1972
38 years old of Dampier Hazel daughter result of car accident

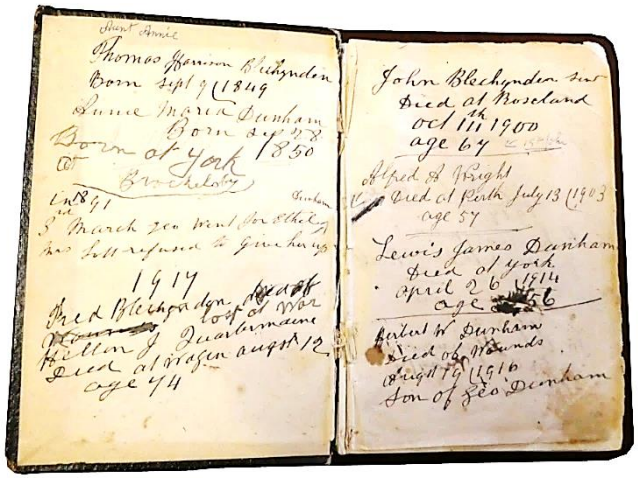
Bible of Evelyn Annie Blechynden (Aunt Eva) passed to me by Emma Sarah Dunham Blechynden. held by Polly Blechynden of Palmyra.

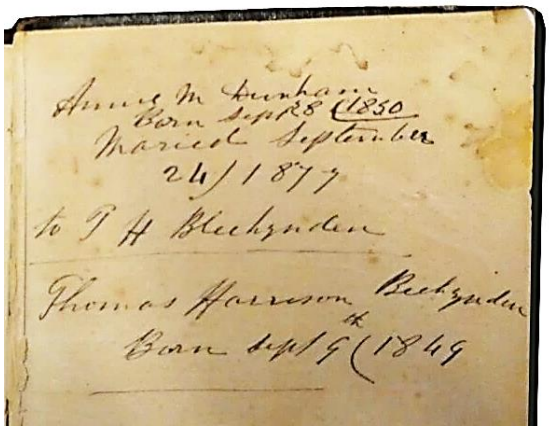
Last page Polly's Bible.

Horace Ernest Blechynden
Married October 31st 1929
Ethel Maria Edwards born Dec 1st 1911
Ernest "John" Blechynden son of the above. born June 14th 1930
Ada Kathleen Blechynden daughter of the above
born July 9th 1933
Donald William Blechynden son of the above
Born Nov 18th 1934
Emma Sarah Blechynden died July 7th 1947 ~~Home~~
Patricia Stella Sept. 18th 1945 daughter of Ernest + Ethel.
Horace Ernest Blechynden died April 15th 1955
Age 56 years
Nellie died 9 Feb 1957 Ben's daughter.
Ida May Jackson Dec 11th 1961 sister of Eva Blechynden
Douglas Edward Jackson died Nov 6th 1970 Age 58
Benjamin Lewis Blechynden died July 24th 1971 age 80 years 6 months
Marie St Jack killed by train June 26th 1972 daughter of Neil + Pat at York
Silvia Allen son's killed in a car accidentally Ken Brian Dec 9th 1972
Bob Alfred Walter died Sept 7th 1976 aged 82 years Frederick William Doohan Blechynden died May 7th 1977
Iris & Giles died May 8th 1977 (cousin of Eva) nee Dunham the last of Lew Dunham of York.

Copied from Jesse William Blechynden's Family Bible.
A. Blechynden. 1992.

Pages from Jesse and Annie Blechynden's Bible





DNA EVIDENCE via Tracey Currigan, 10 Jul 2021:

Although there is no DNA proof, my mother discovered in her research and family knowledge that Horace Ernest Blechynden, along with three other siblings (at least) was the biological son of John Edwards (eldest son of Thomas and Ann Maria Edwards).

Emma was John's live-in housekeeper/nanny after the death of his wife, leaving him with five children aged seven and under to care for. Emma and Jesse were no longer living together.

When John Edwards died, Horace Ernest kept working his farm, Bellbeling. There is DNA evidence that his older brother, Alfred Walter Blechynden, was fathered by John Edwards.

This means that Horace and Ethel were actually first cousins. (ed. Ethel (Edwards) was the wife of Horace – see details further on.)

FIRST CHILD OF JESSE BLECHYNDEN & EMMA DUNHAM

1. BLECHYNDEN, FREDERICK WILLIAM (1883-1917) & SAVAGE, EDITH (1894-1973)

Frederick William Blechynden was born 6 Jul 1883, York, WA [Reg. 37]. Recorded as Fredk William. Frederick was killed in action in Lagnicourt, France 16 Apr 1917.

Frederick William Blechynden

FREDERICK BLECHYNDEN (1883-1917) married **EDITH SAVAGE (1894-1973)**, 7 May 1914, Beverley, registered in York, WA [Reg. 8].

Edith Savage was born 18 Apr 1894, Beverley, WA, father, **HARRY SAVAGE (1868-1944)**, mother, **CHARLOTTE SARAH BISHOP (1871-1927)**, WA [Reg. 714]. Edith Sims (Blechynden nee Savage) died 14 Mar 1973, Northam, WA, aged 73 years. Buried Northam Cemetery, WA.

Following are details of Edith Savage's parents Harry Savage (1868-1944) and Charlotte Sarah Webb Bishop (1871-1927, and her grandparents.

HARRY SAVAGE (1868-1944) was born 1868, Bosmere, Suffolk, England, parents: **GEORGE SAVAGE (1844-1918)** and **EMMA PLUMMER (1843-1928)** who were married 1866, Stowlangtoff, Suffolk, England. Harry was the third child of twelve children. The family all remained in England except for Harry who emigrated to WA. Harry died 3 Aug 1944, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400031], aged 78 years, parents George Savage and Emma Plummer.

CHARLOTTE SARAH WEBB BISHOP (1871-1927) was born 7 Jul 1871, York, WA [Reg. 13245]. Registered as Charlotte, Sarah Webb Bishop. Parents: **JAMES JOHN BISHOP (1838-1911)** and **MARY ANN COLE (1842-1913)** who were married 10 Feb 1860, York, WA [Reg. 1511]. Registered as Mary Ann Cole. Charlotte was the eighth of twelve children who were all born in WA.

Harry and Charlotte married in 1895, York, WA [Reg. 155]. Registered as Charlotte Sarah Bishop. They had seven children.

Edith Savage's grandparents.

1. EDITH SAVAGE (1894-1973) 'Edi' married **PTE. FREDERICK BLECHYNDEN (1883-1917)** 7 May 1914, Beverley, registered in York, WA [Reg. 8]. They had two children. After her husband Frederick was Killed in Action in 1917, Edith married again. More details following.

m.2 EDITH BLECHYNDEN (NEE SAVAGE) (1894-1973) married JOSEPH WILLIAM SIMS (1889-1960), 1918, York, WA [Reg. 5]. They had four children. Gertrude Charlotte, Lily May Gale, Edith and Edith.

2. GEORGE SAVAGE (1895–1970) married GERTRUDE ELSIE ROBERTS (1897-1978) 4 Oct 1916, North Beverley, WA [Reg. 400035]. They had seven children.
3. MARY MADGE SAVAGE (1897–1983) married HERBERT CARR (1897-1972) 16 Apr 1917, Haisthorpe, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400014]. They had four children.
4. GERTRUDE CHARLOTTE SAVAGE (1904–1991) 'Gertie' married ROBERT GEORGE SIMS (1893-1963) 1923, Haisthorpe, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400044]. They had three children.

5. HILDA EMMA SAVAGE (1907–1930) married ALFRED ADDERSON COLLINS (1902-1985) 19 Nov 1926, York, WA [Reg. 7100002].
6. LILY MAY SAVAGE (1910–1992) married GEORGE PHILLIP GALE (1913-1993) 1935, Wiluna, East Murchison, WA [Reg. 4500063]. Registered under George Philip Yale, sic. They had two children.
7. RITA SAVAGE (1913–1915) was born 1913, York, WA [Reg. 62]. She 1915, York, WA [Reg. 7100002], aged 1 year.

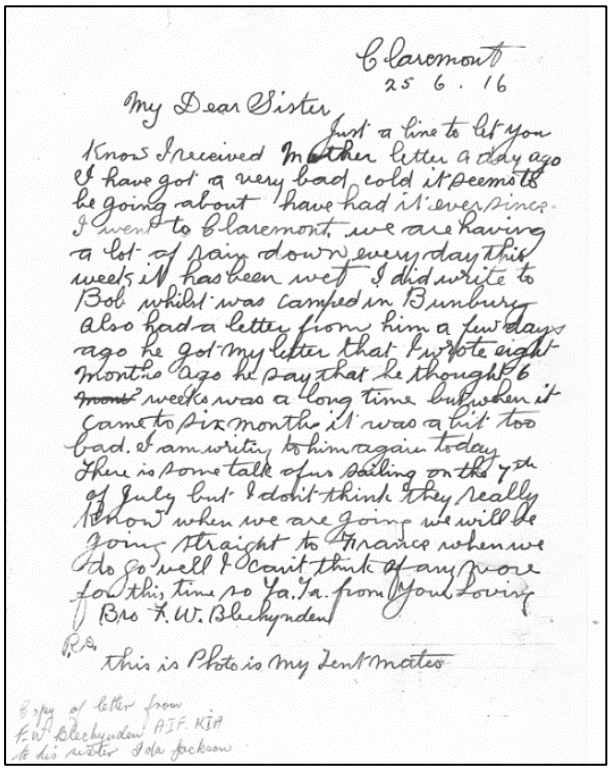
Edith Savage was married twice.
m.1 EDITH SAVAGE (1894-1973) married **FREDERICK BLECHYNDEN (1883-1917)**, 7 May 1914, Beverley, registered in York, WA [Reg. 8]. Tragically, Frederick Blechynden was killed in action in Lagnicourt, France on 16 Apr 1917.

FREDERICK and **EDITH** had two children as follows:

1. BLECHYNDEN, GEORGE SEYMOUR (1915-1916) was born 1915, Victoria Park, WA [Reg. 520]. He died 1916, Perth, WA [Reg. 100011], aged nine months.

2. BLECHYNDEN, GORDON FREDERICK (1916-1999) was born 3 Jun 1916, Perth, WA [Reg. 998]. He married DOROTHY 'DOT' BINGHAM, 1940, Swan, WA [Reg.1] and they had five children. Gordon died 6 Jul 1999.

FREDERICK WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN was Killed in Action during WW1. He embarked at Fremantle WA on HMAT A28 "Miltiades", 7 Aug 1916. 5 Dec 1916 Proc. O/Seas to France per S.S. "Princess Victoria" – Folkstone, England. Posted to Etables, France. SERN 5993, POB (given as) York WA: POE Perth WA: NOK W Blechynden Edith. Killed in action in Lagnicourt, France 16 Apr 1917. No known grave. Following is a letter contributed by Mary Coulthard. It was written by Frederick to his sister Ida Jackson while he was still awaiting departure for France. It doesn't have much historical information but is included for general interest. (Typed as written).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My Dear Sister
Just a line to let you know I received Mother letter a day ago I have got a very bad cold it seems to be going about have had it ever since I went to Claremont, we are having a lot of rain down every day this week it has been wet I did write to Bob whilst was camped in Bunbury also had a letter from him a few days ago he got my letter that I wrote eight months ago he say that he thought 6 ~~months~~ weeks was a long time but when it came to six months it was a bit too bad. I am writing to him again today There is some talk of us sailing on the 7th of July but I don't think they really know when we are going we will be going straight to France when we do go well I can't think of any more for this time so Ta. Ta. from your Loving
Bro F. W. Blechynden

P.S. this is Photo is my Tent mates

Copy of letter from F.W. Blechynden A.I.F. KIA to his sister Ida Jackson

Claremont
25 6 16

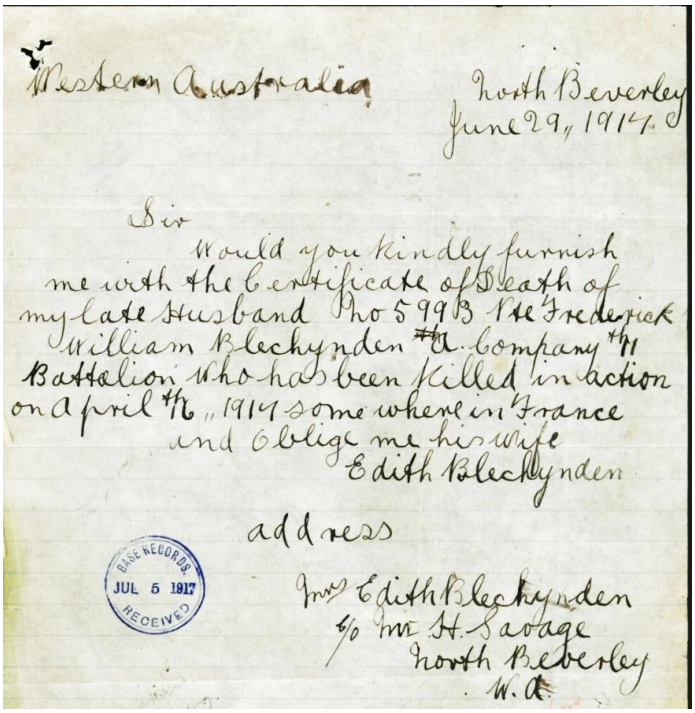
My Dear Sister

Just a line to let you know I received Mother letter a day ago. I have got a very bad cold it seems to be going about have had it ever since I went to Claremont. We are having a lot of rain down every day this week. It has been wet. I did write to Bob whilst camped in Bunbury. Also had a letter from him a few days ago he got my letter that I wrote eight months ago he say that he thought 6 weeks was a long time but when it came to six months it was a bit too bad. I am writing to him again today There is some talk of us sailing on the 7th of July but I don't think they really know when we are going. We will be going straight to France when we do go. Well, I can't think of any more for this time so Ta. Ta. From your Loving
Bro F.W. Blechynden

P.S. this is Photo is my Tent Mates.
Note: It is not known where this photo is.

FREDERICK WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN - KILLED IN ACTION, 16 APR 1917, FRANCE WW1.

Following being notified of her husband Frederick William Blechynden being Killed in Action, Edith wrote a letter a letter requesting his death certificate. What a sad time for her and his family.



Western Australia North Beverley June 29th 1917.

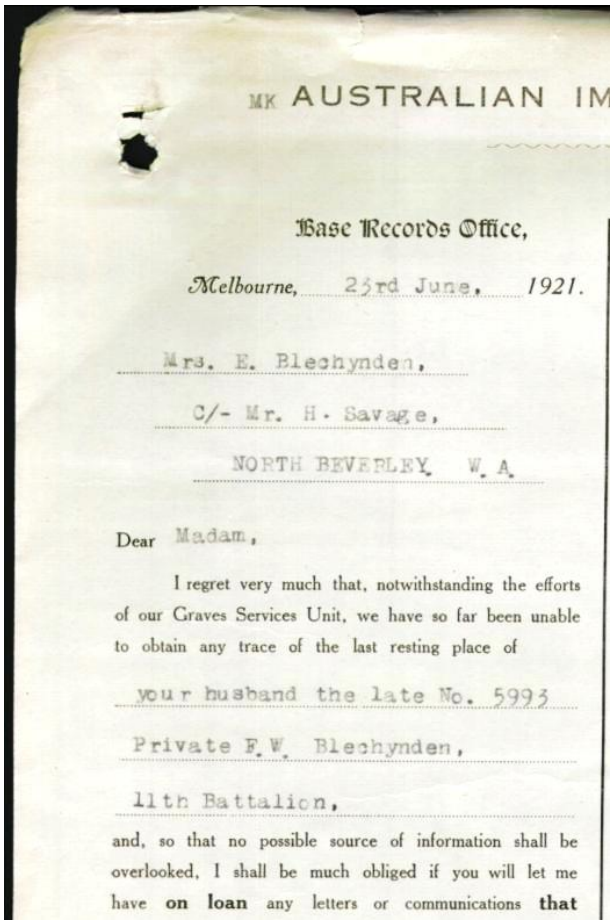
Sir
Would you kindly furnish me with the Certificate of Death of my late Husband No 5993 Pte Frederick William Blechynden 11th Company 11th Battalion who has been killed in action on April 16th 1917 some where in France and Oblige me his wife
Edith Blechynden

address
Mrs Edith Blechynden
c/o Mr H. Savage
North Beverley
W.A.

BASE RECORDS JUL 5 1917 RECEIVED

Following is a letter sent to Edith by the Australian Imperial Force saying they did not know the last resting place of Frederick William Blechynden. The letter is cropped into sections in order to fit it on the page.

Letter informing Edith that they at this stage had no knowledge of his last resting place.



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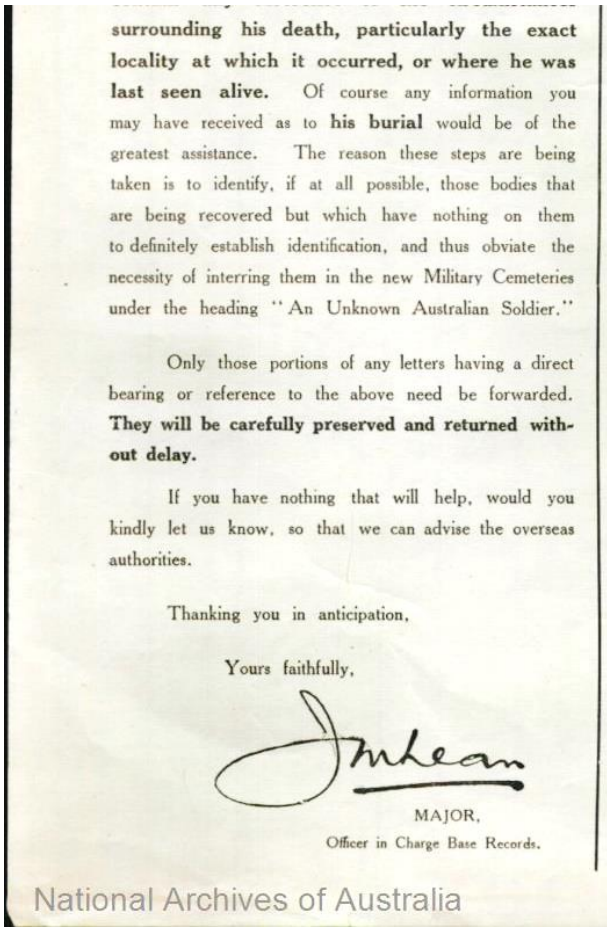
Base Records Office,

Melbourne, 23rd June, 1921.

Mrs. E. Blechynden,
C/- Mr. H. Savage,
NORTH BEVERLEY W. A.

Dear Madam,

I regret very much that, notwithstanding the efforts of our Graves Services Unit, we have so far been unable to obtain any trace of the last resting place of your husband the late No. 5993 Private F.W. Blechynden, 11th Battalion, and, so that no possible source of information shall be overlooked, I shall be much obliged if you will let me have **on loan** any letters or communications **that**



surrounding his death, particularly the exact locality at which it occurred, or where he was last seen alive. Of course any information you may have received as to **his burial** would be of the greatest assistance. The reason these steps are being taken is to identify, if at all possible, those bodies that are being recovered but which have nothing on them to definitely establish identification, and thus obviate the necessity of interring them in the new Military Cemeteries under the heading "An Unknown Australian Soldier."

Only those portions of any letters having a direct bearing or reference to the above need be forwarded. **They will be carefully preserved and returned without delay.**

If you have nothing that will help, would you kindly let us know, so that we can advise the overseas authorities.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

MAJOR,
Officer in Charge Base Records.

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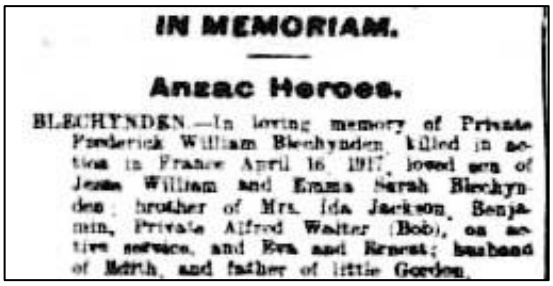
IN MEMORIUM

Anzac Heroes

BLECHYNDEN. -In loving memory of Private Frederick William Blechynden killed in action in France April 16, 1917: loved son of Jesse William and Emma Sarah Blechynden; brother of Mrs. Ida Jackson, Benjamin, private Alfred Walter (Bob), on active service, and Eva and Ernest; husband of Edith, and father of little Gordon.



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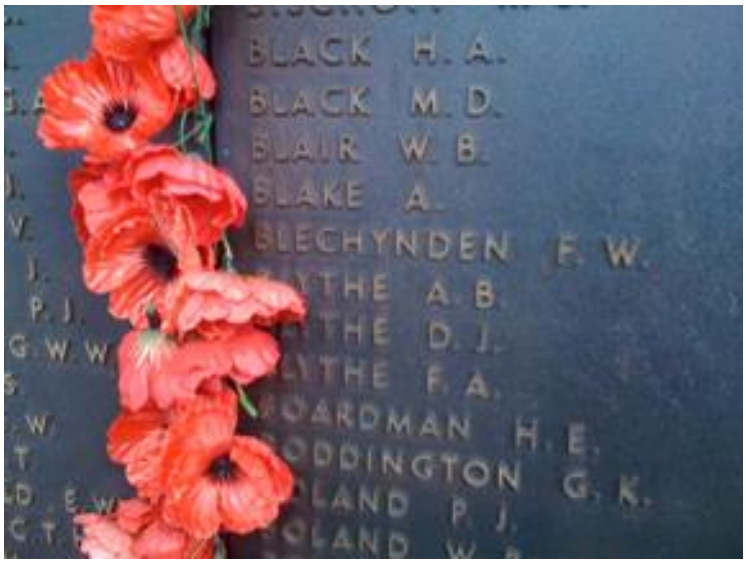
Cemetery Details | CWGC

Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, France. Villers-Bretonneux is a village about 15 km east of Amiens. The Memorial stands on the high ground ('Hill 104') behind the Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery, Fouilloy, which is about 2 km north of Villers-Bretonneux on the east side of the road to Fouilloy.

Image of Frederick William's details, Villers Bretonneux Memorial. Courtesy Lindsay Adams.



Above: *Wall of Honour at the Aust War Memorial.*

Left: *Blechynden Frederick William*
Killed in action in France 16 Apr 1917.

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m.2 EDITH BLECHYNDEN (NEE SAVAGE) (1894-1973) married **JOSEPH WILLIAM SIMS (1889-1960)**, 1918, York, WA [Reg. 5]. Via the Phillip Gregory Mouritz Family Tree, Joseph was born 1889, York, WA [Reg. 1192]. His father was **WILLIAM JAMES SIMS (1863-1939)** and mother, **MARGARET HOULIHAN (1865-1919)**. Joseph died in 1960 at Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital, WA [Reg. 213].

CHILD RAISED BY JESSE WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN & AND EMMA SARAH DUNHAM

ERNEST DUNHAM (1878-1959) Taken in by Jessie and Emma and Blechynden

In 1878, Emma's brother **George William Dunham (1855-1941**) had a child out of wedlock with **Fanny Woods (1859-1891**), named **Ernest Dunham.** As mentioned previously, when he was six years of age, Ernest was taken in by Emma and Jesse Blechynden.

Ernest Dunham was born 28 Jun 1878, Beverley, WA [Reg. 19383], parents recorded as **GEORGE WILLIAM DUNHAM** and **FANNY WOODS**. His parents were not married.

When George William Dunham married Sarah Jane Edgar on 14 Jun 1879, baby Ernest was promptly dumped by Fanny on their doorstep.

m.1. GEORGE WILLIAM DUNHAM (1855-1941) married **SARAH JANE EDGAR (1854-1884)**, 14 Jun 1879, York, WA [Reg. 4692].

On the 5 Oct 1884 Sarah died and Ernest, then aged six years, was handed to his grandparents William and Caroline Dunham. Sadly, his grandfather William Dunham died the following day on 6 Oct 1884. Six-year-old Ernest was then taken by his Aunt Emma and Uncle Jesse Blechynden. Emma and Jessie had one child at this time, Frederick William born 6 Jul 1883, who was 15 months old. Their next child did not arrive until 8 Apr 1888, being a five-year gap. In 1892 Ernest (about 14) was selected for employment as a telephonist in York and soon transferred to Wagin.

Mary Coulthard commented: *THIS STORY is from Neville Dunham's book "Across the Lake." Mum always said Ernest was dumped on the doorstep in a basket and always referred to him as the baby in the basket! She must have heard that story from Grandad Ben, as she never knew who it was and was overjoyed when she read it in Nev's book!*

To avoid repetition, more details on Fanny Woods can be found in the section on Ernest Dunham (1878-1959) in the Dunham section of Thomas Harrison Blechynden and Emma Sarah Dunham.
ERNEST DUNHAM (1878-1959) married **MARY MAY MOORE (~1883-1959) Ellie**, 9 Aug 1899, Wagin, WA [Reg. 847]. He died 2 Feb 1959, Lake Grace, (Katanning), WA [Reg. 10].

SECOND CHILD OF JESSE BLECHYNDEN & EMMA DUNHAM

2. BLECHYNDEN, IDA MAY (1888-1961) & JACKSON, ERNEST EDWARD (1872-1948)

Thank you to Robyne Lancaster who is from this line and shared much of this information from her own tree and research via Geoff Blackburn, whose great-great-grandfather was Edmund Richard Wright (1816-1847).

Ida May Blechynden

BLECHYNDEN, IDA MAY (1888-1961) was born 8 Apr 1888, Beverley, WA [Reg. 442]. She died 11 Dec 1961, Beverley, WA [Reg. 40]. Buried Beverley Cemetery.

IDA married **ERNEST EDWARD JACKSON (1872-1948)** on 1 Jan 1907, Beverley, WA [Reg. 2]. Ernest was born 1872, Perth, WA [Reg No 14220]. Parents: **THOMAS JACKSON (1818-1882)** and **ELIZABETH SNART AYERS (1842-1883)** who were married 18 Oct 1869, Perth, WA [Reg. 3022]. Ernest died 1948, Beverley, WA [Reg. 16].

The next few pages contain details of Ernest Edward Jackson's parents and his grandparents.

AYERS, ELIZABETH 'BETSY' SNART (1842-1883) (via Kathleen Cox family Tree, Ancestry) was born 1842, Stamford, Lincolnshire, England, Baptised 22 May 1842, Stamford, Lincolnshire, England. Her parents were **THOMAS AYERS (1816-1874)** and **MATILDA SNART (1818-1874)** who were married 27 Feb 1836, Northamptonshire, England. Betsy was the fourth out of ten children, eight of who were born in Peterborough, Northamptonshire, England. Emigration: 31 May 1852, Swan River Colony (Perth), WA via the *Raleigh.*

Following their arrival in WA, their ninth child, Alfred Thomas, was born 1855, Perth, WA [Reg. 2837] and tenth, John William Mansfield Ayers was born 27 Jun 1857, Adelaide, SA [Pg. 94 Vol 11]. Sadly, he died at the age of two years in 1859, VIC. [Reg. 412].

Thomas and Matilda and children Henry, Frederick, Richard, Alfred (born 1855) moved to New Zealand via the *Dunedin* in 1860. Henry was aged 17 years. Robert appears on passenger list for the ship *Pirate* travelling from Melbourne to join his family who arrived in Dunedin the previous year. Thomas stayed in SA. Mary Ann, Charles and Elizabeth remained in WA. Thomas Alfred Ayers died 23 Oct 1897, Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand. Matilda Ayers (nee Snart) died 15 Jan 1874, Caversham, Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand.

CHILDREN OF THOMAS AYERS (1816-1874) AND MATILDA SNART (1818-1874):

1. THOMAS AYERS (1835-1911)
2. MARY ANN AYERS (1838–1923)
3. CHARLES WILLIAM AYERS (1840–1889)
4. **ELIZABETH SNART AYERS (1842–1883)**
5. HENRY AYERS (1844–1910)
6. ROBERT AYERS (1845–)
7. FREDERICK AYERS (1848–1930)
8. RICHARD AYERS (1851–1930)
9. ALFRED THOMAS AYERS (1855–1933)
10. JOHN WILLIAM MANSFIELD AYERS (1857–1859).

The following children remained in WA.

1. THOMAS AYERS (1835-1911) married **CATHERINE MATILDA ENDERSBY (1841-1912)** 1862, Perth, WA [Reg. 1763]. Registered as Matilda Enderby, sic.

2. MARY ANN AYERS (1838–1923) married **WILLIAM ROLFE (1830-1898)** 11 Jul 1853, Perth, WA [Reg. 522]. She then married a second time to **GEORGE THOMAS LADHAMS (1831-1921)** 1898, Albany, WA [Reg.1448].

3. CHARLES WILLIAM AYERS (1840–1889) married **ELIZABETH HANNEY (1856-1878)** 1872, Albany, WA [Reg. 3470].

4. ELIZABETH SNART AYERS (1842–1883) Ernest Edward Jackson's mother. Details, following.

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m.1 ELIZABETH SNART AYERS (1842-1883) married **GEORGE SHARMAN (1829-1881)**18 Sep 1857, Perth, WA [Reg. 1100]. Registered as Betsy Elizabeth Snart Ayers. **GEORGE** was a convict, registration No: 3507, tried in Lincoln, 3 Jul 1851, term 10 years, Arrival via the ship *Adelaide*, 3 Jul 1853. George died 1881, WA [Reg. 11103]. Registered under Shearman. **ELIZABETH** and **GEORGE** had six children, as follows, all born in WA.

1. GEORGE HENRY SHARMAN (1856-1914) married FLORENCE MARY DAVIS (1871-1925), 1891, York, WA [Reg. 236].

2. THOMAS HENRY SHARMAN JACKSON (1860-1952) (birth registered under Sharman, surname later changed to Jackson) married EMILY TREW (1856-1950), 3 Sep 1884, Perth, WA [Reg. 5836].

3. ALICE SOUTCOTE SHERMAN (1862-1914) (birth registered under Sherman, surname later changed to Jackson) married DAVID LYONS (1856-1917), 1881, Perth, WA [Reg. 5218].

4. MARTHA LOUISA SARAH SHERMAN (1864-1939) (birth registered under Sherman, surname later changed to Jackson) married BENJAMIN GEORGE HENRY COX (1855-1942), 3 Aug 1880, Perth, WA [Reg. 4931].

5. WILLIAM HENRY SOUTH SHERMAN (1866-1939) (birth registered under Sherman, surname later changed to Jackson) married **MARY MARTIN (1872-1954)**, 1898, Beverley, WA [Reg. 11].

6. ALFRED AUGUSTAS SHERMAN (1868-1934) (birth registered under Sherman, surname later changed to Jackson) married **NORAH MARTIN (1874-1945)**, 1895, Beverley, WA [Reg.273].

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m.2 ELIZABETH SHARMAN (NEE AYERS) (1842-1883) married **THOMAS JACKSON (1818-1882)** 1869, Perth, WA [Reg. 3022], registered as Elizabeth Ayres. **THOMAS** was born 1818, Horncastle, Lincolnshire, England. He died 19 Dec 1882, Guildford, WA [Reg. 11629] aged 56 years. Thomas was a convict, a brick and tile maker, sentenced for seven years. He arrived in Fremantle, WA on 31 Jan 1852, on the *Marion* a convict ship. Reel number FCN42, Reference number ACC 128/40-43. His age given as 33 years, approx. birth date 1819. Discrepancy: This differs from his death date in 1882, aged 56 years which would make his birth date 1826. He obtained his Ticket of Leave on 31 Jan 1852 and a conditional pardon on 27 Jan 1854. **ELIZABETH** and **THOMAS had six children as follows:**

1. WALTER FREDERICK JACKSON (1870-1914) was born 1870, Perth, WA [Reg. 12554]. Walter died 21 Aug 1914, Beverley, WA [Reg.40].

2. ERNEST EDWARD JACKSON (1872-1948) was born 1872, Perth, WA [Reg. 14220]. Ernest died Jun 1948, Beverley, WA [Reg. 16]. **ERNEST** married **IDA MAY BLECHYNDEN (1888-1961)** on 1 Jan 1907, Beverley, WA [Reg. 2]. More details below.

3. FREDERICK CHARLES JACKSON (1874-1902) was born 1874, Perth, WA [Reg. 16055]. Frederick died 20 Dec 1902, Perth, WA [Reg. 2664]. Burial, Beverley Anglican Cemetery, WA.

4. AGNES ELIZABETH JACKSON (1876-1876) was born 1876, Perth, WA [Reg. 17479]. Agnes died aged two months 28 Sep 1876, WA [Reg. 9051]. Buried, 29 Sep 1876, East Perth Cemetery, WA.

5. HERBERT EDWARD JACKSON (1877-1879) was born Sep 1877, Perth, WA [Reg. 18403]. Herbert died aged one year six months, 1 Mar 1879, WA [Reg No 10096]. Buried 2 Mar 1879, East Perth Cemetery, WA. Cause of death, croup.

6. DAVID ALBERT HERBERT JACKSON (1881-) was born 1881, Perth, WA [Reg No,.21975]. Via Ancestry Family Tree. Married in New Zealand to Lilly (1885-)

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m.3 ELIZABETH SNART JACKSON (NEE AYERS) (1842-1883) married **WILLIAM PARKER**, 13 Aug 1883, Guildford, WA [Reg. 5551]. Registered under Elizabeth Jackson.

CHILDREN OF IDA MAY BLECHYNDEN (1888-1961) and **ERNEST EDWARD JACKSON (1872-1948):** Via Kathleen Cox Family Tree, Ancestry.

1. JACKSON, FREDERICK ERNEST (1907-1989) was born 23 Oct 1907, Beverley, WA [Reg. 138]. He died 15 Jul 1989, Kewdale, WA. FREDERICK married **m1. IRENE VERONICA 'VERA' NOONAN (1911-1937)** 10 Nov 1930, Beverley, WA [Reg No. 43]. FREDERICK **m2. MARJORIE SHEILS (1918-2005)**, 1939, Northam, WA [Reg No. 62].

2. JACKSON, HAZEL MAY (1910-1998) was born 16 Apr 1910, Beverley, WA [Reg. 77]. Hazel died 3 Jun 1998, Beverley, WA. HAZEL married **WILLIAM ANGUS MCDONALD (1906-1948)**, 19 Jun 1927, Beverley, WA [Reg. 22].

3. JACKSON, DOUGLAS EDWARD (1912-1970) was born 17 Jun 1912, Beverley, WA [Reg.79]. He died 6 Nov 1970, Perth, WA [Reg. 4122]. DOUGLAS married **THISBE REGINA 'DOLLY' SASSELLA (1918-2018)**, 24 Aug 1935, Beverley, WA [Reg. 34]. Registered as Thisbe Regina Jackson.

4. JACKSON, CLARENCE WILLIAM (1919-1980) was born 23 Jun 1919, Reg District, Beverley, WA [Reg. 78]. He died 1980, Gascoyne, WA [Reg. 61]. CLARENCE married **m.2 BARBARA CAMPBELL MCLEAN PEIRCE (NEE WILLIAMSON) (1915-)**, 1941, Perth, WA [Reg. 2303]. (**m.1 BARBARA CAMPBELL MCLEAN WILLIAMSON (1915-)** married **STANLEY PEIRCE (1912-1977)** Apr 1934, Perth, WA [Reg. 2303]. Peirce is the correct spelling. Divorced, 1941).

5. JACKSON, MAURICE ALFRED (1922-2008) was born 24 Aug 1922, Beverley, WA [Reg. 169]. MAURICE married **DULCIE MARGARET BINNEY (1926-1981)**, 22 Jan 1942, Beverley, WA [Reg. 2].

6. JACKSON, SYLVIA LORNA (1925-1983) was born 23 Apr 1925, Beverley, WA [Reg. 111]. SYLVIA married **ALLEN HUGHES HART (1925-1974)**, 6 Dec 1943, Perth, WA [Reg. 2678].

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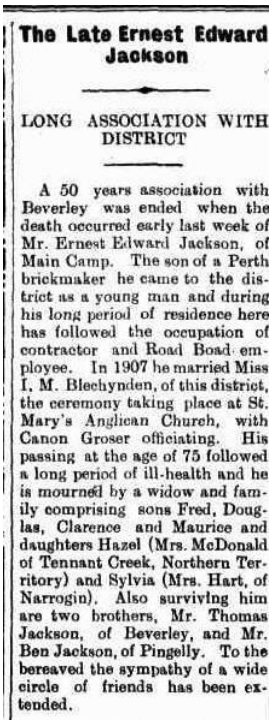
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Mary Coulthard is from this line

Benjamin Lewis Blechynden was born 3 Jan 1891, York, WA [Reg. 55]. Christened 25 Feb 1891 Place: Glenrock, Beverley, WA. At the age of 20 months, he went to live with and was brought up by Emma's sister, Annie Maria and Jesse's brother, Thomas Harrison Blechynden, who were married in 24 Sep 1877 and had no children.

Benjamin Lewis Blechynden

BENJAMIN married **ELLEN 'DAISY' POWELL (1898-1968)** 16 Apr 1917, Wagin, (Katanning), WA [Reg. 17]. Their story can be read in the chapter on **Thomas Harrison Blechynden** (the eighth child of Harrison and Charlotte).

FOURTH CHILD OF JESSE BLECHYNDEN & EMMA DUNHAM

4. BLECHYNDEN, 'BOB' ALFRED WALTER (1894-1976) & DOOHAN, MARY (1900-1980)

BLECHYNDEN, 'BOB' ALFRED WALTER (1894-1976) was born 19 Jun 1894, Beverley, WA [Reg. 1138]. Alfred died 7 Sep 1976, Beverley, WA. He was buried 10 Sep 1976 at the Beverley Cemetery. (Unmarked grave), grave memorial 206000163.

Alfred Walter Blechynden
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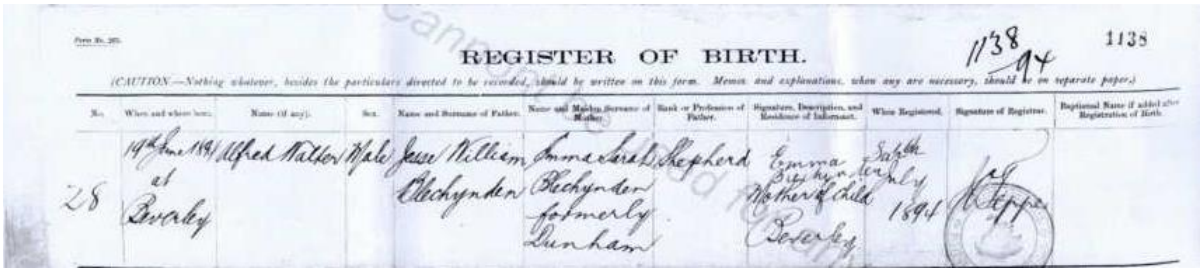
DNA tests show that Emma Sarah Dunham had a son with John Edwards. The baby was named Alfred Walter and on his birth certificate he was acknowledged as Alfred Walter Blechynden.



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Copy of Birth certificate of Alfred Walter Blechynden, father's name Jesse Blechynden, mother Emma Sarah Blechynden formerly Dunham.

The following page contains some details of John Edwards (1855-1926), the genealogical father of Alfred Walter Blechynden.

1. JOHN EDWARDS (1855-1926) DNA - father of Alfred Walter Blechynden

John Edwards was born 8 Jul 1855, Stafford, Thomas Edwards, parents: **Thomas Edwards (1833-1907)** and **Ann Maria Griffiths (1830-1890)**. Thomas Edwards, wife Ann Maria (nee Griffith) and their infant son John, emigrated departing from Southampton, England, via the 'City of Bristol', arriving in Perth, on 8 Aug 1857. John Edwards died 12 Oct 1926, Beverley, WA [Reg. 47].

JOHN EDWARDS (1855-1926) married **MARY ANN GOULDING (1850-1884)**, 18 Feb 1877, Beverley, WA [Reg No. 4244].

When Mary Edwards died in 1884, John Edwards was left with five young children: John Thomas Edwards aged 7 years, Amy Susannah Edwards aged 5 years, Emily Alice Matilda aged 4 years and twins, Mabel Maria and Maud Eleanor Edwards aged 1 year.

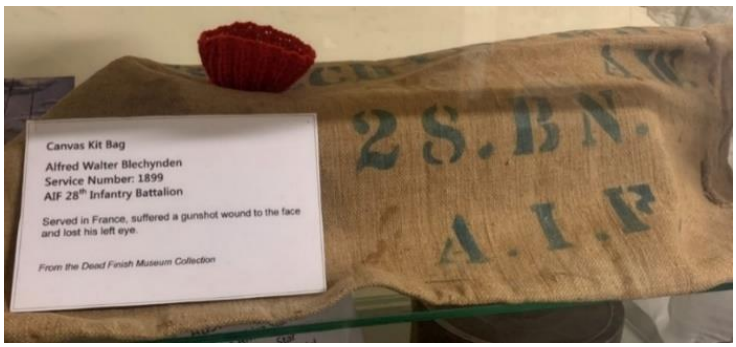
See also the section following **Horace – seventh child of Jesse William Blechynden (1851-1934) And Emma Sarah Dunham (1862-1947)** for more details regarding John Edwards

In 1884, Emma Sarah and Jesse Blechynden's first baby Fred was aged just one year. As mentioned previously, following the death of William Dunham on 6 Oct 1884, six-year-old Ernest Dunham (1878-1959) was then taken by his Aunt Emma and Uncle Jesse Blechynden.

NOTE: Family sources say Emma Sarah Dunham worked as a housekeeper for John Edwards from about 1884 after John's wife died.

During the next ten years, Emma and Jessie Blechynden had six more children registered with them as parents: Ida in 1888 and Benjamin in 1892.Their fourth child Alfred Walter was born in 1894. He was named and brought up with the surname of Blechynden. Another three children were born to Emma and Jesse: Twins: Evelyn Annie and George Seymour in 1896, (sadly George died aged one month). Their seventh child Horace Ernest was born in 1899.

Alfred Walter Blechynden served in WW1, SERN 1899, POE Blackboy Hill WA. He was wounded in action in France, losing his left eye.



Canvas Kit Bag belonging to Alfred Walter Blechynden, Service Number: 1899 AIF 28th Infantry Battalion. Dead Finish Museum, Beverley, WA.

Alfred Walter Blechynden

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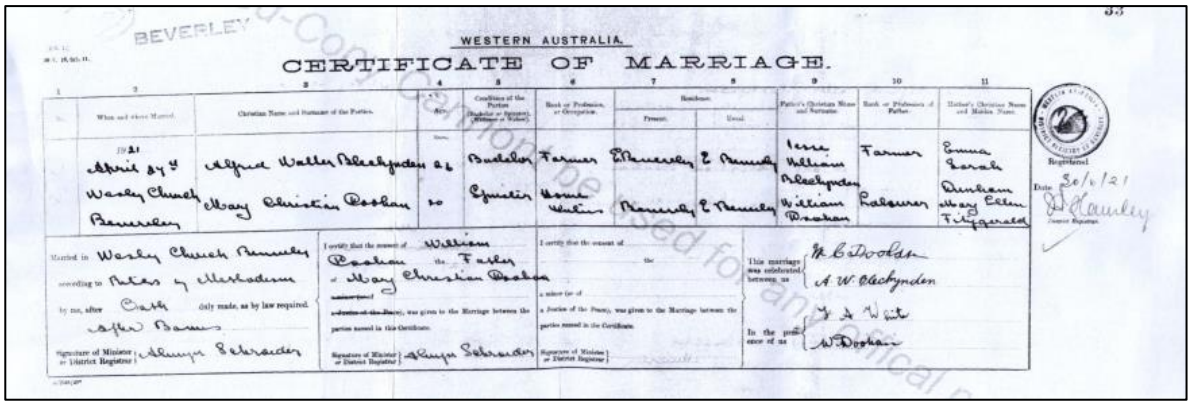
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CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

Copy of marriage certificate of Alfred Walter Blechynden and Mary Christina Doohan

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DOOHAN, MARY CHRISTINA (1900-1980)
Via Dalton Family Tree, Ancestry.

Mary Christina Doohan was born 20 Jul 1900, New Angledool, NSW [Reg. 24469], parents recorded as William Doohan and Mary E L. **WILLIAM DOOHAN (1875-1925)** married **MARY E L FITZGERALD (1880-1942)**, 1899, Walgett, NSW [Reg. 1990]. Recorded as Mary E L Fitzgerald.
Mary Christina Blechynden (nee Doohan) died 3 Jul 1980, Beverley, WA. Recorded as Mary Christina Blechynden, parents: William Doohan and Mary Ellen Fitzgerald.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977) Sat 30 Apr 1921, pg 3**
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WEDDING BELLS.

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The bride wore a dress of white; - silk with bead trimmings, a lace hat, and carried a bouquet of fern and roses.

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Wedding photo: Alfred Walter Blechynden 'Bob' and Mary Christina Doohan, 1921

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DOOHAN WILLIAM (1875-1925), Mary's father (via the Worley/Watkins Family tree, Ancestry) was born 16 Feb 1875, Coonamble, NSW. Parents: **BERNARD JOHN DOOHAN (1835-1918)** and **MARY ANN CANHAM (1843-1925)** who were married 31 Dec 1860, Maitland, NSW [Reg. 2041], registered under Bernard Doughan and Mary Ann Canham. William died 23 Aug 1925, Beverley, WA [Reg. 49], aged 51 years.

Mary Christina Doohan's grandparents, Bernard John Doohan and Mary Ann Canham had nine children, all born and remained in NSW, except for William who after his marriage to Mary Fitzgerald moved to WA. Sadly, Isabella born in 1872, died in 1873 at the age of one. Can't find a registration.

1. MARY ANN DOOHAN (1861–1926) 2. PATRICK DOOHAN (1864–1915) 3. ANASTASIA BRIDGET DOOHAN (1866–1925) 4. ELLEN (NELL) JANE DOOHAN (1870–1950) 5. ISABELLA DOOHAN (1872–1873) **6. WILLIAM DOOHAN (1875–1925)** 7. MARTIN JAMES DOOHAN (1877–) 8. ROSE DOOHAN (1881–) 9. JESSIE MAY REEVES DOOHAN (1883–1943).

WILLIAM DOOHAN (1875-1925) married **MARY E L FITZGERALD (1880-1942)**, 1899, Walgett, NSW [Reg. 1990]. Their first two children were born in NSW. Their third child Bernard and the others following were born in Beverley WA. More details following.

FITZGERALD, LOUISE MARY ELLEN (1880-1942), Mary's mother, (via the Worley/Watkins Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 29 Sep 1880, Mundoona via Kotupna, VIC [Reg. 20598]. Recorded as Louise Mary Ellen Fitzgerald. Parents: **JOHN FITZGERALD** and **ANNIE DAVIS.** Louise died 3 Dec 1942, Beverley, WA [Reg. 63], aged 62 years. Registered as Mary Ellen Louisa Doohan.

Mary Ellen was the third of seven children. The first five were born in VIC, the last two in WA. It appears they all moved to and remained in NSW except for Mary Ellen, who moved to WA following her marriage to William Doohan in NSW, and her sister, Frances Alice.

1. EMILY KATHLEEN FITZGERALD (1876-1942)
2. ANNIE ELIZABETH FITZGERALD (1877–1968)
3. LOUISE MARY ELLEN FITZGERALD (1880–1942) married **WILLIAM DOOHAN (1875-1925)** 1899, Walgett, NSW [Reg. 1990].
4. FLORENCE MAY FITZGERALD (1882–1963)
5. FRANCES ALICE FITZGERALD (1885–1920) married **WILLIAM JAMES WHITE (1862-1925)** 1902, Beverley, WA [Reg. 13].
6. JOHN ROBERT FITZGERALD (1887–1967)
7. GEORGE THOMAS FITZGERALD (1889–)

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM DOOHAN (1875-1925) AND MARY ELLEN LOUISA FITZGERALD (1880-1942), Mary Christina Doohan's parents:

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2. WILLIAM ROBERT GEORGE DOOHAN (1902-1937) was born 22 Mar 1902, Narromine, NSW [Reg. 14685]. He died 12 Aug 1937, Northam, WA [Reg. 142]. **WILLIAM** married **ALICE ETHEL KRINKS (1904-1960)**, 1923, Beverley WA [Reg. 6].

3. BERNARD JOHN DOOHAN (1903-1992) was born 19 Jan 1903, East Beverley, WA [Reg. 12]. He died 1992, Mosman Park, WA. **BERNARD** married **BRENDA ELEANOR VANSTAN (1910-1955)**, 1933, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 36].

4. EMILY ROSE MAY DOOHAN (1905-1923) was born 15 Aug 1905, East Beverley, WA [Reg. 66]. Emily died 24 Apr 1923, Beverley, WA [Reg. 24].

5. JESSIE ELLEN LOUISA DOOHAN (1907-2002) (1907-2002) was born 3 Mar 1907, Beverley, WA [Reg. 62]. She died 22 Jun 2002, Carlisle, WA. **JESSIE** married **GLADSTONE JAMES CLARENCE WHYATT (1910-1989)**, 5 Sep 1934, Beverley, WA [Reg. 33].

6. DANIEL VICTOR DOOHAN (1908-2004) was born 1908, Beverley, WA [Reg. 104], registered as Victor DM Doohan. Daniel died 2004, WA. **m.1 DANIEL VICTOR DOOHAN (1908-2004)** married **MARJORIE DORIS DIPROSE (1905-)**, 1926, Beverley, WA [Reg. 46]. **m.2 DANIEL VICTOR DOOHAN (1908-2004)** married **DOROTHY THELMA MAY KANE (1911-2005)**, 1933, Yilgarn, WA [Reg. 15].

7. NOEL STEPHEN ARTHUR DOOHAN (1910-1993) was born 10 Dec 1910, Beverley, WA [Reg. 13], registered in 1911. Noel Stephen Arthur Doohan died 30 Nov 1993, Bentley, WA. **NOEL** married **ELINOR LITTLE (1910-1993)**, 1938, Northam, WA [Reg. 75].

8. LEILA ALICE DOOHAN (1914-2013) married **PATRICK CONNELLY (1906-1994)** 1933, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400028].

9. ALFRED FREDERICK GORDON DOOHAN (1915-1937) was born 11 May 1915, Beverley, WA [Reg. 61]. He died 1937, Perth, WA [Reg. 265].

10. UNAMED DOOHAN (1916-1916) male was not born alive, 1916, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400080].

11. PEARL MARGARET DOOHAN (1924-1972) was born 26 Dec 1924, Beverley, WA [Reg. 1]. She died 8 Jul 1972, Perth, WA. **PEARL** married **EDWIN A GILCHRIST (1917-1981)**, 1943, Beverley, WA [Reg. 20].

Electoral Rolls

1910, 1913 William Doohan, Forrest View, East Beverley, farmer, Mary Ellen Louise, same address.
1925 William Doohan, Sewell St, Beverley, farmer, Mary Ellen Louise, same address.

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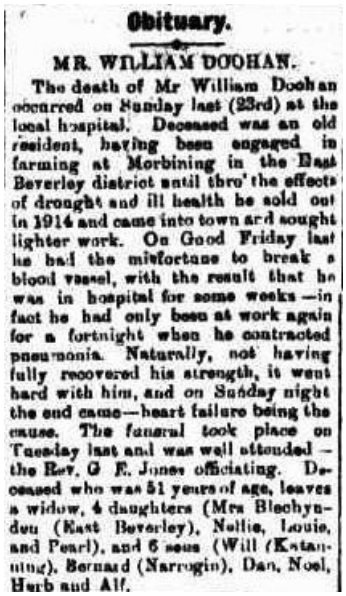

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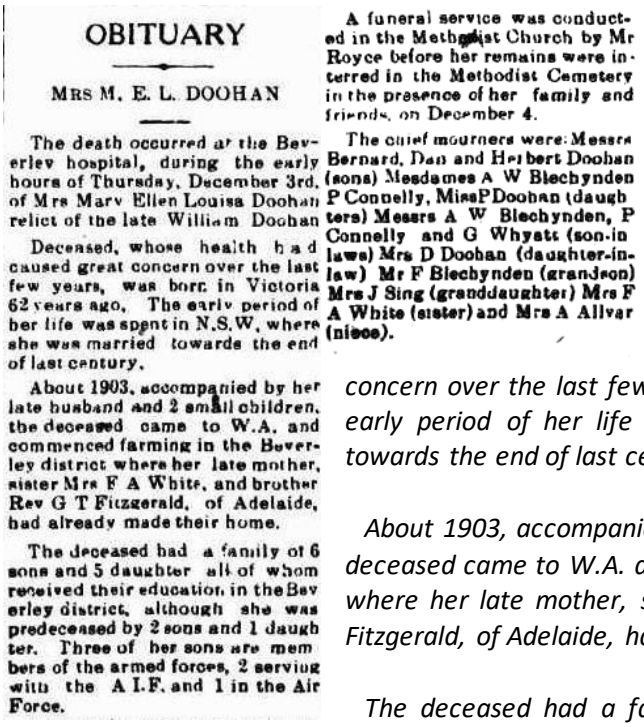

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1st CHILD OF ALFRED WALTER BLECHYNDEN & MARY CHRISTINA DOOHAN

1. BLECHYNDEN, MARY 'KATHLEEN' (1922-1932) was born 2 Feb 1922, Beverley, WA [Reg. 38]. Recorded as Mary K. Simi Bennett has a copy of her birth certificate.

Kathleen, as did many others, joined Grandma's Corner for Catholic children. See the following extracts from letters. Tragically, she died on 9 Apr 1932, Beverley, WA [Reg. 20], accidently killed at the age of ten. As per her burial article from *Trove*, the service was held at the Methodist Church and the graveside in Beverley.

***Western Mail* (Perth, WA: 1885 - 1954), Thu 18 Feb 1932, pg 12**

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Jacob's Well, via York.

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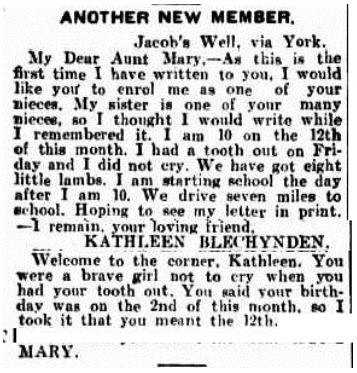

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Photo via Simi Bennett. Via Uncle Fred China Sing.

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***Western Mail* (Perth, WA: 1885 - 1954), Thu 21 Apr 1932, pg 53**
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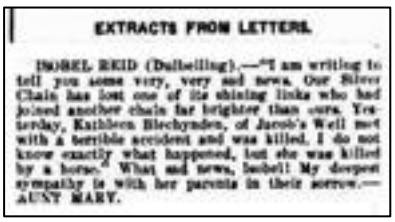

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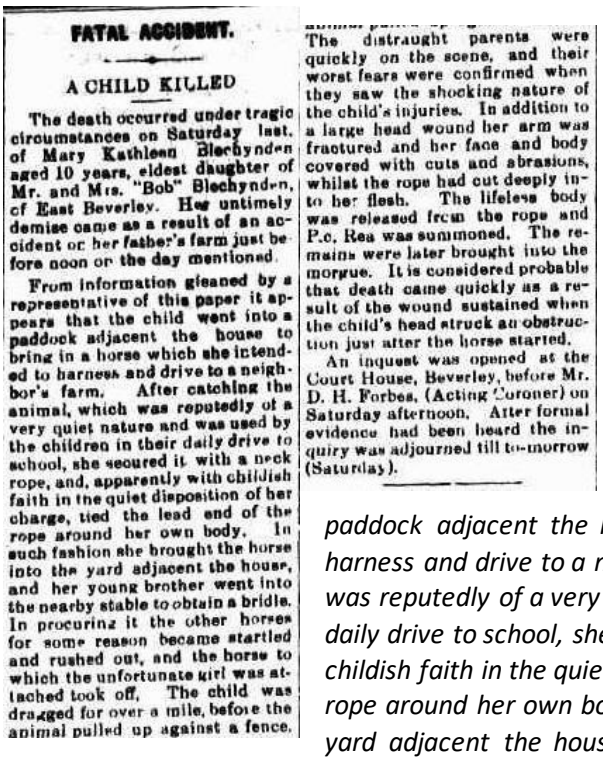

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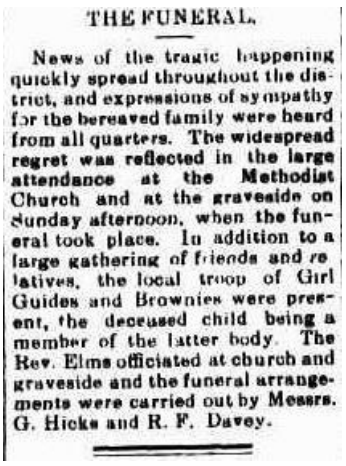

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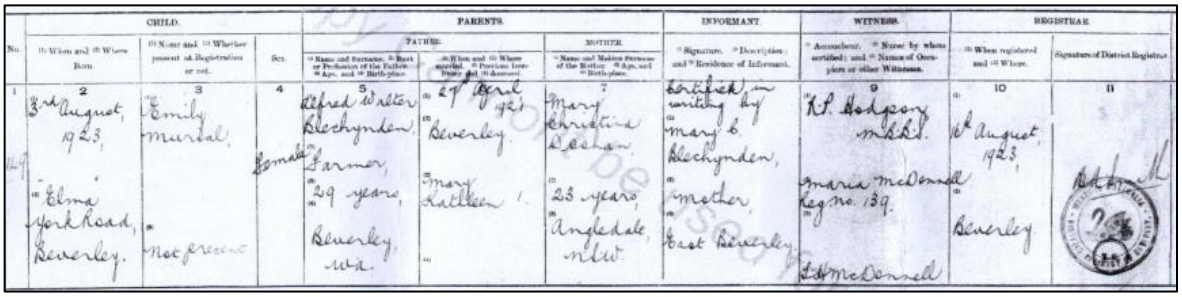

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Copy of birth certificate of Emily Muriel Blechynden

Emily and her brother Frederick Blechynden, Photo via Simi Bennett. Via Uncle Fred China Sing.

Emily 'Em' Sing. Courtesy Simi Bennett and Mary Coulthard

EMILY MURIEL BLECHYNDEN (1923-2016) married **JAMES SING (1920-2004)**, 17 Oct 1942, Beverley, WA [Reg. 27]. Registered under Sing.

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Weekly Gazette **(Goomalling, WA: 1924 - 1946), Fri 27 Nov 1942, pg 1**
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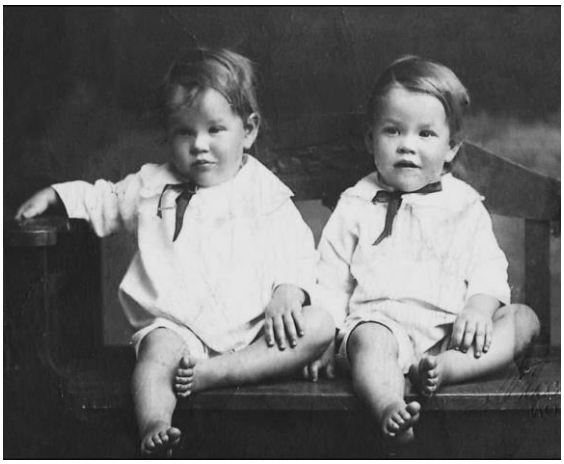
SING, JAMES (1920-2004), twin of Alfred, was registered under his mother's surname Ah Sing at birth. James later simplified his surname to Sing. James was born 7 Oct 1920, West Northam, WA [Reg. 345]. When the twins were born, Alfred was the first born, WA [Reg. 344]. Parents: **ALFRED JAMES DENNIS (1874-1936)** and **EMILY JANE AH SING (1887-1974)**.



James and his twin brother Alfred.
Courtesy Simi Bennett

James Sing, (also known as James Ah Sing) died 23 Mar 2004, Beverley, WA.

The following four pages have details of James Ah Sing's parents: **ALFRED JAMES DENNIS (1874-1936)** and **EMILY JANE AH SING (1887-1974)** and grandparents, **LESTER DENNIS (1830-1900)** and **DINAH ROSER (1842-1910)**:

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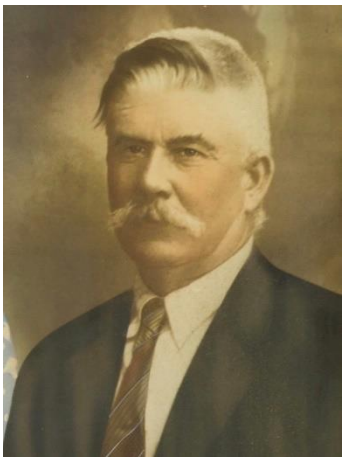

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Alfred James Dennis.
Simone Bennett originally shared this on 25 May 2021, Ancestry

LESTER DENNIS (1830-1900) James Sing's grandfather

Lister (Lester) Dennis was born 1830, Fordham, Cambridgeshire, England.
Lester Dennis died Toodyay, WA [Reg. 2215] aged 69 years.
CONVICT: Lester Dennis (3344) Firing barn and building, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England, 19 Jul 1851. Transported, arrival, 23 May 1855.

m.1 LESTER DENNIS (1830-1900) Convict married **JANE KIDD (1826-1866)** 13 Apr 1860, Glen Avon, WA [Reg. 1422]. Recorded as Lister. They had three children.
Jane Dennis (nee Kidd) died 1866, Perth, WA [Reg. 3134].
Following Jane's death, Lester was married again.

m.2 LESTER DENNIS (1830-1900) and **m.2 DINAH ROSER (1842-1910)**, who were married Guildford, WA [Reg. 2531]. This was Lester Dennis' second marriage. They had eight children.

ALFRED JAMES DENNIS WAS MARRIED TWICE.

m.1 ALFRED JAMES DENNIS (1874-1936) married **ADA ADESSA CLARKE (1887-1946)**, 14 Oct 1903, St John's Church, Northam, WA [Reg. 1127].

***Northam Advertiser* (WA: 1895 - 1955), Wed 21 Oct 1903, pg 3**
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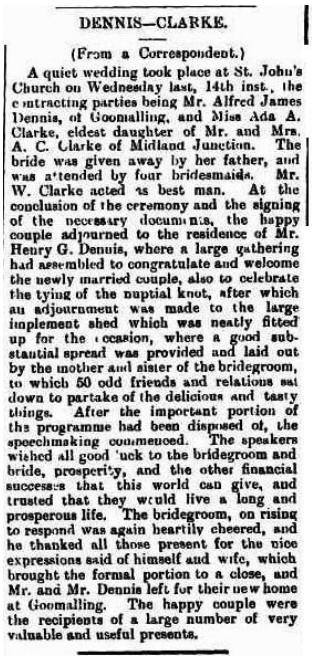
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Electoral Roll:

1910, 1916, 1917 Alfred James Dennis, Goomalling, farmer, Ada Adessa, Grassdale, Goomalling, married.
1925 Alfred James Dennis, Wellaton Street, Midland Junction, labourer, Ada Adessa, same address, housewife.
1931 Alfred James Dennis, Goomalling, labourer

***Weekly Gazette* (Goomalling, WA: 1924 - 1946), Fri 26 Jun 1936, pg 1**
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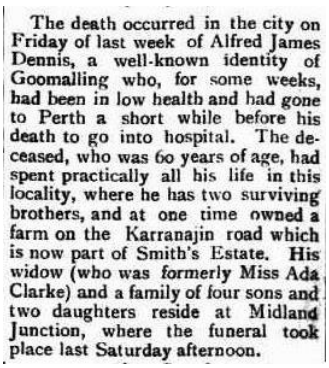
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Emily Jane Ah Sing.
Courtesy Simi Bennett

EMILY JANE AH SING (1887-1974) James Sing's mother
This is a very complex family tree. Detailed family Trees on Ancestry. For more details contact family members from this line.

Emily Jane Ah Sing was born on 26 Jun 1887 in Middle Swan, WA [Reg. No. 811], recorded under Emily Ahsing. Parents: **WILLIAM AHSING (1855-1942)** and **JULIA ANNA HITCHCOCK (1853-1932).**

Emily Jane had one child with **UNKNOWN**. She had one child with **WALTER JOHN YARDLEY (1873-1962).** She had nine children with **ALFRED JAMES DENNIS (1874-1936).**

Note: Walter John Yardley and Alfred James Dennis had other children bearing their surnames from previous marriages. All very complicated. There may be errors or discrepancies. For more details check family trees on Ancestry or with family members.

Emily Ah Sing died on 29 Mar 1974 in Northam, WA, at the age of 86, and was buried there.
CHILD OF EMILY JANE AH SING (1887-1974) AND UNKNOWN:

1. MARGARET EVELYN AHSING (1905-1983) born 1905, Midland, WA [Reg, 6833], father unknown, mother recorded as Emily AHSING. Emily Jane was aged about 18 years.

MARGARET EVELYN AH SING (1905-1983) married **BRYAN CULLENANE (1909-1992)** 1928, Swan, WA [Reg. 6100059]. They had two children.

The next child to be born to Emily Jane Ah Sing in 1908 was fathered by Walter John Yardley. Walter had been married and had children by his first wife Hilda Sidonia, who had died in 1905.

CHILD OF EMILY JANE AH SING (1887-1974) AND WALTER JOHN YARDLEY (1873-1962):

2. EUNICE PHOEBE AHSING (1908- 1994) born in 1908, Northam, WA [Reg. 116]. Registered under Eunice Phoebie Ahsing, mother Emily AHSING.

PHOEBE EUNICE SING (1908- 1994) married **LESLIE EDWARD LAWRENCE (1900-1934)** 1930, Northam, WA [Reg. 4800040]. Registered under Phoebe Eunice Sing.

m2. PHOEBE EUNICE LAWRENCE (1908- 1994) married **CHARLES LEONARD VICTOR FROST (1897-1970)** 4 Jul 1936, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 2700233].

WALTER JOHN YARDLEY (1873-1962) The father of Emily Jane Ah Sings's second child Eunice Phoebe born in 1908.

m.1 WALTER JOHN YARDLEY (1873-1962) married **HILDA SIDONIA BOWD (1876-1905)** 11 Apr 1898, Helena Valley, WA [Reg. 1526]. They had two children. Hilda died 1905, WA [Reg. 2748].

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Electoral Roll:
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Electoral Roll:
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1958 Walter John Yardley, 1 Peel St, East Guilford, labourer, Eleanor Margaret, 42 George St, Midland Junction, home duties.

As indicated above, Walter John Yardley fathered Phoebe Eunice Ahsing after his first wife died and before his second marriage to Eleanor Margaret Cousins.

CHILDREN OF ALFRED JAMES DENNIS (1874-1936) AND EMILY JANE AH SING (1887-1974):
Via "Our Family Tree and its blended branches", Ancestry.

Note: The birth registrations of all of these children have variations of their mother's surname of AhSing, Ah Sing, Ah-Sing and Sing as recorded below. The surnames had changed to Sing, with the registration of their marriage.

1. EDITH IRENE AHSING (1912-1918) was born in 1912, Northam, WA [Reg. 309]. She died 1918. Northam, WA [Reg. 4900166], aged 6 years.

2. STANLEY NORMAN SING (1915-1987) was born 1915 Northam, WA [Reg.47]. He married **HESTER NAOMI MOODY (1916-2005)** 1940, Goomalling, [WA [Reg. 4900135].

3. SIDNEY AH SING (1918-1990) was born 1918, Northam, WA [Reg.266]. Registered as Sidney. He died 20 Oct 1990, Quairading, WA.

4. ALFRED AHSING (1920-1992) was born 1920, Northam, WA [Reg.344] (A twin). He married **EDNA JEAN KEMPTON (1929-2001)** 1847. Beverley, WA [Reg. 18].

5. JAMES AHSING (1920-2004) was born 1920, Northam, WA [Reg. 345]. (A twin). He married **EMILY MURIAL BLECHYNDEN 1942**, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400027], names as registered. See elsewhere for more details on this couple.

6. DAPHNE MAY AH-SING (1923-2006) was born 1923 Northam, WA [Reg. 192]. She married **ERIC STANLEY DEWAR (1913-1999)** 1940, Northam, WA [Reg. 33].

7. RONALD ARTHUR SING (1925-2005) was born 1925, Northam, WA [Reg. 379]. He married **DOREEN ISABEL FAIRHEAD (1931-1998)** 1953, Northam, WA [Reg. 12].

8. GLADYS ETHEL AH SING (1927-2009) was born 1927, Northam, WA [Reg. 420]. She married **GUS WATKINS (1921-2017)** 1946. Northam, WAQ [Reg. 7].

9. ERIC SING (1932-1990) was born 1932, Northam, WA [Reg. 323]. He married **MAXINE IDA MARKEY** 1955, Perth, WA [Reg. 2043].

Electoral Roll:
Recorded as Emily Jane Ahsing and Emily Jane Sing.
1912, 1916 Emily Jane Ahsing, Grass Dale, Goomalling, lady help.
1921, 1925 Emily Jane Ahsing, Throssell Street, Northam, domestic duties.
1931, 1936 Emily Jane Sing, Forward Street, Goomalling, laundress.
1968 Emily Jane Sing, Goomalling, home duties.
1972 Emily Jane Sing, 293 Duke St, Northam, home duties.

Continuing with the story of EMILY MURIEL BLECHYNDEN (1923-2016) AND JAMES AH SING (1920-2004):

CHILDREN OF EMILY MURIEL BLECHYNDEN (1923-2016) AND JAMES AH SING (1920-2004):

1. ROBERT ALFRED SING (1946-2009) and VALERIE JOY FOWLER

2. NEVILLE DAVID SING (1948-2019) and ALMA ELIZABETH COTTER (1949-2017)
3. NOELAND LLOYD SING (1950-2007) and DEBBIE SCHLEIKE
4. FREDERICK JAMES SING and BERYL MARGARET BOYLE (1944-2012)

Many thanks to Simi Bennett who has contributed many items and photos to the Project.
This is her explanation of her family connection:
"My Nana was Emily Blechynden /Sing daughter of Alfred Walter Blechynden and Mary Christina Doohan /Blechynden. Emily married James Ah Sing my grandad. I am one of the daughters of Neville and Alma Sing.

FAMILY PHOTOS – courtesy Simi Bennet

Back: L-R: *Alfred Sing, Ronald Sing, James Sing.*
Front, L-R: *Gus Atkins, Gladys Atkins (nee Sing), Emily Sing (nee Blechynden), (James Wife); Doreen, (Ronald's Wife); Jessie Jean Sing (nee Macdonald), (Alfred's wife); Daphne Dewer (nee Sing); Eric Sing.*

Back: *James Sing, Alfred Blechynden.*
Middle Row: *Valerie, Emily Blechynden Sing, Mary Doohan Blechynden, Rochelle, Me (Simi), Irene Warry - Cotter -Hough, (no relation to Rochelle)* Front Row: Jamie.

Rochelle Sing - Hough, (daughter of Robert Sing and Valerie Fowler); Alma Cotter - Sing - Patterson holding Erica Sing – Smith - Faithfull; Alfred Walter Blechynden holding me, Simi.

Back*: Jim Sing, John Blechynden*
Front: *Tom Blechynden and Wally McGregor (Amy Blechynden's husband)*

Alma Cotter - Sing - Patterson Mary Blechynden (nee Doohan) holding grandson Frederick James Sing, Alfred Walter Blechynden

Alfred Walter Blechynden and Frederick James Sing, grandson)

James Sing with granddaughter Rochelle Sing Hough and Emily Sing (nee Blechynden).

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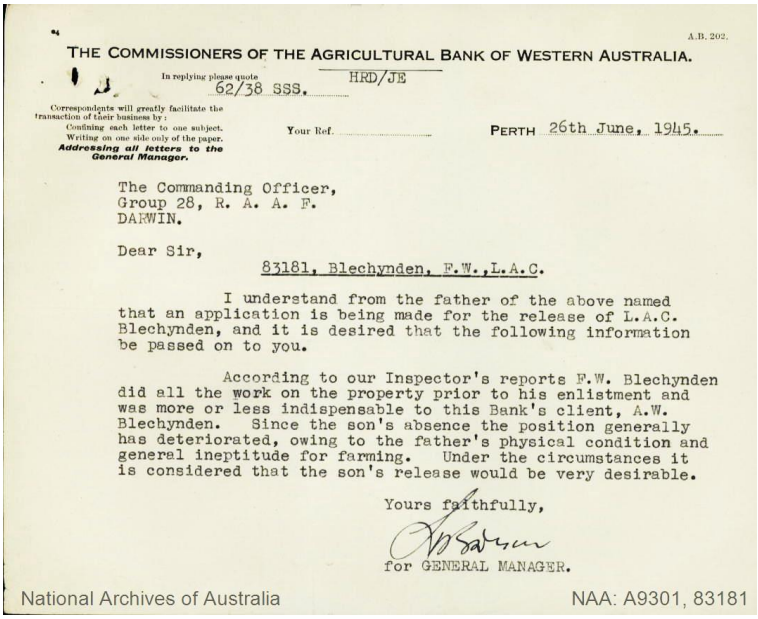
3. BLECHYNDEN, FREDERICK WILLIAM DOOHAN (1925-1977) was born 31 Jan 1925, Beverley, WA [Reg. 37]. He died 1 May 1977, aged 52 years, Mount Barker, WA. Buried Beverley Anglican Cemetery, WA.

BLECHYNDEN FREDERICK WILLIAM DOOHAN: Service Number - 83181: Date of birth - 31 Jan 1925: Place of birth - BEVERLEY WA: Next of Kin - BLECHYNDEN ALFRED

Frederick William Doohan Blechynden

Frederick William Doohan enlisted 13 Apr 1943. Application for service in the RAAF overseas, Guard, Group 28 R.A.A.F. Darwin, leading aircraftsman 6 Oct 45.

Letter written requesting release from service to return to the farm at Morbinning, due to the deterioration of his father Alfred Walter Blechynden's health. Approved 16 Nov 45. Discharged 6 Dec 45.



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THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL BANK OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

In replying please quote 62/38 SSS. HRD/JE

Correspondents will greatly facilitate the transaction of their business by: Confining each letter to one subject. Writing on one side only of the paper. *Addressing all letters to the General Manager.*

Your Ref. PERTH 26th June, 1945.

The Commanding Officer,
Group 28, R. A. A. F.
DARWIN.

Dear Sir,

83181, Blechynden, F.W., L.A.C.

I understand from the father of the above named that an application is being made for the release of L.A.C. Blechynden, and it is desired that the following information be passed on to you.

According to our Inspector's reports F.W. Blechynden did all the work on the property prior to his enlistment and was more or less indispensable to this Bank's client, A.W. Blechynden. Since the son's absence the position generally has deteriorated, owing to the father's physical condition and general ineptitude for farming. Under the circumstances it is considered that the son's release would be very desirable.

Yours faithfully,

for GENERAL MANAGER.

National Archives of Australia NAA: A9301, 83181

FREDERICK WILLIAM DOOHAN BLECHYNDEN (1925-1977) married **m.2 BARBARA LAVINIA MARGARET GROVER (1922-2009)** , 1949, Beverley, WA [Reg. 20]. **BARBARA** (via the Waddell Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 6 Aug 1922, Beverley, WA [Reg. 180]. Parents: **HENRY JOSEPH GROVER (1886-1974)** and **CLARA MAY MAUD MOULTON (1891-1975)** who were married 1912, Beverley, WA. Barbara died 21 Sep 2009, Beverley, WA.

HENRY JOSEPH GROVER (1886-1974), Barbara's father, was born 12 Apr 1886, Gilgering, WA [Reg. 28577]. Parents: **GEORGE ALBERT GROVER (1855-1921)** and **MARGARET WATKINS (1857-1936)** who were married 1 Jan 1877, Beverley, WA [Reg. 4274]. Henry was the ninth child of thirteen children. Sadly, his sister Susannah, born in 1888, died in 1891, WA Reg. 357], aged three years.

CLARA MAY MAUD MOULTON (1891-1975), Barbara's mother, was born 5 Jun 1891, Beverley, WA [Reg. 703]. She was the eldest of ten children born to **LOUIS JAMES MOULTON (1863-1950)** and **ANNIE MAY OTWAY (1874-1935)** who were married 1891, Beverley, WA [Reg. 59].

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***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Thu 12 Dec 1974, pg 1**
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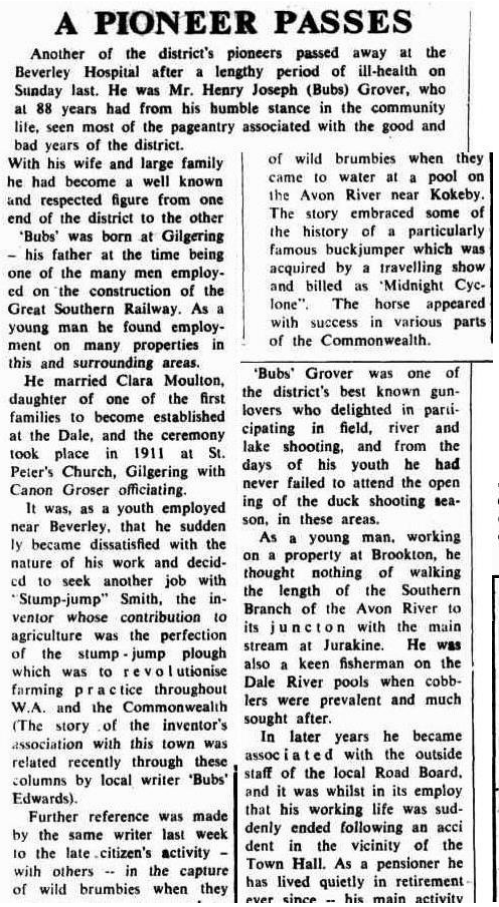

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Aged Resident's Death

MR JAMES LOUIS MOULTON

A life linked with the earliest days in the State's history came to a close with the death on the 11th inst, of Mr James Louis Moulton, at the age of 87 years. His demise terminated a long period of declining health and occurred at the residence of his son, Mr Bevan Moulton, with whom he was residing at the time.

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The deceased retired from active farming in 1920, the property being taken over by a son, Bert, but he continued to live at the farm until the death of his wife in 1935, since when he has resided with various members of the family.

The family has been prominently associated with Dale activities throughout the years. Those to survive the late citizen are: Sons—Bert (Dale) James Bencubbin) Bevan (Dale) Clarence (Beverley) and Rede (Narrogin); daughters—Clara (Mrs H Grover, Beverley) Nell (Mrs Pickles, Perth) Ivy (Mrs Callaghan, Perth) Hilda (Mrs H Smith, Perth) and Lilly (Mrs J Pink). There are 38 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

The funeral took place at the Methodist Cemetery on the afternoon of the 12th inst, after a service at the Methodist Church. The Rev W A Fawell, of Brookton, officiated. Practically the whole of the Dale community appeared to be represented at the ceremony as well as many friends of the family from other parts of the district. Mr E T Fairhead carried out the arrangements and the pall bearers were: Messrs W Hobbs, H G Langsford, S Hutchinson, Bert Simmons, A McCallum, and M Hick.

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CHILDREN OF FREDERICK WILLIAM DOOHAN BLECHYNDEN (1925-1977) AND BARBARA LAVINIA MARGARET GROVER: **Ray, Lew and Kaye, Stepchildren: Deanne and Daphne.**

Electoral Roll:

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1968, 1972 Frederick William Doohan Blechynden, Kendenup, farmer, Barbara Lavinia Margaret, home duties.
1963 Charles Patrick Caudle, Yoongarilup, farm hand, Winnifred Doris, home duties
1968 Charles Patrick Caudle, 41 Forrest St, Beverley, farmer, Winnifred Doris, home duties

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Frederick William Doohan Blechynden died 1 May 1977, aged 52 years, Mount Barker, WA. **Barbara Lavinia Margaret Blechynden (nee Grover) died 21 Sep 2009**, Beverley, WA. They are buried together at the Beverley Anglican Cemetery, WA.

Headstone of Frederick and Barbara Blechynden (nee Grover), Beverley Anglican Cemetery

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Returning to ALFRED WALTER BLECHYNDEN (1894-1976) and MARY CHRISTINA DOOHAN (1900-1980):

Electoral Roll:

1925, 1931, 1936, 1937, 1943, 1949 Alfred Walter Blechynden, Morbinning, Beverley, farmer, Mary Christina, home duties
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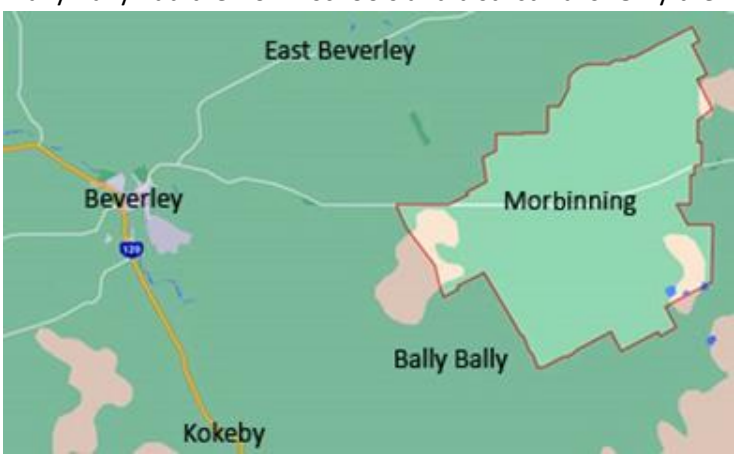
Official survey of the Beverley district took place in 1843. The Beverley townsite was established around 1868 and its status was enhanced with the extension of the electric telegraph from York in 1877. Other communities arose as more and more land was taken up. Localities such as The Dale, Mt Kokeby, East Beverley, **Morbinning** and Bally Bally had their own schools and district halls. Only the halls at Morbinning, Bally Bally and The Dale remain.

Morbinning is an area located about 25 kilometres east of Beverley. This map shows the area of Morbinning and its relationship with Beverley, Bally Bally and Kokeby mentioned throughout the Project.



Map showing Morbinning

Alfred Walter Blechynden (1894-1976) died 7 Sep 1976, Beverley, WA. Buried 10 Sep 1876 at the Beverley Cemetery. (Unmarked grave), grave memorial 206000163.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Thu 23 Sep 1976, pg 8**
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VALE 'BOB' BLECHYNDEN

With the passing of Alfred Walter ('Bob') Blechynden at the Beverley Hospital on Tuesday, September 7th, a strong link with the early days of the Morbinning area was severed.

Although retired for many years with his wife in Beverley, he farmed the property of his parents, the late Mr and Mrs J. W. Blechynden, at Morbinning, after being invalided from the Army during World War I.

He was the third son of a family of six, and his sister, Eva, of Hunt Road, Beverley, is the sole surviving member of the family. Another sister, Ida, and brothers. Fred, Ben, and Ernie, predeceased him.

'Bob' Blechynden enlisted in the Army at the age of 21 and, as a member of the 28th Infantry Battalion saw service in the Middle East, and it was at Gallipoli that he was wounded - losing an eye as a result.

After his return to Australia he married Miss Mary Doohan and of the union two daughters Kathleen (deceased) and Emily (Mrs. Jim Sing, of Beverley), and a son, Fred (Kendenup), was born. Kathleen's death occurred under tragic circumstances on the farm when, as a young girl, she was dragged by horse that bolted.

Aged 82, Bob was possessed of a quiet nature and a sense of humour. He was a firm favourite with both the young and old, and possessed an inexhaustible fund of anecdotes and information on the early day of this area. To his bereaved wife, family and sister goes the sincere sympathy of a wide circle of friends.

A service was held in St. Mary's Church, Beverley, on September 10 prior to the funeral cortege leaving for the Church of Englnd cemetery.

Mary Christina Doohan died 3 Jul 1980, Beverley, WA.

Headstone of Mary Christina Blechynden (nee Doohan), Beverley Cemetery

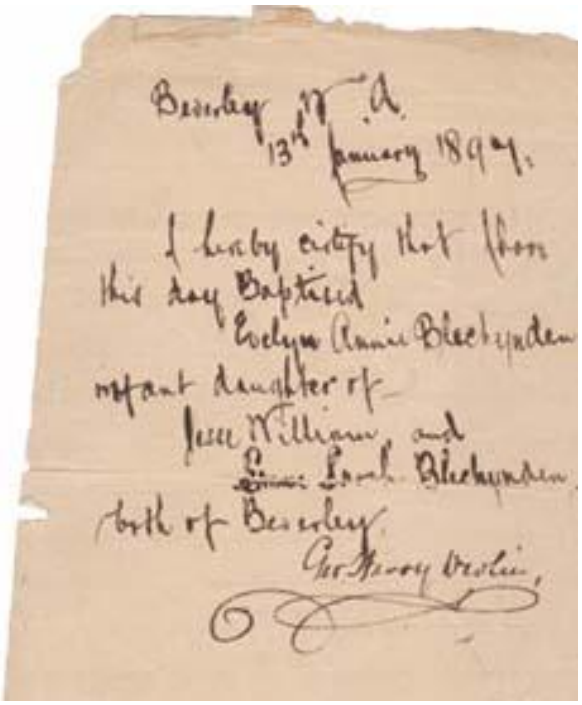
In Loving Memory of
MARY CHRISTINA
BELOVED WIFE OF BOB
LOVING MOTHER OF
KATHLEEN, EMILY & FRED
PASSED AWAY 3RD JULY 1980
AGED 79 YEARS
R. I. P.

FIFTH CHILD OF JESSE BLECHYNDEN & EMMA DUNHAM

5. BLECHYNDEN, EVELYN 'EVA' ANNIE (1896-1982)

Evelyn Annie Blechynden was born 5 Nov 1896, Beverley, WA [Reg. 36], a twin to George Seymour Blechynden. Name recorded as Evalyn Annie. She was christened 13 Jan 1897, Beverley, WA. She remained Single.

Evelyn 'Eva' Annie Blechynden



Beverley W.A.
13th January 1897.
I hereby certify that I have this day Baptised
Evelyn Annie Blechynden
infant daughter of
Jesse William, and
Emma Sarah Blechynden
both of Beverley.
Geo Henry Devlin,

Left: *A copy of the Baptism certificate for Evelyn Annie Blechynden. Courtesy Mary Coulthard: Translation of Eva's Baptism Certificate following:*

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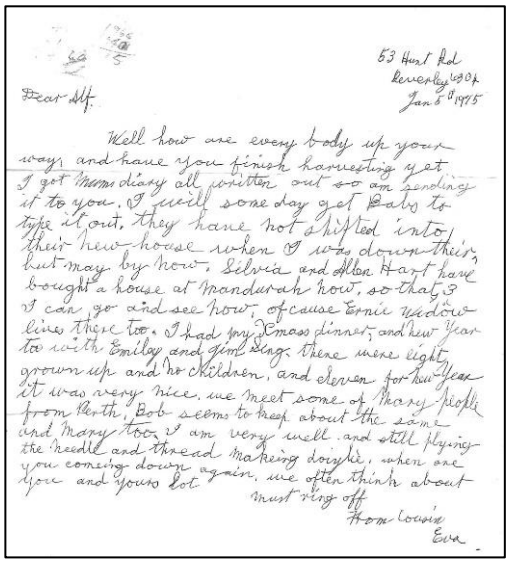
This letter written to Alf by Eva shows how she has written out her Mum's diary and hopes Babs will one day type it out. It also shows she that she enjoyed embroidering doylies. Courtesy Mary Coulthard.



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Jan 5th 1975

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Note: Family records show that Eva lived with her mother Emma Sarah Dunham on 'Bellbeling' Farm in the Morbinning area.

Via Tracey Currigan:

From my mother's research and from electoral rolls it seems that Evalyn (she was known as Eva but is often recorded as Evelyn), lived on Bellbeling Farm as did her mother Emma Sarah, nee Dunham along with her brother Horace Ernest and his wife, Ethel Maria, nee Edwards. This farm belonged to John Edwards (eldest son of Thomas and Ann Maria Edwards). Emma Sarah Dunham was a live-in housekeeper and nanny for John Edwards and his young family after his wife died.
After John's death in 1926, Emma Sarah Blechynden and their son Horace Ernest remained on the farm. It seems likely that this is the farm in Morbinning that Evalyn lived on for many years until she moved to Hunt Rd in Beverley.

Above: Google Street view has this home at 53 Hunt Road, Beverley which is presumably the one Eva lived in.

Mary Christina Doohan (nee Blechynden), Evelyn Annie Blechynden and Erica, Mary's great grandchild.

Electoral Roll
1925, 1937,1943, 1954. Evelyn Annie Blechynden, Morbinning, Beverley – see map of Morbinning area further back.
1960, 1963, 1977, 1980, Evelyn Annie Blechynden, 53 Hunt Rd, Beverley

Evelyn Annie Blechynden died 17 Aug 1982, Beverley, W.A. Burial: Aug 1982, Beverley Cemetery.

Headstone of Evelyn Annie Blechynden, Beverley Cemetery

SIXTH CHILD OF JESSE BLECHYNDEN & EMMA DUNHAM

6. BLECHYNDEN, GEORGE SEYMOUR (1896-1896)

George Seymour Blechynden was born 5 Nov 1896, Beverley, WA [Reg. 35], a twin to Evelyn Annie. He died at one month of age on 7 Dec 1896, Wagin, WA. Registered 1897, WA [Reg. 1369]. Buried at the Wagin Cemetery.

SEVENTH CHILD OF JESSE BLECHYNDEN & EMMA DUNHAM

7. BLECHYNDEN, HORACE ERNEST (1899-1955) & EDWARDS, ETHEL MARIA (1911-1985)

BLECHYNDEN, HORACE ERNEST (1899-1955) was born 3 Apr 1899, Beverley, WA [Reg. 19]. He married **ETHEL MARIA EDWARDS (1911-1985)**, 31 Oct 1929, Beverley, WA [Reg. 63]. Horace died 15 Apr 1955, Beverley, WA [Reg. 9]. Buried 18 Apr 1955, St Mary's Cemetery, Beverley.

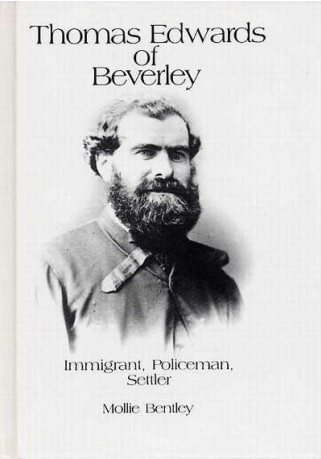
Ethel Maria Blechynden (nee Edwards).
Courtesy Tracey Currigan

EDWARDS, ETHEL MARIA (1911-1985) was born 1 Dec 1911, Beverley, WA [Reg. 1], registered year, 1912, father, **EDWARD WILLIAM (NED) EDWARDS (1871-1956)**, mother, **ADA MARY BERTHA FLEAY (1876-1922)** who were married 1903, Gilgering, WA [Reg. 2067]. Ethel Maria Blechynden (nee Edwards) died 1 Oct 1985, Beverley, WA. Buried Beverley Anglican Cemetery, WA.

THE FOLLOWING SIX PAGES CONTAIN A BRIEF HISTORY OF ETHEL MARIA EDWARDS PARENTS, EDWARD WILLIAM (NED) EDWARDS (1871-1956) AND ADA MARY BERTHA FLEAY (1876-1922):

EDWARDS, EDWARD WILLIAM 'NED' (1871-1956), Ethel Maria Edward's father
Edward William Edwards was born 1871, Beverley, WA [Reg. 13252], son of **THOMAS EDWARDS (1833-1907)** and **ANN MARIA GRIFFITH (1830-1890).**

THOMAS EDWARDS (1833-1907) Ethel Maria Edward's grandfather



Thomas Edwards was born 25 Jul 1833, Gungrog, Fawr, Montgomery, Wales.
Thomas Edwards died 17 Nov 1907, 'Rockfield', Beverley, WA [Reg. 36].

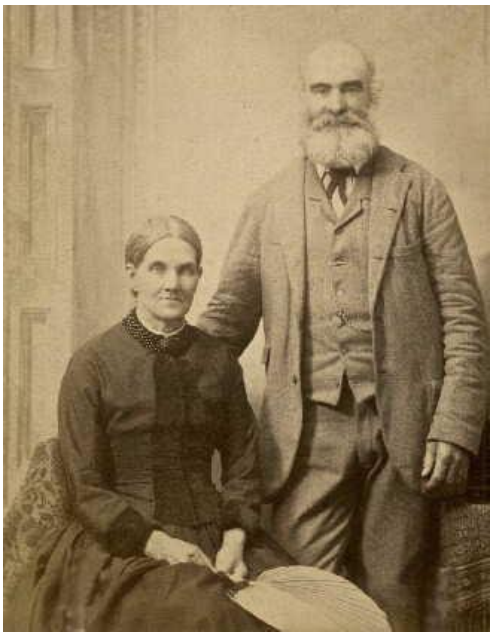
m. 1 THOMAS EDWARDS (1833-1907) married **ANN MARIA GRIFFITH (1830-1890)**, 7 May 1855, Tipton, Staffordshire, England.

BOOK: Thomas Edwards of Beverley Immigrant Policeman, settler, by Mollie Bentley
http://www.hesperianpress.com/index.php/booklist/2011-06-17-00-41-54/t-titles/329-thomas-edwards-of-beverley

ANN MARIA GRIFFITH (1830-1890), Ethel Maria Edward's grandmother was born 1830, Llanidloes, Montgomery, Wales, daughter of **BENJAMIN GRIFFITH (1791-1859)** and **ELIZABETH WIGLEY (1795-1860)** who were married 25 May 1816, Trefeglwys, Montgomeryshire, Wales. Ann died 13 Aug 1890, Beverley, WA [Reg No. 445].

Thomas Edwards, wife Ann Maria (nee Griffith) and their infant son John, emigrated departing from Southampton, England, via the *City of Bristol*, arriving in Perth on 8 Aug 1857. Thomas joined the Colonial Police Force in 1858. He and his wife initially settled in York. They then moved to the new town of Beverley. In Nov 1861 Ann was appointed post mistress. Thomas also commenced farming on land acquired which they called 'Rockfield'. More can be read on this couple in *Beverley, Our journey through time* pgs. 60-62.

PC Thomas Edwards, right, with two associates, York, 1872 Beverley Our Journey in time, pg. 61.



Ann Maria Edwards (nee Griffith) and Thomas Edwards

CHILDREN OF THOMAS EDWARDS (1833-1907) and ANN MARIA GRIFFITH (1830-1890):
Ethel Maria Edward's grandparents

1. JOHN EDWARDS (1855-1926) was born 8 Jul 1855, Staffordshire, England. He married MARY ANN GOULDING (1850-1884), 18 Feb 1877, Beverley, WA [Reg No. 4244]. John and Mary Edwards had five children together. Mary Edwards died as a young mother at the age of 33 years. Family records show that Emma Sarah Dunham acted as John Edward's housekeeper. DNA shows that John Edwards had a son with Emma Sarah Dunham. He was named Alfred Walter and on his birth certificate he was acknowledged as Alfred Walter Blechynden. More details can be read in Alfred Walter Blechynden's chapter. John Edwards died 12 Oct 1926, Beverley, WA [Reg. 47].

2. EMILY EDWARDS (1858-1860) was born in 1858, York, WA [Reg. 4489]. She died aged between 1- 2 years on 24 May 1860, York, WA [Reg. 1427].

3. SUSANNAH EDWARDS (1860-1947) was born in 1860, Beverley, WA [Reg. 5330A]. She died 1 Apr 1947, Beverley, WA [Reg. 11].

4. RICHARD THOMAS EDWARDS (1862-1946) was born in 1862, Beverley, WA [Reg. 6462]. He married ANNIE WILSON BLOOMFIELD (1863-1933), 1891, Beverley, WA [Reg. 317]. Richard died 28 Aug 1946, Beverley, WA [Reg. 18].

5. JULIA EDWARDS (1864-1935) was born in 1864, Beverley, WA [Reg. 7789]. She married EDMUND HORACE SMITH (1855-1931), 1885, Beverley, WA [Reg. 6253]. Julia died 8 Jan 1935, Beverley, WA [Reg. 5].

6. SEABRIGHT EDWARDS (1866-1939), recorded as Lee Bright, was born in 1866, Beverley, WA [Reg.9357]. She married GEORGE DIFFEN (1867-1940), 1892, Beverley, WA [Reg. 351]. Seabright Diffen (nee Edwards) died 27 Nov 1939, Swan, WA [Reg. 91].

7. MARY ANN EDWARDS (1868-1943) was **born in 1868, Beverley, WA. She married EPHRAIN HENRY FAIRHEAD (1864-1941), 1891, Beverle**y, WA [Reg. 398]. Mary Ann Fairhead (nee Edwards) died 12 Sep 1943, Beverley, WA [Reg. 38].

8. EDWARD 'NED' WILLIAM EDWARDS (1871-1956), Ethel Maria Edward's father, was born in 1871, Beverley, WA [Reg. 13252]. He married ADA MARY BERTHA FLEAY (1876-1922), 1903, Gilgering, WA [Reg. 2067]. Their fifth child, ETHEL MARIA EDWARDS (1911-1985) married HORACE ERNEST BLECHYNDEN (1890-1955), 1929, Beverley, WA [Reg. 196]. Horace Blechynden was the seventh child of Jesse William Blechynden (1851-1934) and Emma Sarah Dunham (1862-1947). Edward died 6 Oct 1956, Gilgering, WA [Reg. 28].

9. MARGARET EDWARDS (1873-1958) was born in 1873, Beverley, WA [Reg. 14853]. She **married ERNST ALBERT FORD (1872-1959), 1898**, Beverley, WA [Reg. 10]. Registered as Ernst Ford. Margaret Ford (nee Edwards) died 9 Feb 1958, York, WA [Reg. 5].

Following is a brief history of Ethel Maria Edward's, mother, ADA MARY BERTHA FLEAY (1876-1922):

ADA MARY BERTHA FLEAY (1876-1922) Birth registered as Mary Ada Bertha Fleay. She was born 8 Jan 1876, Beverley, WA [Reg. 16867]. Parents **JOHN FLEAY 1848-1932)** and **SOPHIA BARTRAM (1851-1899)** who were married 21 Nov 1872, Beverley, WA [Reg.3509], name recorded as Sofhia. Ada Mary Bertha Edwards (nee Fleay) died 23 Aug 1922, Beverley, WA [Reg. 65]. Recorded under Ada Mary Bertha Edwards, aged 47 years, Parents John Fleay and Sophia Bartram.

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/179874280/ada-bertha_mary-edwards

Discrepancy: Find a Grave: The Beverley Anglican Cemetery and Ada's headstone have the year she died as 1923. She was registered in the WA Deaths as dying in 1922.

Headstone of Ada Edwards,
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Discrepancy: Ada died 23 Aug 1922 – see above.

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Wedding, 1903: Edward William Edwards and Ada Mary Bertha Fleay

Bertha Fleay,

CHILDREN OF ADA MARY BERTHA FLEAY (1876-1922) AND EDWARD WILLIAM EDWARDS (1871-1956: Ethel Maria Edward's parents.

1. ATHOL WILLIAM THOMAS EDWARDS (1903-1982) was born 17 Dec 1903, Beverley, WA, registered in 1904, WA [Reg. 3]. Athol William Thomas Edwards died 21 Jul 1982, Beverley, WA. Buried Beverley Shire, Cemetery. **ATHOL** married **ESTHER MAY JONAS (1899-1971)**, 21 Jun 1930, Beverley, WA [Reg. 28].

2. ERNEST DONALD EDWARDS (1906-1956) was born 2 Apr 1906, Beverley, WA [Reg. 29]. Ernest Donald Edwards died 2 Jul 1956, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400019]. **ERNEST** married **HANNAH WARE (1906-1985)**, 1936, Beverley, WA [Reg. 41]. Name recorded as Johanna, WA [Reg. 101].

3. STELLA SOPHIA EDWARDS (1908-1987) was born 4 Apr 1908, Beverley, WA [Reg No 47]. Stella Sophia Edwards died 30 May 1987, Beverley, WA. **STELLA** married **LAURENCE HENRY KEMP (1906-1994)**, 7 May 1929, Beverley, WA [Reg. 27]. **LAURENCE** was born 26 Feb 1906, Kent, Sussex, England, father, William Kemp and mother, Elizabeth Wilmshurst. Laurence died 7 Feb 1994, Beverley, WA.

4. THEO JOHN 'BILL' EDWARDS (1910-1983) was born 3 Aug 1910, Beverley, WA [Reg. 139]. Theo died 18 Apr 1983, Beverley, WA, aged 72 years. **THEO** married **MAISIE CAROLINE ROSINA GREEN (1912-1985)** 1937, Beverley, WA [Reg. 38].

5. ETHEL MARIA EDWARDS (1911-1985) was born 1 Dec 1911, Beverley, WA, Reg 1912, WA [Reg. 1]. Ethel Maria Blechynden (nee Edwards) died 4 Oct 1985, Beverley, WA. **ETHEL** married **HORACE ERNEST BLECHYNDEN (1890-1955)**, 1929, Beverley, WA [Reg. 196].

Following the death of his first wife Ann Maria (nee Griffith) in 1890, Thomas Edwards married again. Edward William Edward' father, Ethel Maria Edward's grandfather.

m.2 THOMAS EDWARDS (1833-1907) married **ELIZABETH BARTRAM (1855-1932)**, 31 May 1892, York, WA [Reg. 195]. **ELIZABETH** was born 1855, York, WA [Reg. 2819], parents **JAMES BARTRAM (1827-1905)** and **JANE ANN WILLIAMS (1830-1870)** who were married 1851, Res Office, [Reg. 354]. Jane Ann Williams – arrival 15 Oct 1841, Fremantle, via the *Ganges*.

CHILDREN OF THOMAS EDWARDS (1833-1907) AND ELIZABETH BARTRAM (1855-1932):

1. ERNEST JAMES EDWARDS (1893-1894) was born in 1893, Beverley, WA [Reg. 1337]. Ernest died aged 17 months, 20 Dec 1894, Beverley, WA [Reg. 44].

2. FRANK BARTRAM EDWARDS (1895-1917) was born in 1895, Beverley, WA [Reg. 60]. Frank served in **WW1. Killed in Action** in France 1917.

3. ALEXANDER GEORGE EDWARDS (1896-1972) was born in 1896, Beverley, WA [Reg. 21]. Alexander died 19 Dec 1972, Wagin, WA. **m.1 ALEXANDER** married **RUBY SARAH FLORENCE FLEAY (1893-1958)**, 1920, Beverley, WA [Reg. 12]. **m.2 ALEXANDER** married **AMY CALLAGIDDY DAVIDSON (NEE POWELL) (1907-1984)**,1961, Canning District, WA [Reg. 21]. Mary Coulthard's Aunt.

CONTINUING WITH THE STORY OF HORACE ERNEST BLECHYNDEN (1899-1955) AND ETHEL MARIA EDWARDS (1911-1985)

1st CHILD OF HORACE ERNEST BLECHYNDEN & ETHEL MARIA EDWARDS

1. BLECHYNDEN, ERNEST 'JOHN' (1930-1960)
Ernest John Blechynden was born 4 Jun 1930, Beverley, WA [Reg No 128].

m.1 ERNEST JOHN BLECHYNDEN (1930-1960) married **m2. MARY ANNE JUNE ROSER (1930-2018) 'MARIE'** 1960, York, WA [Reg.14]. Registered as Mary Anne June, Roser. Mary Anne June had been married before.

Ernest John Blechynden died 12 Aug 1960, Northam, WA [Reg. 68], **accidently killed**, registered in Northam. Via Bible. *Killed in a Railway crossing accident at Northam returning from an Eastern States trucking run.*

Ernest and Marie were married only two weeks before Ernest was killed. It would been an extremely sad occasion. The photo below is believed to be the last known photo of Ernest John Blechynden before he was tragically killed on a trip carting rabbits back from Mundrabilla, located 60-70 kilometres West of Eucla. See newspaper article following.

Image taken on one of many rabbit expeditions of the Sing and related Blechynden families to the Nullarbor region while working for rabbit exporting company J.W. Wynne.

Frank Trott sitting, James Sing (grandad) Alfred Singer, in white top. Alfred Sing (Great Uncle) Ernest John Blechynden on roof top. Photo courtesy Simi Bennett descendant of James Sing in black singlet.

The following photos and articles are courtesy Simi Bennett to show the scale of the operation. Anywhere from 2000-3000 rabbits would be caught and processed for export. Freezer trucks were used so none of the rabbit was wasted. See also the article below from *Trove* about J. Wynne Rabbit Exporter whom the Sings and the Beverley boys dealt with for their rabbiting business. It explains how the rabbits were processed.

Great Southern Herald **(Katanning, WA: 1901 - 1954), Fri 11 Dec 1953, pg 2**
A New Industry in Katanning - 3,000 RABBITS CHILLED PER WEEK - Great Southern Herald (Katanning, WA: 1901 - 1954) - 11 Dec 1953

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Photos courtesy Simi Bennett. Above, left: Nanna Sing (Emily Blechynden), great Uncle Alfred and grandad (James Sing). Rawlinna 1961. Above, right: Beverley Boys Gang on the Nullarbor, 1954-1960. L-R: Jim Sing, Alfred Sing and E J Blechynden is in there, John (E.J.) Blechynden is on the far right holding a kangaroo, but I am unsure of who the rest are.

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Article: Perth, WA, Sat, Aug 13 1960. Courtesy Tracey Currigan.
***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 11 Nov 1960, pg 1**
11 Nov 1960 - Trackers' Deaths Were Accidental (nla.gov.au)

Truckers' Deaths Were Accidental

After an all-day sitting at Northam Court-house on November 1st, Coroner K. H. Hogg returned a finding of accidental death at the inquest on two men who lost their lives in a level-crossing smash at Northam racecourse on August 13.

The men were Ernest John Blechynden (30) and Lionel Charles Loxton (26), occupants of a Leyland diesel wagon conveying rabbits for Diamond Ice and Cold Storage, from Mundrabilla on the Nullabor to Perth. On a downhill grade, the truck had hit a train on the crossing, causing extensive damage. Front of the vehicle was sheared off and smashed to pieces. Accident took place about 8 a.m. and Blechynden was killed instantly. Loxton died at Northam hospital about 3 p.m. that day.

Inquest on Nov. 1 occupied from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Twelve witnesses were called.

Mr. J. O'Halloran was counsel for the vehicle owners, Diamond Ice and Cold Storage; Mr. R. Ambrose for the insurers; Mr. J. Toohey for Mrs. Blechynden, widow of one deceased; Mr. P. Sharpe for the relatives of Loxton; and Mr. R. B. Clarke was the W.A.G.R. representative.

Evidence available failed to show which of the two men was driving at the time of the smash.

Coroner's finding was that both men died from injuries received when a Leyland Lippo diesel wagon, in which one was driving and the other a passenger, struck a railway train at the level crossing on Great Eastern Highway near Northam racecourse. Death was accidental and there was no blame attachable to the train crew in any way.

Coroner added he was satisfied that the railway flashing lights were working at the time. —Northam "Advertiser"

The following article about the accident contains a few more details about Earnest John Blechynden.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 19 Aug 1960, pg 1**
19 Aug 1960 - Death in Level Grossing Smash (nla.gov.au)

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Better known locally by his second name, John Blechynden was born in this district thirty years ago, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Blechynden, of Morbinning, both perents being members of families with very long association with Beverley. After leaving school he worked with his father on the family property and this association continued till about two years ago, his responsibilities in the interim having increased with the sudden death of his father in 1955. A younger member of of the family, Don, was later able to play a bigger part in the conduct of the farm and John sought and secured a position as a truck driver on the inter-State run. He was thus engaged when he met his death.

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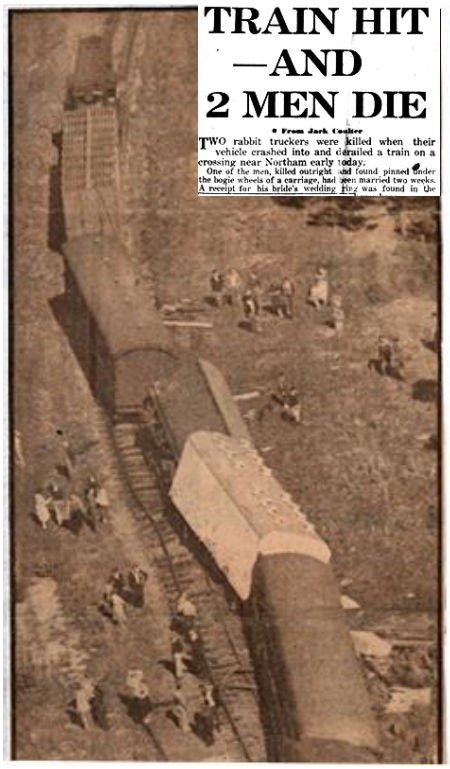

TRAIN HIT —AND 2 MEN DIE

• From Jack Coulter

TWO rabbit truckers were killed when their vehicle crashed into and derailed a train on a crossing near Northam early today.

One of the men, killed outright and found pinned under the bogie wheels of a carriage, had been married two weeks. A receipt for his bride's wedding ring was found in the

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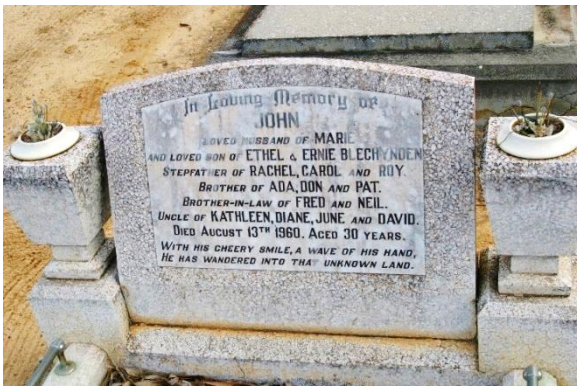
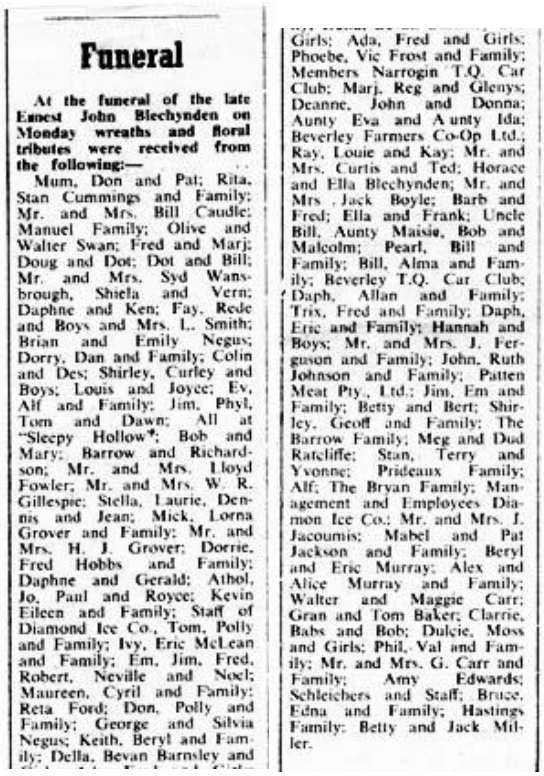


Headstone, Ernest John Blechyhden, Beverley Cemetery, photo courtesy Bonny Meares



Funeral

At the funeral of the late Ernest John Blechynden on Monday wreaths and floral tributes were received from the following:—

Mum, Don and Pat; Rita, Stan Cummings and Family; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caudle; Manuel Family; Olive and Walter Swan; Fred and Marj; Doug and Dot; Dot and Bill; Mr. and Mrs. Syd Wansbrough, Shiela and Vern; Daphne and Ken; Fay, Rede and Boys and Mrs. L. Smith; Brian and Emily Negus; Dorry, Dan and Family; Colin and Des; Shirley, Curley and Boys; Louis and Joyce; Ev, Alf and Family; Jim, Phyl, Tom and Dawn; All at "Sleepy Hollow"; Bob and Mary; Barrow and Richardson; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Fowler; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gillespie; Stella, Laurie, Dennis and Jean; Mick, Lorna Grover and Family; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Grover; Dorrie, Fred Hobbs and Family; Daphne and Gerald; Athol, Jo, Paul and Royce; Kevin Eileen and Family; Staff of Diamond Ice Co., Tom, Polly and Family; Ivy, Eric McLean and Family; Em, Jim, Fred, Robert, Neville and Noel; Maureen, Cyril and Family; Reta Ford; Don, Polly and Family; George and Silvia Negus; Keith, Beryl and Family; Della, Bevan Barnsley and Girls; Ada, Fred and Girls; Phoebe, Vic Frost and Family; Members Narrogin T.Q. Car Club; Marj, Reg and Glenys; Deanne, John and Donna; Aunty Eva and Aunty Ida; Beverley Farmers Co-Op Ltd.; Ray, Louie and Kay; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis and Ted; Horace and Ella Blechynden; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boyle; Barb and Fred; Ella and Frank; Uncle Bill, Aunty Maisie, Bob and Malcolm; Pearl, Bill and Family; Bill, Alma and Family; Beverley T.Q. Car Club; Daph, Allan and Family; Trix, Fred and Family; Daph, Eric and Family; Hannah and Boys; Mr. and Mrs. J. Ferguson and Family; John, Ruth Johnson and Family; Patten Meat Pty., Ltd.; Jim, Em and Family; Betty and Bert; Shirley, Geoff and Family; The Barrow Family; Meg and Dud Ratcliffe; Stan, Terry and Yvonne; Prideaux Family; Alf; The Bryan Family; Management and Employees Diamon Ice Co.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Jacoumis; Mabel and Pat Jackson and Family; Beryl and Eric Murray; Alex and Alice Murray and Family; Walter and Maggie Carr; Gran and Tom Baker; Clarrie, Babs and Bob; Dulcie, Moss and Girls; Phil, Val and Family; Mr. and Mrs. G. Carr and Family; Amy Edwards; Schletchers and Staff; Bruce, Edna and Family; Hastings Family; Betty and Jack Miller.

2nd CHILD OF HORACE ERNEST BLECHYNDEN & ETHEL MARIA EDWARDS

2. BLECHYNDEN, ADA KATHLEEN (1933-1989)

Ada Kathleen Blechynden was born 9 Jul 1933, WA. Ada Kathleen Purnell (nee Blechynden) died 26 Apr 1989, WA. **ADA** married **ALFRED ARTHUR PURNELL (1920-2008)** 1954, Beverley, WA [Reg. 22]. They had four children: **Kathleen, Dianne, June and Judith Purnell.**

ALFRED ARTHUR PURNELL (1920-2008) was born 29 Oct 1920, Calingiri, (registered in Northam), WA [Reg. 370]. Alfred died 18 Jun 2008, burial Wongan Hills, Wongan-Ballidu Shire, WA. Alfred's parents were **ARTHUR STEPHEN PURNELL (-1959)** and **ELEANOR GOODALL SHERWOOD** (-1948] who were married 1912, Perth, WA [Reg. 100490]. Arthur and Eleanor had at least four children:

1. Frank Stephen (1914-1985),
2. Dorothy May, born 1919,
3. **Alfred Arthur Purnell, born 1920**, and
4. Valentine Edgar (1923-1967).

Eleanor died 1948, Wongan Hills, (Moora), WA [Reg. 4200043], aged 65 years. Her father was Frank Goodall. Arthur Stephen Purnell died 1959, Wongan Hills, (Northam), WA [Reg. 4900087], aged 72 years. His father, Pathahia (as registered, in 1891 Census, Pethahiah) Alfred Purnell.

***Toodyay Herald* (WA: 1912 - 1954), Thu 2 Dec 1948, pg 3**
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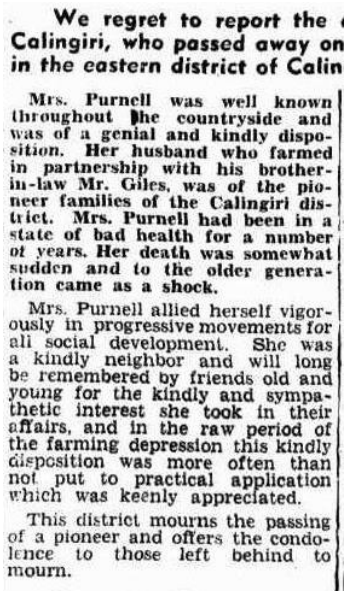
Late Mrs. A. Purnell

We regret to report the death of Mrs. A. Purnell, of Calingiri, who passed away on Sat, 27th, at her home in the eastern district of Calingiri.

Mrs. Purnell was well known throughout the countryside and was of a genial and kindly disposition. Her husband who farmed in partnership with his brother-in-law Mr. Giles, was of the pioneer families of the Calingiri district. Mrs. Purnell had been in a state of bad health for a number of years. Her death was somewhat sudden and to the older generation came as a shock.

Mrs. Purnell allied herself vigorously in progressive movements for all social development. She was a kindly neighbour and will long be remembered by friends old and young for the kindly and sympathetic interest she took in their affairs, and in the raw period of the farming depression this kindly disposition was more often than not put to practical application which was keenly appreciated.

This district mourns the passing of a pioneer and offers the condolence to those left behind to mourn.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3rd CHILD OF HORACE ERNEST BLECHYNDEN & ETHEL MARIA EDWARDS

3. BLECHYNDEN, DONALD WILLIAM (1934-2014) was born 18 Nov 1934, WA. Donald died 18 Nov 2014, Orelia, Kwinana City, WA.

Following his brother Ernest's death in 1860 after being killed in an accident, (see his section for more details), Donald married his widow 'Marie'. This was her third marriage. Mary Anne June Walker had been married before her move to WA to Roy Alexander Roser in QLD. I can't find a registration for this marriage.

DONALD WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN (1934-2014) married **m3. MARY ANNE JUNE BLECHYNDEN (1930-2018)**, 1962, York, WA [Reg. 14]. Registered as Mary Anne June Blechynden. They had two children: **Leslie and Brian.**

MARY 'MARIE' ANNE JUNE WALKER (1930-2018) (via the Edwards Family Tree, Ancestry) was born 16 Jun 1930, Brisbane, Qld. Parents: **LESLIE NORMAN WALKER (1899-1974)** and **OLIVE ROSE HEFEREN (1903-1983)** who were married 7 Jun 1919, Ashfield, NSW [Reg. 4425]. Mary Anne June Walker was the fifth of six children. Marie died 12 Oct 2018, Toowoomba, QLD.

Mary Anne Jane Walker partnered with Roy Alexander Roser. I cannot find a record of this but they appear together in the Electoral Roll in 1954.

Electoral Roll:
1954 Mary Anne Jane Roser, 14 Perry St, Harlaxton, Qld, home duties, Roy Alexander Roser, labourer.
Mary Anne Jane Roser moved to and remarried twice. The Electoral Roll shows many entries for Roy Alexander Roser who remained in QLD, (not recorded here).

Electoral Roll:
1963 Donald William Blechynden, Morbinning, labourer.
1968 Donald William Blechynden, Morbinning, labourer, Mary Anne June Blechynden, Morbinning, home duties.
1972 Donald William Blechynden, 16n First Av, Safety Bay, labourer, Mary Anne June, home duties.
1977 Donald William Blechynden, 4a Rae Rd, Safety Bay, tradesman.
1977 Mary Anne June Blechynden, 8 Searl St, Toowoomba, Qld.
1980 Mary Anne June Blechynden, 31 3c, Margaret St, Toowoomba, Qld.
1980 Donald William Blechynden, 14 McLarty Rd, Shoalwater, Rockingham, Valma Mary, cook.

It appears that by 1977 Mary Anne June Blechynden moved back to QLD.

In 1980 The Electoral Roll records **DONALD BLECHYNDEN (1934-2014)** and **VALMA MARY MOYLE (1932-2003)** were living together in Rockingham, WA. Find a Grave records of Valma Mary Moyle, (see below) show Donald Blechynden as her Spouse. **VALMA** was born 1932, WA. Parents: **ALFRED CYRIL MOYLE (1897-1971)** and **MARY AGNES HANLON (1873-1963)** who were married 1928, Swan, Bassendean, WA [Reg. 6100053]. They had at least two children. Valma died 5 Aug 2003, WA. See https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/213586904/valma-mary-blechynden

Electoral Roll:
Valma May Moyle / Blechynden
1954, Valma May Boyle, Caves House, Yallingup, domestic, Alfred Cyril Moyle, manager, Mary Agnes, home duties.
1980 Donald William Blechynden, 14 McLarty Rd, Shoalwater, Rockingham, Valma Mary, cook.

4th CHILD OF HORACE ERNEST BLECHYNDEN & ETHEL MARIA EDWARDS

4. BLECHYNDEN, PATRICIA STELLA (1945-) was born 18 Sep 1945. She married **DAVID NEIL ST. JACK (1941-1995)**, 27 Jun 1961, Quairading, (York), WA [Reg. 23].

DAVID NEIL ST. JACK (1941-1995) was born 1941, WA. David's parents: **RAY NEIL ST JACK (1910-2005)** and **ELEANOR ALDYTH FOWLER (1916-2003)** were married 24 Feb 1941, Beverley, WA [Reg. 7]. David Neil St. Jack died 29 Mar 1995, York, WA. Buried at the York Cemetery.

The following two pages contain details of David Neil St Jack's parents and grandparents.

RAY NEIL ST JACK (1910-2005) David Neil St Jack's father

Ray Neil St Jack was born 27 May 1910, Hillview, Mt Barker, WA [Reg.91], registered under Saint Jack. Ray Neil St Jack died 21 Mar 2005, York, WA.
ELEANOR ALDYTH FOWLER (1916-2003) David Neil St Jack's mother

Eleanor Aldyth Fowler was born 24 Sep 1916, Beverley, WA [Reg.151]. Parents: **ALDRED HERBERT FOWLER (1883-1963)** and **ELLA FAITH BLAKISTON (1891-1972)** who were married 9 Nov 1911, Beverley, WA [Reg. 42]. Eleanor was the fourth out of six children.
Eleanor St Jack (nee Fowler) died 20 Mar 2003, Mandurah, WA.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 7 Mar 1941, pg 3**
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The bride was given away by her father. She wore a cream satin frock, with a long train and beautiful handworked veil, held in place by a coronet of orange blos- and 2 pearl pins, (worn by her grandmother, Mrs Blakiston, at her wedding some 50 years ago). She carried a bouquet of cream roses, white heather, white astors, and maiden hair fern.

The bride was attended by her two sisters, Muriel and Margaret. They wore frocks of pink and mauve taffeta, with matching veils held with posies of blossoms. They carried posies of pink astors and roses.

Mr Norris Draper acted as best-man, and Mr Lindsay Fowler as groomsman.

Mrs P Hunt (a friend of the family) played the organ, and the Church had been prettily decorated by friends of the bride.

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After the reception the happy couple left for their honeymoon, the bride travelling in a dainty frock of floral English sheer with pink coat, and navy accessories.

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The following Obituary of David St Jack's grandfather Alfred Herbert Fowler, gives some idea of life at that time in the early days of WA, where his mother and she and her brothers and sisters grew up.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 29 Nov 1963, pg 1**
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Herbert Fowler Dies at Eighty

Born at Craneford, South Australia on November 23rd., 1883, the sixth member of a family of fourteen, Mr. Alfred Herbert Fowler passed away at his home in Forrest Street, Beverley on Sunday last, the day succeeding his 80th birthday. He had been ailing for some time and his passing was not unexpected.

Herb Fowler was a particularly well-known resident of these parts having been associated with the Beverley and adjacent districts since coming to the State with several of his brothers when he was 19 years of age.

The move to W.A. was in the wake of difficult conditions prevailing in the sister State. As a youth he had been employed in numerous avocations including a term as a builders assistant, and on his father's farm. He was also employed for a time in a country store. All this provided some background for activities he was later to pursue in Western Australia.

The brothers on arrival in the State found jobs in country areas.

Herb assisted on a dairying property near the city for a time, working for a pittance before he and his brother Fred moved to York, carrying their swags from Spencers Brook onwards. They secured work on farms and a little later Herb became assistant to a beekeeper with 200 hives in the East Beverley district. He stayed with him long enough to learn some of the apiarists trade before earning more money as a builders assistant. Brothers Albert and Don joined them later at East Beverley to take up over 700 acres of land, launching out on a farming career which claimed the brothers' attention for most of their later lives.

In 1907 Herb returned to South Australia where he worked for a period, but the call of the West was strong and he returned here after a year or two to resume his association with the land. In 1909 he met and fell in love with Miss Ella Faith Blakiston, the couple being married in 1911 at Beverley. The couple lived at East Beverley but later had associations with the Kulin district for some time before returning here. A large family of five sons and four daughters was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fowler over the years.

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Later on vacating the position they retired to Beverley to live among many old friends, and to make many new ones. Until recently Herb was a regular bowler and a welcome figure on the green.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral took place at the Anglican Cemetery Beverley following a service at St. Mary's Church on Tuesday morning. There was a very large gathering of members of the Fowler families from various parts of the State and the city as well as a big representation of district friends.

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Returning to PATRICIA STELLA BLECHYNDEN (1945-) and **DAVID NEIL ST. JACK (1941-1995)**

Via WikiTree: In 1968 he (David Neil St. Jack) was a builder living at 2 Broome St York. In 1977 he was a farm hand at Talbot Brook near York. In 1980 he was a farmer at Upper Beverley Rd York. They had four children **David, Colleen, Peter and Josephine St Jack**.

Electoral Roll:
1910 Horace Ernest Blechynden
1925 Horace Ernest Blechynden, Morbinning, farmer
1936, 1943 Horace Ernest Blechynden, Morbinning, East Beverley, farm hand, Ethel Maria, Bellbeling Farm, Morbinning, East Beverley, home duties.

Via Tracey Currigan:
Horace and his wife Ethel Maria, his mother Emma Sarah Blechynden (nee Dunham) and his sister Evelyn 'Eva' lived on Bellbeling Farm. The farm belonged to John Edwards (eldest son of Thomas and Ann Maria Edwards). After John's death in 1926, Emma Sarah Blechynden and their son Horace Ernest remained on the farm.

Horace Ernest Blechynden, 'Ernie,' died 15 Apr 1955, Beverley, WA. Buried 18 Apr 1955, St Mary's Cemetery, Beverley, aged 56 years. **Ethel Maria Blechynden (nee Edwards) died 1 Oct 1985**, Beverley, WA, aged 73 years.

Headstones of Horace Ernest 'Ernie' and Ethel Maria Blechynden (nee Edwards), Beverley Cemetery

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THE BLECHYNDEN FAMILY IS RELATED TO TWO DIFFERENT EDWARDS LINES

WIILIAM EDWARDS AND HARRISON BLECHYNDEN FAMILIES: TIMELINE:
In the very early days of settlement in the Swan River Colony, as pioneers, William Edwards and Harrison Blechynden were close neighbours in the newly established Beverley District. At this time when there was as yet very little infrastructure, they would have relied on one another in times of difficulty and as a result one could imagine, formed a close friendship.
20 Jan 1830: the following arrived per the ***Minstrel***: **HARRISON BLECHYNDEN (1802-1873), GEORGE BLECHYNDEN (1806-1889) CHARLOTTE AUGUSTA ROBUS (1812-1889)**, **WILLIAM LOCKE BROCKMAN (1803-1872)** and wife **ANN FRANCES ISABELLA HAMERSLEY (1808-1876)** and baby son **Edmund Brockman.**
14 May 1830: WILLIAM EDWARDS (1792-1865) arrived per ***Rockingham*** with his wife **ELEANOR AYLING (1798-1871)** and family: Eliza, William, Caroline, Mary. It is highly likely that William Edwards and Harrison Blechynden knew one another prior to moving to the District of Beverley. Both arrived as new members of the Swan River Colony in the same year and both lived for a while in the Guildford region. William and Eleanor arrived in the Swan River Colony with four children and were older than Harrison and Charlotte. When Harrison and Charlotte gave birth to their third child Elizabeth 'Anne' Blechynden on 'St Aubyns' it is highly likely that Eleanor Edwards their neighbour

also newly arrived in the district may have helped Charlotte with the birth of Elizabeth 'Anne' and many of her other children that followed born on 'Babbyalla'.

On 19 Mar 1842, Eleanor Edwards would have been aged about 44 years. At this stage her children were aged approximately: Eliza 24 years, William 21 years, Caroline 18 years, Mary 16 years, Matilda 11 years, Alfred 8 years, Charles 6 years and Thomas aged 4 years. It is highly likely the three older Edwards children may have remained in Guildford as they married soon after. In 1842, John Blechynden born in 1833 would have been about 9 years and his sister Sarah just 1 year of age. One can imagine John Blechynden, Alfred, Charles and Thomas Edwards would have grown up together, socialising at the York Show and family gatherings. 'St Aubyns' according to records at this stage had a barracks on the property. EDMUND THOMAS HENRY BARRETT-LENNARD (1823-1895) arrived at 'St Aubyns' at this time as manager aged about 19 years. He did not marry until much later when he married ELIZABETH ANN SMITH (1833-1886) 'ELIZA', in 1854, Beverley, WA.

In 1842, York put on what was to become an annual Agricultural Show and Annual fair. This was to become a most important social event for the settlers. In October 1843, the first race meeting was held. The Blechyndens and Edwards would have been very involved as a family in the events, travelling by initially by horse and as rough roads were formed by horse and carriage.

An official survey of the Beverley district took place in 1843. The 1843 census recorded the population of WA as 3,842.

By 1852, A small service area consisting of a mud bat store and a wheelwright was being established at Edwards Crossing which was 13 kilometres away. One can imagine the family would have travelled by horse and cart to obtain goods at the store.

8 Aug 1857: THOMAS EDWARDS (1833-1907) and his wife **ANN MARIA GRIFFITH (1830-1890),** and their infant son John, arrived via the 'City of Bristol'. **Thomas Edwards** (not related to William Edwards), joined the Colonial Police Force in 1858. He and his wife initially settled in York. Thomas Edwards and his wife Ann moved to the new town of Beverley and Ann was appointed post mistress in November 1861. Thomas also commenced farming on land acquired which they called 'Rockfield'.

SPECIFICALLY, THESE ARE THE BLECHYNDEN/EDWARDS CONNECTIONS FROM BOTH OF THESE LINES:

1. **ELIZABETH 'ANNE' BLECHYNDEN (1842-1927)** married in York to **THOMAS EDWARDS (1838-1903)** son of **WILLIAM EDWARDS (1792-1865) AND ELEANOR AYLING (1798-1871)**

2. CHARLES EDWIN BLECHYNDEN (1848-1918) was married1872 in Beverley, WA to **CAROLINE MARY DAVIES (1850-1942).** Caroline was the daughter of **THOMAS DAVIES (1825-1902)** and **MATILDA EDWARDS (1831-1887).** Matilda Edwards was the sixth child of **WILLIAM EDWARDS (1792-1865)** and **ELEANOR AYLING (1798-1871)**.

And **THOMAS EDWARDS** (**1833-1907)** married **ANN MARIA GRIFFITH (1830-1890)** 7 May 1855, Tipton, Staffordshire, England. **8. EDWARD WILLIAM EDWARDS (1871-1956)** married **ADA MARY BERTHA FLEAY (1876-1922)**, 1903, Gilgering, WA [Reg. 2067]. **5. ETHEL MARIA EDWARDS (1911-1985)** married **HORACE ERNEST BLECHYNDEN,** 1929, Beverley, WA [Reg. 196].

10. JOSEPH BLECHYNDEN (1853-1938) & GRACE HANCOCK (1858-1947)

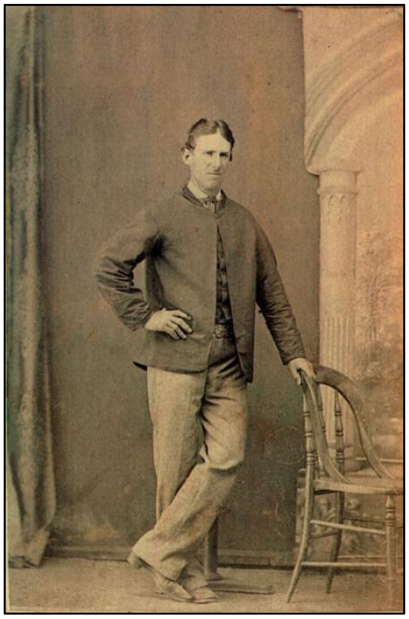
Joseph was Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden's tenth child. He was born on 9 Feb 1853 in Beverley.

On 4 Oct 1893, Joseph married Grace Emma Hancock at St. Mary's Anglican Church, Beverley. He was 40 years of age, and she 35.

They farmed 'Gingaring' in the Brookton-Pingelly area and had two children.

John passed away on 6 May 1938 at the age of 85, and Grace on 15 May 1947 at 88. They share a grave in the Pingelly Cemetery.

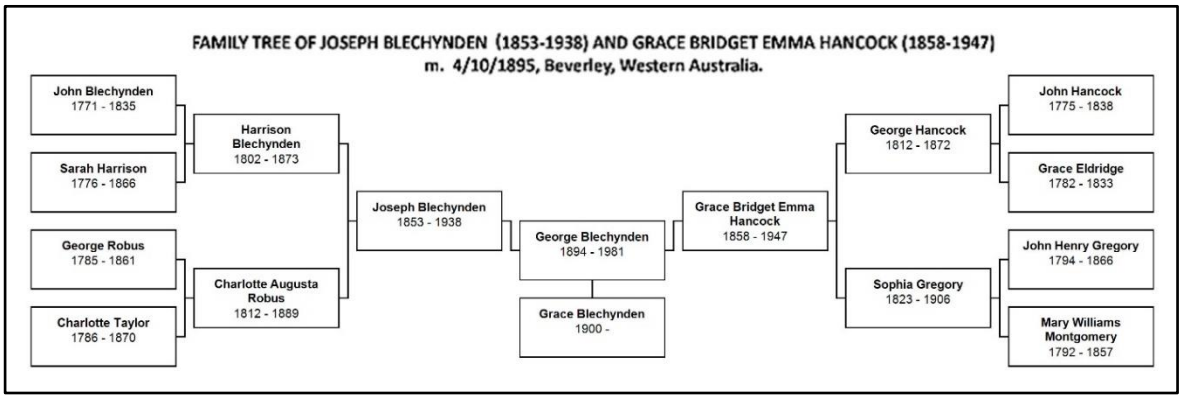
BLECHYNDEN, JOSEPH (1853-1938) was born 9 Feb 1853 Beverley, registered in York, WA [Reg. 2018]. He was the tenth child of Harrison Blechynden and Charlotte Robus who were married in Perth on 3 Mar 1832. Harrison Blechynden and Charlotte Robus emigrated from Kent in England to the newly formed Swan River Colony arriving in Perth on the same ship the *Minstrel* on 20 Jan 1830. Their first two children John and Sarah were born in Perth. Their parents then moved to 'St Aubyns', land granted in the newly zoned district of Beverley, owned by Edward Pomeroy Barrett-Lennard and entrusted to his nephew Edmund Thomas Barrett-Lennard. Joseph's sister Elizabeth 'Anne' was born on 'St Aubyns', prior to them moving to the property next door called 'Babbyalla'. It was here that the next seven children were born and grew up. Sadly, their fifth child, Jesse William, died at the age of 20 months.



Joseph Blechynden

At the time of his birth Joseph's siblings were aged as follows: John 20 years, Sarah Harrison 12 years, Anne 11 years, Henry George 10 years, Walter Edward 7 years, Charles Edwin 5 years, Thomas Harrison 4 years and Jesse 20 months (named after the Jesse who died).

Six boys under ten were quite a challenge and one can imagine at times life in the house and yards were chaotic. Their older brother John was working on the farm with their father from morning to night and their sisters were kept busy with their mother working in the house and cooking for such a large number. As soon as they were able, they were allocated chores around the house and yard. The children were taught to ride at an early age. The family often travelled by horse and cart to the black smiths and the mud bat store, a couple of properties away at Edwards Crossing to shop for supplies. There were no schools in the district and the boys had little schooling as such.



Joseph was still a baby and quite unaware, when in 1854, his eldest brother John left home at the age of 21 and walked to the Blackwood district guided by friendly Aboriginals. As a result, he acquired two pastoral leases along the Blackwood River.

The farm 'Babbyalla', was recorded as being a viable concern in the Census of 1859 and Joseph was written on the form as being six years of age. He enjoyed going with the family when they travelled by horse and cart to participate in the annual Agricultural Shows which were held every year at York.

One can imagine he was a very excited young boy, when at seven years of age he travelled with his family to join the celebrations of his brother John Blechynden being married to Elizabeth Green in Feb 1860, at St George's Cathedral in the growing city of Perth. It would have been a long trip for a small boy, from 'Babbyalla', staying overnight at the halfway house along the way. As they came to the city he would have been mesmerized by the constant stream of hundreds of horses and carts and

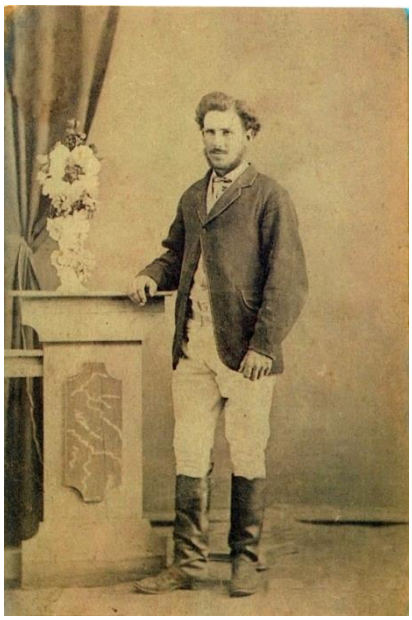
people strolling around talking loudly as they went about their business. The people at the wedding were dressed in the height of fashion and his family looked very smart in their very best clothes.

This was followed by another wedding when his sister Anne married Thomas Edwards in March 1862 in the nearby town of York. Weddings were a great time of celebration as people gathered together, once again dressed in their best clothes.

In 1864, looking to their future, his brothers Walter Edward and Charles Edwin left home. They walked to the Blackwood District and joined their eldest brother, John at Bridgetown. 'Babbyalla' had lost some of their oldest members of the family. The children left at 'Babbyalla' were now aged as follows: Sarah 23 years, Henry 21 years, Thomas 16 years, Jesse 13 years and Joseph 11 years. There was much to do on the farm and the younger boys were now expected to pull their weight in helping their father and older brother Henry.

Joseph's sister Sarah married John Henry Markham Page in Nov 1867 in York. Both of his sisters had now left the nest. Joseph was now aged 14 years of age and working as hard as Henry, Thomas and Jesse with his father, Harrison, at the multitude of tasks on the property. Horses were very much part of their life as they looked after their large flock of sheep and worked on their crops.

The Beverley townsite was established around 1868 and life became easier as people settled in the town and Government services were progressively introduced.



Joseph Blechynden

His brother, Charles Edwin had returned to the district and was married in Beverley to Caroline Mary Davies in Apr 1872 settling at Mount Kokeby on the property of 'Erindale', nearby.

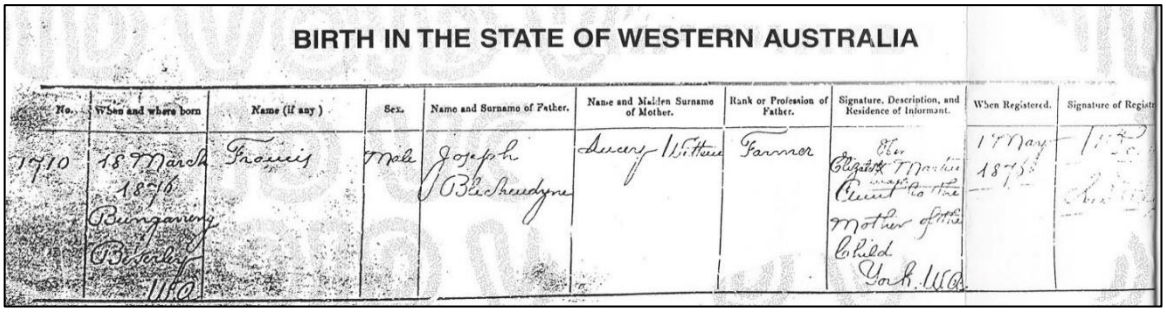
It was a big blow to the family when their father Harrison died at the age of 71 years on 17 Jul 1873. A large crowd gathered to support the family at the funeral which was held at Edwards Crossing. Thomas was 24 years; Jesse was almost 23 years and Joseph 20 years.

Three months following the funeral, Walter Edward who was now living on his own property 'Glenpennant' in the Warren District, was married in Oct 1873 to Jane Needs in the Picton Anglican Church, Bunbury.

The three youngest, Thomas (often known as 'Harrison'), Jesse and Joseph lived at home with their mother Charlotte, and continued farming on 'Babbyalla', sometimes finding work on other properties nearby.

It was mentioned in family records that Joseph Blechynden fathered a child out of wedlock. WA records show that he did in fact have a child.

FRANCIS BLECHYNDEN (1876-) was born 18 Mar 1876, Bungarring, Beverley, WA [Reg. 17145], father, **JOSEPH BLECHYNDEN**, mother, **LUCY WITTENE** (born 1855). Lucy's Aunt Elizabeth Martin registered the birth on 19 May 1876 in York.



BIRTH IN THE STATE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

No.	When and where born	Name (if any)	Sex.	Name and Surname of Father.	Name and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Rank or Profession of Father.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registr
1410	18 March 1876 Bungarring Beverley	Francis	Male	Joseph Blechynden	Lucy Wittene	Farmer	Elizabeth Mitchell Present at the Mother of the Child York. WA.	17 May 1876	

Birth certificate Francis Blechynden, 1876, Beverley,

The landowner of the property of Bungarring mentioned on the birth certificate where the baby was born in 1876 was Charles Hines. Charles had a sister Lucy Hine (1859-1937).
https://www.carnamah.com.au/WA-directories?starts_with=H&page=133

Hines C. Landowner Beverley 1876 WA Almanack
Joseph was aged 23 years. Lucy Wittene may have been working and living at Bungarring. It would be interesting to find out what happened to Lucy and baby Francis.

Deaths: WA registration: This appears to be Francis dying as a baby, under the name of Francis Blechynden Hinds in 1877, aged 1 year.

Hinds	Francis Blechyndon	1	Unknown	Unknown Lucy	Unknown	9335	1877

Note spelling of Blechyndon and Hinds in WA Registration.

Marriage: WA Records BDMs: Charles Hines (1855-1911) was married 1879 to Eliza Jane Pennyfather (1859-1942), York, WA [Reg. 4620].

Joseph's brother, Thomas Harrison, married Annie Maria Dunham in Northam in Sep 1877. Joseph and Jesse continued working on 'Babbyalla'.

In Sep 1882, Jesse William Blechynden married Emma Sarah Dunham in York. Brothers, Thomas and Jesse Blechynden had married sisters, Anna Maria and Emma Sarah Dunham.

On Mon 25 Aug 1884, an add was put in the York newspaper via Joseph Blechynden re stud and agistment services at 'Babbyalla'.

***Eastern Districts Chronicle* (York, WA: 1877 - 1927), Mon 15 Sep 1884, pg 2**
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"YOUNG TARRAGON"

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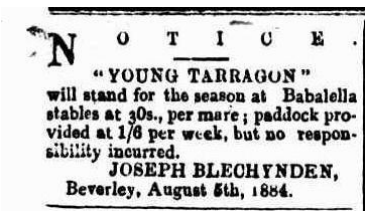

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Life was not easy following Harrison's death, and Joseph's mother, Charlotte, was put under a lot of stress. When two of her flocks of sheep became infected with scab, she did her best to remedy the situation by washing them in a pool at Butlers Pool, on 'Mt. Pleasant', in the Avon River. She was brought before the courts and a harrowing time followed as this was processed and the penalty was severe. This can be read about in her own chapter. Thank goodness the Governor came to the party:

Sat 17 Dec 1887

Our readers may remember that early in last October Mrs C. A. Blechynden of Beverley, was fined no less than £11,400 by the York bench for having committed a breach of the Seal Act by washing eleven hundred and forty sheep in Butler's Pool, Beverley. Upon such an extraordinary penalty being inflicted Mrs Blechynden laid the matter before His Excellency the Governor and we are informed that last Tuesday His Excellency was pleased to reduce the fine to £20. We are glad that His Excellency saw his way to reducing to a reasonable sum a penalty, the enforcement of which, would have meant simply utter ruin to an old and highly respected resident.

There was an enormous change to the family when it was known that Mr. Bevan Hamersley had inherited the property of 'Babbyalla' and intended to take up residence there. Joseph's mother Charlotte wrote a letter in 1888 letter requesting a grant of land. She said that she and her husband had rented a farm from MR HAMERSLEY for 44 years and also leased CROWN LAND.

Bevan Hamersley took up residence at 'Babbyalla' in 1888.

In 1888 Joseph's brother, Charles Edwin Blechynden, purchased 'Roesland', so called because it was surveyed by Mr. Roe at the same time as he surveyed the Beverley township.

Following the evacuation of 'Babbyalla', Charlotte and, presumedly, Joseph moved to live with Charles Edwin and his wife Caroline.

Joseph began farming at 'Oakdale', a property some nine miles east of Beverley, where he farmed in partnership with his mother Charlotte and brother.

Charlotte Blechynden (nee Robus) died on 13 Sep 1889. This was a sad time for the whole family. She had been there for them all through 'thick and thin'. Many people, including family and friends, came to honour her at her funeral at Edwards Crossing.

Life continued on for Joseph and having a strong interest in horses, we next have details of him as Clerk of Course of the Beverley Race Club.

***Eastern Districts Chronicle* (York, WA: 1877 - 1927), Sat 11 Apr 1891, pg 8**
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BEVERLEY RACE CLUB.
Stewards:
Messrs. J. P: Dempster, D. Kilpatrick,
T. Edwards, sen., G. E. Inkpen* & B. Hamersley.
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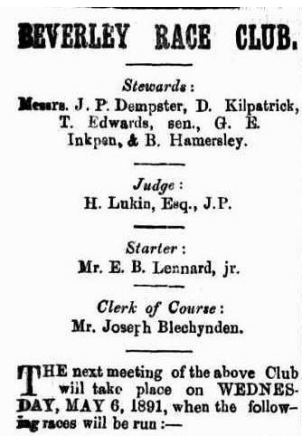
H. Lukin, Esq., J.P.
Starter:
Mr. E. B. Lennard, jr.
Clerk of Course:
Mr. Joseph Blechynden.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THE next meeting of the above Club will take place on WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1891, when the following races will be run:—

Joseph Blechynden was named as executor acting for the Estate of George Lomas.

***West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Tue 19 Nov 1895, pg 6**
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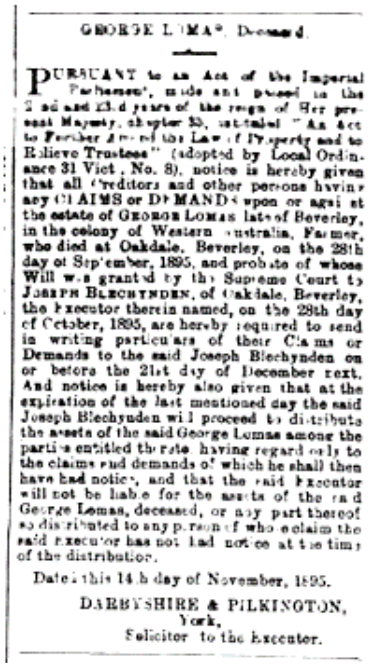
GEORGE LOMAS, Deceased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Dated this 14th day of November, 1895.

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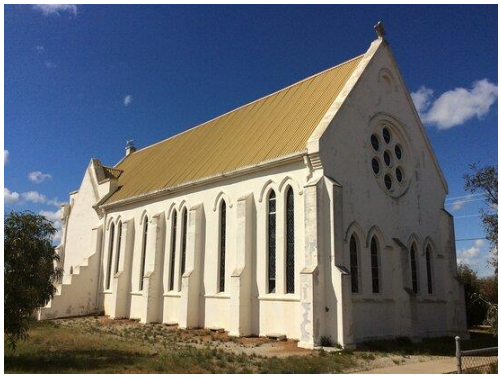
JOSEPH BLECHYNDEN (1853-1938) was married on 4 Oct 1893, St Mary's Anglican Church, Beverley, WA [Reg. 310], to **GRACE BRIDGET EMMA HANCOCK (1858-1947)**. Joseph was aged 40 years and Grace was aged 35 years. Joseph took his bride back to 'Oakdale' where they set up home and where their two children were born. More details further on.

Via the Hancock Book: "The Rector of Beverley has confirmed that theirs was the first recorded marriage in the new church which was consecrated on the 30 Nov 1892."

ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/services/st-marys-anglican-church-beverley/

This iconic building in Beverley has held a prominent place in the community since it was built in 1892, holding countless weddings, baptisms, confirmations and funerals. St Mary's Anglican church remains a local landmark on the corner of John and Husking Streets, and still contributes to the community's sense of place.

The first Rector, the Reverend Groser, was not only a theologian of note but had a nous for business. His foresight was remarkable as he drove the fundraising efforts and enthusiasm of the local community to donate their time and significant resources to build the church from local stone. Heavy stone was carted in by horse drawn wagons, then lifted higher and higher to complete the structure over eight months. All the work was done voluntarily with time and resources freely given.



St Mary's Anglican church, Beverley

This was the first Anglican Church in Beverley townsite. It cost 475 pounds and was consecrated by Reverend Parry on 30th November 1892. The Chancel and Vestry were added in 1904 at a cost of 290 pounds. A memorial tower to Mr WH de Lisle, added in 1914, was too heavy for the foundation and was removed in 1926.

The Lytch Gate was a War Commemoration and was dedicated on Remembrance Day 11 November 1956. The Porch was added in 1963 in memory of Mena Smith.

The Memorial Lytch gate mentioned is the only one of its type in WA.

The Lytch Gate, St Mary's Anglican Church, Beverley

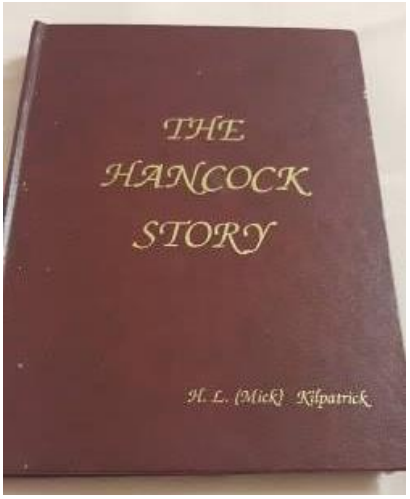
HANCOCK, GRACE BRIDGET EMMA (1858-1947)

Grace Bridget Emma Hancock was born 25 Nov 1858, Boyadine, WA [Reg. 4469], the sixth daughter of eleven children of **GEORGE HANCOCK (1810-1871)**, mother, **SOPHIA GREGORY (1823-1906)**. Her parents arrived per *Warrior*, 12 Mar 1830. The same family line as the late Lang Hancock. They resided in Pingelly, Lomos and Green Hills, WA. Grace Bridget Emma Blechynden (nee Hancock) died 15 Apr 1947, York Hospital, WA [Reg. 12]. She was buried at Pingelly Cemetery, Anglican section.

THE HANCOCK STORY by H. L. (Mick) Kilpatrick

"Grace Emma was the tenth child and sixth daughter of George and Sophia Hancock. She was born at Boyadine on the 25th, November 1858."

Book: *THE HANCOCK STORY*
by H. L. (Mick) Kilpatrick:



George Hancock: February 1833 Granted town lot W26.
In 1841, George Hancock was an officer protecting timber lands.
1 January 1842, Belmont, Western Australia:
George Hancock opens public house 'The Mermaid' in Belmont.
Boat carries cargo across river to Perth 7am returns same evening.
14 Mar 1844.
George Hancock appointed mail contract between Perth and Albany.
George Hancock held a pastoral lease in 1853 at Williams.
George Hancock employed 2 ticket of leave men from 1864-1871.

George Hancock was a farmer at 'Gingaring', Beverley, Avon Loc. 22. Sons were pastoralists at 'Ashburton Downs'.

The following pages have details of the parents of Grace Bridget Emma Hancock, George Hancock (1810-1871) and Sophia Gregory (1823-1906):

GEORGE HANCOCK (1810-1871) married **SOPHIA GREGORY (1823-1906)** 23 Dec 1839, Belmont. WA. **HANCOCK, GEORGE (1810-1871)** was born 1810, Devon, England. He was baptised 10 Jul 1810, Coldridge, Devon, England, parents **JOHN HANCOCK (1775-1838)** and **GRACE ELDRIDGE (1782-1833)**. George. He died 25 Aug 1871, Avondale, Beverley, WA [Reg. 5055] aged 59 years. Registered in 1971. Buried Gilgering Cemetery, York Shire, WA. There is a discrepancy with George Hancock's death date. In many articles and on his headstone, it records him as having died in 1872. WA registration has him as dying in 1871.

JOHN HANCOCK (1775-1837) and **GRACE ELDRIDGE (1775-1833)** were married 7 Aug 1802, Coldridge, Devin, England.

HANCOCK, JOHN (1775-1837) was born 27 Sep 1775, Coldridge, Devon, England. Parents: **JOHN SCOTT HANCOCK (1752-1808)** and **ANN LEACH (1753-)** who were married 24 Apr 1775, Coldridge, Devon, England. (Hancock recorded as Hanlake). He died 28 Nov 1837, Swan River Colony, (Perth), WA. Discrepancy some have his death as 1838.

ELDRIDGE, GRACE (1782-1833) was born about 1782, Coldridge, Devon, England. Parents: **WALTER ELDRIDGE (1755-)** and **MARY (**query **BAKER).** Many family trees have Grace recorded as Grace Eldridge Baker. Grace Hancock (nee Eldridge) died 23 Nov 1833, Belmont, Swan River Colony, WA. Buried Guilford Cemetery, WA.

JOHN HANCOCK (1775-1837) and **GRACE ELDRIDGE (1775-1833)** had five children**.** The following data is from Family Trees in Ancestry. I cannot vouch for some of the following facts.

1. FRANCES FANNY HANCOCK (1803-) married **HUMPHREY DRAKE (1797-)** 10 Aug 1824, Coldridge, Devon, England. She did not emigrate.

2. JAMES HANCOCK (1804-1812) was christened 26 Dec 1804, Coldridge, Devon, England. He died 31 Jan 1812, at the age of 8 years, Coldridge, Devon, England.

3. MARY HANCOCK (1807-1852) Did not emigrate. She was christened, 17 Nov 1807, Coldridge, Devon, England. Mary married **THOMAS PRICE (1785-)** 8 Aug 1830, Liverpool, Lancashire, England. This may be her.

4. GEORGE HANCOCK (1810-1871) emigrated to the Swan River Colony. More details on George following.

5. JAMES HANCOCK (1812-) emigrated to the Swan River Colony. Property Feb 1833, Perth, WA, Granted town lot W76. 29 Nov 1848, Belmont, WA. James reported to have absconded from business by father and brother (John and George). Departure, 1850, Fremantle, left per "Lapwing" for SA.

EMIGRATION:

Grace Bridget Emma Hancock's father **George Hancock**, labourer, aged 18 years and his **brother James**, carpenter aged 20 years, emigrated with their parents, **John Hancock** aged 50 years,

carpenter and his **wife Grace** aged 48 years, to WA, by the ship *Warrior* shortly after the foundation of the Colony, arriving, 12 Mar 1830.
Thank you to bluett (colblue1) Family Tree, Ancestry for sharing your research.

Arrival: 12 Mar 1830, Fremantle, WA. Arrived per 'Warrior,' indentured to Capt. F.H. BYRNE. John and his wife Grace brought the family to W.A. from Devon

Occupation: 1830, Swan River Colony (Fremantle), WA. Hired as a carpenter by Capt. F.H. Byrne.

Property: Feb 1833, Fremantle, WA, Granted Fremantle lot 424.

Occupation: 2 Jun 1838, Belmont, WA. Owned a pit saw business and house in Belmont. Employed servant (Thomas Cook).

Death of John Hancock (1775-1837), 28 Nov 1837, Belmont City, WA.

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/179359760/john-hancock

Discrepancy. Some have him dying in 1838.

Headstone John Hancock, Guildford Cemetery, WA

In Memory of
JOHN / GRACE HANCOCK
Died at Belmont 1837
At Rest

GREGORY, SOPHIA (1823-1906) Grace Bridget Emma Hancock's mother
Sophia Gregory was born 5 May 1823, "Elm Grove", Southsea, Hampshire, England. She was baptised 14 Sep, Saint Mary's Church, Portsea, Hampshire, England. Parents: **JOHN HENRY GREGORY (1794-1866) SNR.** and **MARY WILLIAMS MONTGOMERY (Widow DORMAN) (1792-1857)** who were married 19 Jan 1815, Saint Mary's Church, Portsea, Hampshire, England.
Sophia Hancock (nee Gregory) died 28 Aug 1906, Gilgering, WA [Reg. 19].

GREGORY, JOHN HENRY (1794-1866) SNR. Grace Bridget Emma Hancock's maternal grandfather
John Henry Gregory was born 1794, "Elm Grove", Southsea, Portsea Island, Hampshire, England. He died 12 May 1866, Northam, WA [Reg. 3253]. Buried Northam Pioneer Cemetery.

MONTGOMERY, MARY WILLIAMS (1792-1857) Grace Bridget Emma Hancock's maternal grandmother
Mary Williams Montgomery was born 1792, London, Greater London, England. Mary had been married before. She was the widow of Mr. Dorman. Mary Dorman and her husband had a son named James Dorman, born in 1813.

JAMES 'JOHN' DORMAN (1813-1879). Note: his birth name was James Dorman, he adopted the surname Gregory from his mother's second marriage. He was born 20 Jan 1813, Portsea, Hampshire, England. He died 9 Jan 1879, Beverley, WA [Reg. 10033]. Registered under Jas Gregory.

Emigration: Arrived with family per *Warrior,* 12 Mar 1830 Fremantle, Swan River colony, WA.

JAMES DORMAN GREGORY (1813-1879) married **m.2 JANE ELIZA BYFIELD (NEE COATES) (1822-1872) Widow**, 3 Oct 1863, Mid Swan, WA [Reg. 2056].
Note: Previously known as James Dorman, in his marriage was registered as James Dorman Gregory and Jane Eliza Byfield.

m.1 JANE ELIZA COATES (1822-1872) married **EDWARD JOHN HAROLD BYFIELD (1811-1863)**, 7 Jun 1841, Perth, WA. Jane Eliza Coates was born in England. James Dorman and Jane Eliza Gregory had three children:

1. HENRY DORMAN GREGORY (1864-1923)
2. MARY ELIZA GREGORY (1865-1867) DIED AGED 18 MONTHS.
3. UNNAMED GREGORY (1867-1867).

HENRY DORMAN GREGORY (1864-1923) married **MARY JANE COATES (1855-1933)** 1887, Guildford, WA [Reg.129].

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m.2 MARY WILLIAMS DORMAN (nee MONTGOMERY) (1792-1857) married **JOHN HENRY GREGORY (1794-1866) Snr.** 19 Jan 1815, Saint Mary's Church, Portsea, Hampshire, England.
CHILDREN OF JOHN HENRY GREGORY (1794-1866) AND MARY WILLIAMS DORMAN (nee MONTGOMERY) (1792-1857):

1. ELIZABETH GREGORY (1818-1830) was born 22 Jun 1818, Hampshire, England. She died 6 Oct 1830, Guildford, WA, aged about 13 years.

2. MARY ANN GREGORY (1820-1829) was born 19 Mar 1820, Hampshire, England. She died 7 Apr 1829, Hampshire, England, aged 9 years.

3. SOPHIA GREGORY (1823-1906) married **GEORGE HANCOCK (1810-1871)** 23 Dec 1839, Belmont. WA. Sofia is the mother of Grace Hancock who married Joseph Blechynden.

4. ELIZA GREGORY (1824-1844) was born 21 Dec 1824, Portsmouth, Hampshire, England. She died 5 May 1844, York, WA [Reg. No 114], aged 19 years.

5. JOHN HENRY WILLIAMS GREGORY (1826-1914) married **EMMA MASSINGHAM (1826-1914),** 20 Jan 1851, York, WA [Reg. 338], registered as Nessingham.

6. WILLIAM GEORGE JOSEPH GREGORY (1829-1853) married **ELIZA JONES (1845-1923)** 1862, Victoria Plains, WA [Reg. 1906]. Is this William John Gregory? The passenger list on the *Warrior* (see following), records his name as William John Gregory aged one year. William John Gregory and Willian George Joseph Gregory are both recorded in a number of different family trees with the same birth date and parents. Are they the same person? William George Joseph Gregory died in 1853, WA [Reg. 534]. I can't find a death for William John Gregory.

EMIGRATION: Gregory family

Sophia's maternal grandparents, John Henry and Mary Gregory and family arrived via the ***Warrior*** on 12 Mar 1830 to the Swan River Colony. John Henry Gregory aged 37 years, with his wife **Mary Williams Montgomery (Dorman)** aged 38 years, children**: James Dorman**, aged 17 years, **Elizabeth Gregory** aged 13 years, **Sophia Gregory** aged 7 years, **Eliza Gregory** aged 5 years, **John Henry Williams Gregory** aged 4 years and **William John Gregory** aged 1 year.

Note: James Dorman from Mary's first marriage according to family records was recorded on the ship as being 17 years. Family records have him born in 1813, which makes him 23 years.

PASSENGER SHIPS ARRIVING IN:
https://fremantlestuff.info/ships/warrior.html

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Warrior – Passenger list:
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Passenger list from the Warrior on 12 Mar 1830 to the Swan River Colony:

	Name	Age	Family/Single	Occupation	Comments
GREGORY	John Henry	37	F	... ...	... ...
GREGORY	Mary Williams	38	F	Wife	nee MONTGOMERY or DORMAN
GREGORY	James Dorman	17	F	Child	Stepson to J.H. GREGORY
GREGORY	Elizabeth	13	F	Child	... ...
GREGORY	Sophia	7	F	Child	... ...
GREGORY	Eliza	5	F	Child	... ...
GREGORY	John Henry Williams	4	F	Child	... ...
GREGORY	William John	1	F	Child	... ...
HABGOOD	William	24	S	Agriculturalist	... ...
HANCOCK	John	50	F	Carpenter	Servant for Capt F.H. BYRNE
HANCOCK	Grace	48	F	Wife	nee ELDRIDGE
HANCOCK	James	20	F	Carpenter & Labourer	... ...
HANCOCK	George	18	F	Labourer	... ...

Gregory, Habgood and Hancock, passengers who arrived on the ship the Warrior

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The following is from the Obituary of John Henry Gregory (1826-1914) Jnr, son of John Henry Gregory (1794-1866) Snr, giving a brief history of the family's arrival, settling in the new Swan River Colony and their movement further inland.

***Narrogin Observer and Williams District Representative* (WA: 1905 - 1930), Sat 23 May 1914, pg. 4**
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Death of Mr. John Henry Gregory.

THE above old gentleman, who was for many years associated with Narrogin and the Great Southern districts, passed away at his home, Northam, on Saturday last at the ripe age of 83 years. Mr. Gregory was associated with Western Australia since the age of three, and was probably the oldest colonist of which the State could boast. Mentally and physically he was a remarkable man, and it was a matter for astonishment to many people only a few years back to see this sturdy old pioneer constantly knocking about the country on horseback in pursuit of his duties as forest ranger for the South West and Southern districts. He still worked industriously for several hours every day, and a few days prior to his death he was engaged in carting hay, when he slipped off the load and fell to the ground. He sustained a slight concussion, but at first it was thought that the injury would not prove serious. On the following day an attack of bronchitis gave serious alarm to his friends and medical adviser (Dr. Rockett), but on Saturday morning the old gentleman seemed better. At about 6 o'clock that evening, however, he suddenly collapsed, and passed peacefully away. The funeral took place on Tuesday morning.

The deceased gentleman was born in the county of Hampshire, England, in 1826, when George the Fourth was King. Late in 1829 he left England with his parents in the ship Warrior (Captain Stone), bound for Australia. The family consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory, their three sons and two daughters. The Warrior's passengers were landed at South Beach, Fremantle, on March 12, 1830, upwards of 84 years ago. Captain James Stirling, the first Governor of Western Australia, had then been in office about nine months. These early settlers met with great hardships, chiefly from shortage of food supplies. In 1836 young Gregory went to school at the first educational establishment founded in Perth, the teacher being Mr. Spencer, father of the ex-Auditor General. The Rev. J. B. Wittenoom, grandfather of Sir Edward, was subsequently the head of the school. In those early days the Gregorys had many encounters with troublesome natives, and not a few hair-breadth escapes. In 1841, when between 14 and 15 years of age, Mr. Gregory journeyed across the hills with a team in charge of Mr. Elijah Cook, one of the pioneers. It took them four days to reach York, and the treachery of the natives kept them constantly on guard. Their load consisted of material for Grindle's Hotel, the second hotel built in York, and subsequently called the King's Head Inn. In 1842 Mr. Gregory commenced work on Mr. Hewson's farm in the Toodyay district. At that time there was no farming machinery, everything was primitive, and the working hours were from 4 in the morning until 9 at night. The plough of that day was all of wood, excepting the share itself, and there were skids instead of wheels. Sowing was all done on the broad-cast system, experts doing up to 18 acres a day. Harvesting, threshing, and clearing were still more tedious undertakings. In 1849 Mr. Gregory launched out on his own account and took up a farm seven miles north of York. On one occasion he secured a crop of 37 bushels to the acre. In 1856 he rented what was known as Thompson's Head—an uncleared grant in the Northam district, which he developed and worked for about 30 years. In 1887 he gave up Thompson's Head and devoted his energies to developing the Burlong Pool farm, which he had already acquired and where he worked until 1892. In that year, and at the age of 66, he joined the Government service and was appointed forest ranger on the Great Southern line. This position he held for 17 years, retiring on a pension in 1909 at the age of 83. In 1851 Mr. Gregory married Miss Massingham, of York, who survives him. He also leaves a family of four sons and four daughters. His sons are Messrs. J. H., C. J. and F. A. Gregory, of Northam, and Mr. W. G. Gregory, of York. His youngest son (Mr. F. A. Gregory) is the State Electoral Officer for the East Province, and was away at Kellerberrin conducting the election when his father died. The daughters of the deceased are Mrs. Hancock, of Narrogin; Mrs. J. J. Lloyd (wife of the Acting Deputy Postmaster-General in Perth); and Misses E. and C. Gregory. He also leaves a number of grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Gregory celebrated their diamond wedding in Northam on January 19, 1911.

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PIONEERING FAMILIES.
Memories of Early Days.
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Note: Mr George Hancock arrived on the ship the *Warrior*.

CHILDREN OF GEORGE HANCOCK (1810-1871) AND SOPHIA GREGORY (1823-1906):
Via Colin Bluett Family Tree. **Grace Bridget Emma Hancock's grandparents.**

1. JOHN FREDERICK HANCOCK (1841-1902) was born 21 Apr 1841, Guildford, WA. John married **MARY STRANGE (1847-1884)**, 20 Aug 1867, Beverley, WA [Reg. 2634]. He died 22 Aug 1902, Ashburton Downs, WA [Reg. 2271], registered in York aged 61 years.

I have added this article found on *Trove* which illustrates the hardships and difficulties these pioneers faced in these harsh and isolated areas in the Western Australian outback. What courage and fortitude they had.

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TOP OF THE HILL

"DOING A PERISH"

Dodging Death on the Long Dry Trails.

By "Adam Bushie"

DEAR "John,"—It was early in the seventies that John and Herbert Hancock rode from Roebourne to the Eastern Districts—York. In this instance was their objective—for the purpose of acquiring horses for themselves and other stations in the North.

Meeting another North-Wester (Donald McLeod, I think) preparing for the overland trip with sheep, they decided to travel over together, the Hancocks acting as guides and scouts for water. Having horses only, they could do this without delaying the sheep.

Highway and By-way

Conducted by John Malcolm

The trip was without any untoward incident as far as Bilbatonie on the Ashburton, just below where Boolaloo homestead is today. Here it was agreed that the Hancocks would push on, as from here the stages were always dry, and the sheep could only move forward as shorter stages were found for them. Jas. Dalton was sent by McLeod, with the Hancocks, to report back if any stage was found to be too long for the sheep.

In riding south, the Hancocks had found Mt. Stuart claypan full, and assumed from their limited knowledge that it was well-nigh permanent, they decided to make that their first night after leaving the sheep at Bilbatonie. One can realise their unpleasant surprise to find it bone-dry, as they had no water in their bags. Dalton returned to report to McLeod and the Hancocks went on. With them, they had a Beverley abo. named Johnny. Their next reported water was in the Kain. After leaving Mt. Stuart, the earliest track crossed the Kain a considerable distance from the present route, kept some distance to the west of the Red Hill; stuck to the head of Warnamoo Creek, followed it down some distance, then across somewhere about where Gaza station is today, and in to Robe Pool; they knew nothing of the Robe Creek and Chalyarn.

The Hancocks arriving at the Kain found the water salt, so decided it better to strike out for known water, rather than waste precious time looking for doubtful supplies. So the end of the second day found them on the head of Warnamoo Creek with 100 head of thirsty horses, but very fortunately a nice patch of nearly green grass was sufficient to help the horses and to hold them.

On the third day, it was decided to leave the horses where they were, to get the three best in the mob and press on to water, namely Robe Pool. Before long however both the abo.'s horse and John Hancock's knocked up, leaving Herbert Hancock—light lad at the time—the only hope of the party. He was also by far the best mounted, as they had foreseen such a contingency. He took the waterbags and set off for the Robe Pool, leaving his brother and the abo. to follow on foot, with only a faint hope of seeing them alive again. Still probably 20 miles to water, a very tired horse on arrival at the water, which meant at least several hours' spell there for the horse, then a ride back in the night, through country that does not lend itself to cross-country travelling at night.

So he arrived at the water, and in furnishing me with some of the details, a few years before his death, he explained the dreadful situation waiting at the water to rest his horse, knowing it was useless to attempt to return with a tired horse and every minute lessened his chance of getting back in time to save his brother.

Then as he sat there, what seemed the impossible happened; he heard a horse bell, just up on the bank. He of course concluded he was getting delirious from anxiety, but again the tinkling was heard and this time he ran up on the bank to find the Roebourne policeman and tracker had arrived, probably the only white man to visit the place since the Hancocks had passed down, about twelve months before.

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2. EMMA MARY HANCOCK (1842-1928) was born 19 Dec 1842, Guildford, WA [Reg. 182]. She married **'WILLIAM' JOHN WITHNELL (1824-1898)**, 19 May 1859, East Beverley, WA [Reg. 1364], registered as John, in York. They settled in Roebourne in the 1860s at 'Yeera-Muk-A-Doo', see the story in *Mt Welcome – The Saga of the North West*, written about the Withnell and Hancock families. Emma died 16 May 1928, Mount Lawley, WA [Reg. 777].

This article is one of many found in *Trove* telling the story of the pioneering Withnell family who ventured further to the north of WA.

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The Name Will Be Withnell

By a happy association of events distant over 100 years from each other, Withnell House will be opened today at 68 Guildford-road, Mt. Lawley.

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3. ELIZA MARY HANCOCK (1845- 1924) was born 9 Feb 1845, Guildford, WA [Reg. 529]. Eliza Mary Farmer (nee Hancock) died 23 Dec 1924, Boddington, WA [Reg. 6], registered in 1925. She married **THOMAS FARMER (1835-1900)**, 1863, Beverley, WA [Reg. 1985].

4. HERBERT WILLIAM HANCOCK (1847-1847) was born 10 Apr 1847, Guildford, WA [Reg. 938]. Herbert William Hancock died 28 Apr 1847, aged 18 days, Beverley, WA [Reg. 255].

5. FANNY LOUISA HANCOCK (1848-1927) was born 13 Jun 1848, Dale River, Beverley, WA [Reg. 1154]. Fanny Louisa Kilpatrick, (Fisher, nee Hancock) died 27 Feb 1927, Beverley, WA [Reg.10]. Fanny married twice. First to GEORGE FISHER (1836-1879), 1866, Beverley, WA [Reg. 2464]. Second to DAVID KILPATRICK (1852-1931) 1879, Albany WA [Reg. 4679].

6. SOPHIA JANE HANCOCK (1850-1871) was born 1850, York, WA [Reg. 1487]. She died at the age of 21 on 10 Apr 1871, Roebourne, WA [Reg. 5024].

7. HERBERT WILLIAM HANCOCK (1852-1936) was born 24 Jun 1852, 'Boyadine', Beverley, Registered, York District, WA [Reg. 1862]. See the relating article, back with his brother John Frederick Hancock. He died 1 Mar 1936, Northam, WA [Reg. 55]. Herbert married **ALICE JANE WILDING (1863-1906) 'JESSIE'**, 1886, 'Rocliffe' farm, Northam, WA [Reg. 6270]. Registered in York.

8. EDITH CAROLINE HANCOCK (1854-1930) was born 7 Nov 1854, York, WA [Reg. 2597]. Edith Caroline Fleay (nee Hancock) died 7 Aug 1930, Darkan, WA [Reg. 69], registered in Katanning. She married **WILLIAM FLEAY (1852-1937)**, 1873, Gilgering, Beverley, WA [Reg. 3612].

9. JAMES GREGORY HANCOCK (1857-1935) was born 3 Feb 1857, York, WA [Reg. 3676]. He died 15 Apr 1935, Narrogin, WA [Reg. 19]. Registered in Williams. James married **FRANCES ELIZABETH ALDOM (1855-1944)** 2 Apr 1883, Northam, WA [Reg. 5477].

10. GRACE EMMA HANCOCK (1858-1947) was born 25 Nov 1858, at Boyadine, Dale River, WA [Reg. 4469]. Grace Emma Blechynden (nee Hancock) died 15 May 1947, York, WA [Reg. 12]. She married **JOSEPH BLECHYNDEN (1853-1938)**, 1893, St Mary's Church, Beverley, WA [Reg. 310].

11. AUBREY JOHN HANCOCK (1863-1943) was born 10 Jun 1863, 'Boyadine', Beverley, WA [Reg. 7170]. He died 4 Jun 1943, Gilgering, WA [Reg. 23], aged 80 years. (See article below).

12. GEORGE EVERET HANCOCK (1865-1930) was born 27 Sep 1865, Beverley, WA [Reg. 9134]. Registered 1866. He died 6 Apr 1930, Gilgering, WA [Reg. 65], registered in Northam. (See article below).

The following article about their sons Aubrey and George, records some of the history of the George and Sophia Hancock family:

***The Encyclopedia of Western Australia* p. 635.** Courtesy of Steve Anderson.

AUBREY JOHN HANCOCK and GEORGE EVRITT HANCOCK, Beverley.

THE CYCLOPEDIA OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

AUBREY JOHN HANCOCK and GEORGE EVRITT HANCOCK, Beverley. The gentlemen under review are sons of the late George Hancock, who came from Devonshire, England, by the sailing vessel "Sulphur," shortly after the foundation of the Western Australian colony. Their mother, the late Mrs. Sophia Hancock, who died at Aubrey Hill, Beverley, at the advanced age of eighty-three years, was also born in England, and came to this State with her parents in the ship "Warrior," which arrived at Fremantle on January 6, 1830, Mrs. Hancock then being seven years of age. She passed the remainder of her life in this State, and at the time of her death was the oldest resident of Beverley, having survived all those sturdy early pioneer settlers who first made their homes in this now flourishing district. Mr. and Mrs. Hancock, with their three young children, came to the neighbourhood in 1848. Beverley being then but little more than a wilderness, where only a few scattered residents had begun to conquer the wilds and form an agricultural centre. Joining this little band the worthy couple did their part towards the development of the place, and during the long period of fifty-nine years spent by Mrs. Hancock in Beverley she set a bright example of true and loyal womanhood and endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact. The Messrs. A. J. and G. E. Hancock are both natives of the Boyadine district, the elder brother having been born on June 10, 1863, and the younger on September 27, two years later, at the close of their studies, which they pursued at the local school, each in turn became connected with farming pursuits on the home property, then managed by their mother, the late George Hancock having died in 1871. At the age of fourteen Mr. Aubrey J. Hancock left the Beverley district to join his eldest brother, the late John Frederick Hancock – father of Messrs. Hancock Brothers, of Ashburton Downs, in the north-west—in pastoral occupations on the "Hill" Station at Broome, which association continued for some years. Upon disposing of this property the partnership was dissolved, and Mr. A. J. Hancock returned to his native place near Beverley, where he was laid aside from active pursuits for several years through a severe illness. Upon regaining his health he became connected with Mr. George Evritt in farming operations on the old homestead holdings, and remained in partnership with him for about ten years. Ultimately the older of the two brothers launched out on an independent career, taking up a farm of 1,400 acres of land at West Dale, to the clearing and development of which he has since devoted his energies. He has at the present time over 300 acres under cultivation, while a flock of 500 crossbred sheep forms a profitable department of industry. The homestead property—which is still carried on by the younger brother—comprises about 1,000 acres of very fine sheep country, well watered by running brooks and in every respect suited to grazing and stock raising purposes. The general utility type is favoured by Mr. Hancock in the building up of his flock, which is also comprised of crossbreds; and the 300 acres of land devoted to tillage yield him good returns. Both the brothers are members of the Beverley Agricultural Society, and Mr. G. E. Hancock is associated with the Masonic fraternity, his lodge being the Beverley, W.A.C. They are loyal supporters of the Anglican Church communion, and for some years past church services have been held twice monthly in the old homestead, lent by the owner for that purpose. Of quiet temperament and habits and unassuming manner, they take but little part in the public life of the district, preferring to devote the whole of their time and attention to the management of their landed interests. Mr. A. J. Hancock, however, is distinguished for his love of horses, and is recognised as one of the most fearless horsemen in the district, particularly in the chase, kangaroo-hunting being his favourite pastime.

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13. EVELYN JANE ELIZA HANCOCK (1868-1944) was born 29 May 1868, 'Spring Dell', Beverley, WA [Reg. 18778]. Evelyn Jane Eliza Tepper (nee Hancock) died 3 Feb 1944, Nedlands, Perth, WA [Reg. 295], aged 75 years. Buried at Gilgering, WA. Evelyn married **JOHN WILLIAM OTTO TEPPER (1868-1957)**, 1 Mar 1897, Roebourne, WA [Reg. 1451].

Item 134 - Return of persons on the premises of Geo Hancock

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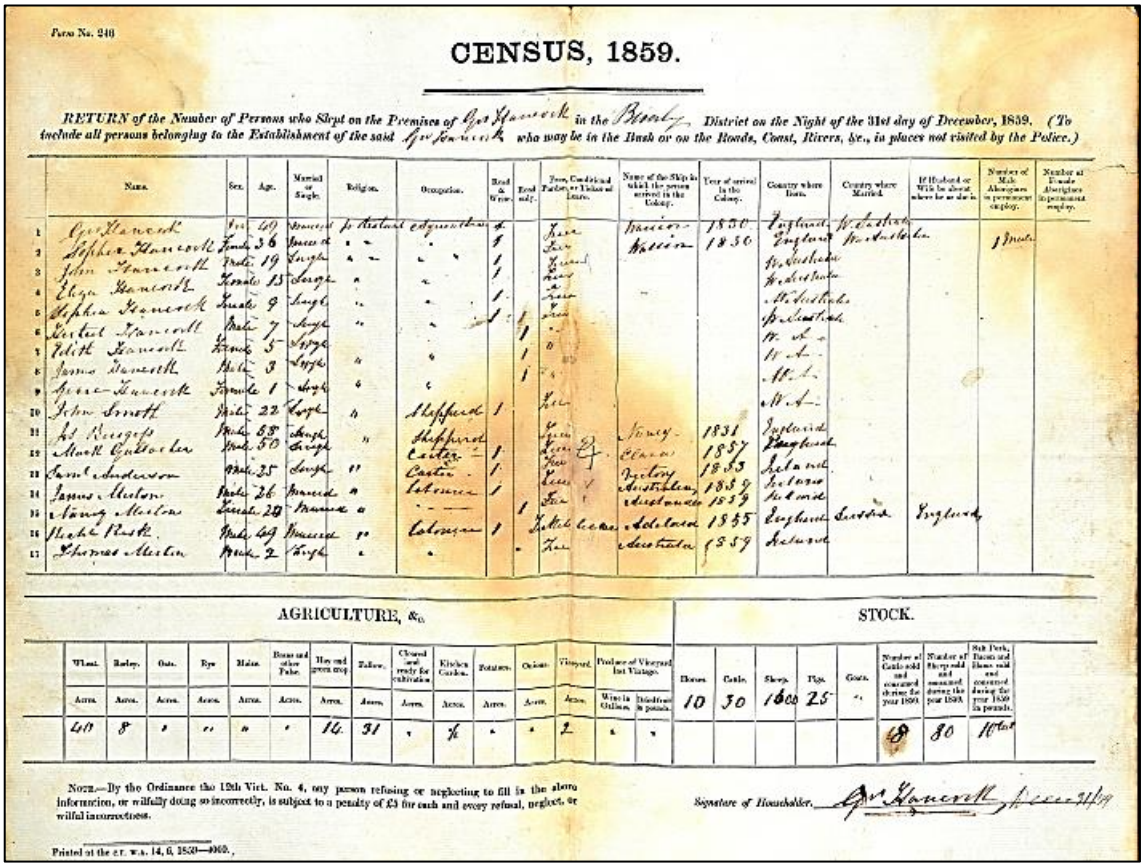

Form No. 240

CENSUS, 1859.

RETURN of the Number of Persons who Slept on the Premises of Geo Hancock in the Brooky District on the Night of the 31st day of December, 1859. (To include all persons belonging to the Establishment of the said Geo Hancock who may be in the Bush or on the Roads, Coast, Rivers, &c., in places not visited by the Police.)

	Name.	Sex.	Age.	Married or Single.	Religion.	Occupation.	Head & Wife.	Head only.	Free, Conditional Pardon, or Unlimited Leave.	Name of the Ship in which the person arrived in the Colony.	Year of arrival in the Colony.	Country where born.	Country where Married.	If Husband or Wife be absent, where he or she is.	Number of Male Aborigines in permanent employ.	Number of Female Aborigines in permanent employ.
1	Geo Hancock	Male	40	Married	Protestant	Coachmaker	1		Free	Marion	1830	England	W. Australia		1 Male	
2	Sophia Hancock	Female	36	Married	"	"		1	Free	Marion	1830	England	W. Australia			
3	John Hancock	Male	19	Single	"	"	1		Free			W. Australia				
4	Eliza Hancock	Female	15	Single	"	"	1		Free			W. Australia				
5	Sophia Hancock	Female	9	Single	"	"	1		Free			W. Australia				
6	Gertrude Hancock	Male	7	Single	"	"		1	"			W. A.				
7	Edith Hancock	Female	5	Single	"	"		1	"			W. A.				
8	James Hancock	Male	3	Single	"	"		1	"			W. A.				
9	Jane Hancock	Female	1	Single	"	"			Free			W. A.				
10	John Smith	Male	22	Single	"	Shepherd	1		Free							
11	Ed Burgess	Male	55	Single	"	Shepherd			Free	Surey	1831	England				
12	Mark Cullocker	Male	50	Single	"	Carter	1		Free	Eliza	1857	England				
13	Jas Anderson	Male	35	Single	"	Carter	1		Free	Victory	1853	Ireland				
14	James Merlon	Male	26	Married	"	Labourer	1		Free	Australian	1859	Ireland				
15	Nancy Merlon	Female	20	Married	"			1	Free	Australian	1859	W. Australia				
16	Mark Merlon	Male	6	Married	"	Labourer	1		Free	Adelaide	1855	England	Sussex	England		
17	Thomas Merlon	Male	2	Single	"	"			Free	Australian	1859	Ireland				

AGRICULTURE, &c.

Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.	Rye.	Maize.	Beans and other Pulse.	Hay and green crop.	Fallow.	Cleared and ready for cultivation.	Kitchen Garden.	Potatoes.	Onions.	Vineyard.	Produce of Vineyard last Vintage.	
Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Wine in Gallons.	Distilled in pounds.
40	8	"	"	"	"	14	31	"	½	"	"	2	"	"

STOCK.

Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Goats.	Number of Cattle sold and consumed during the year 1859.	Number of Sheep sold and consumed during the year 1859.	Salt Pork, Bacon and Hams sold and consumed during the year 1859 in pounds.
10	30	1800	25	"	8	80	10 lbs

NOTE.—By the Ordinance the 12th Vict. No. 4, any person refusing or neglecting to fill in the above information, or wilfully doing so incorrectly, is subject to a penalty of £5 for each and every refusal, neglect, or wilful incorrectness.

Signature of Householder. Geo Hancock

Printed at the G.P. W.A. 14, 6, 1859—1000.

Unfortunately, some of the words in the census are hard to decipher.

PERSONS ON THE PREMISES OF GEO HANCOCK 1859:

[George] Geo Hancock,
Sophia Hancock, 36 married
John Hancock, 19 single
Eliza Hancock, 15 single
Sophia Hancock, 9 single
Herbert Hancock, 7 single
Edith Hancock, 5 single
James Hancock, 3 single
Grace Hancock, 1 single
John Smith, 22 Shepherd
Jos [Joseph] Burges, 58 Shepherd
Mark Gallacher [Gallagher], 50 Shepherd
Saml, sic [Samuel] Anderson, 25 Carter
James Merton, 26 married Carter
Nancy Merton 20 married
Richd [Richard] Risk 49 married Labourer
Thomas Merton 2 single Labourer

Grace was only one year old in 1859 when the census was held. George Hancock died 25 Aug 1871, Avondale, Beverley, WA [Reg. 5055] aged 59 years, registered in 1971. Buried Gilgering Cemetery, York Shire, WA. Discrepancy, the Gilgering Cemetery and headstone has his death year as 1872.

***Perth Gazette and West Australian Times* (WA: 1864 - 1874), Fri 18 Aug 1871, pg 2**
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Sophia Hancock (nee Gregory) died 28 Aug 1906, Gilgering, WA [Reg. 19].

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Sat 1 Sep 1906, pg 5.**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article200727165.txt

Death of an Old Colonist.

MRS. SOPHIA HANCOCK.

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The funeral took place at the Gilgering Cemetery on Thursday afternoon, and was largely attended by friends and sympathisers of the bereaved family. The Rev. Canon Groser conducted the funeral service. A large number of beautiful wreaths were sent as tokens of affection by the friends and admirers of the deceased, among which were the following:—Mr. and Mrs. Horace Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Withnell and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gregory and family, Canon and Mrs. Groser, Mr. and Mrs. Edwards (Rockfield), Georgie and Grace, Ethel and Alec., Onslow and Jack, Maud and Fanny, Mr. and Mrs. F. Fleay, Emma, Edith, and Grace, Mr. and Mrs. Hicks and family, James, Aubrey, and Everett, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. G. Brown, her brother John, May and Aubrey Fleay, Mr. and Mrs. Bone and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fleay, Herbert and family, Horace Withnell, Herbert and Lilla Withnell, Arthur and Grace Loton, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Lepper, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Mears, T. H. Wilding, Mrs. and Miss Wilding, from Bally Bally, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Thomas.

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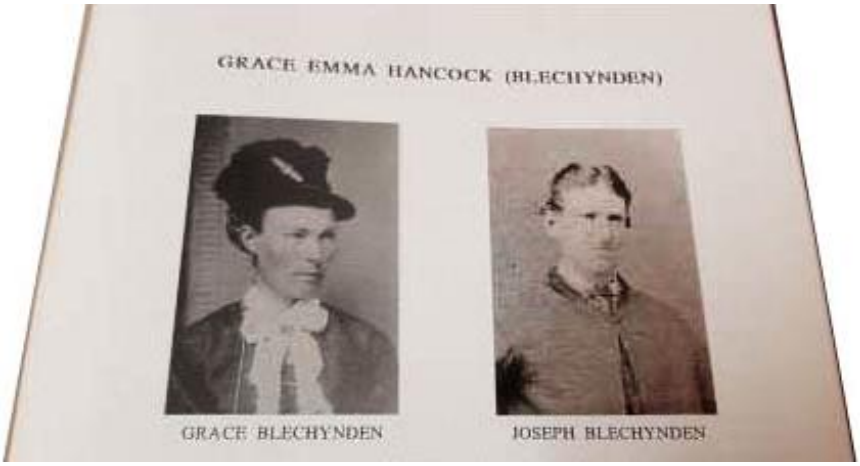
https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/76485859/george-hancock

Headstone of George Hancock and Sophia Gregory, York Shire Cemetery, WA. Discrepancy, the headstone has his death year as 1872.

Gilgering cemetery where a number of other family members are also buried. Gilgering is about halfway between York and Beverley.

THE HANCOCK STORY by H L (Mick) KILPATRICK: JOSEPH BLECHYNDEN (1853-1938),

I have taken the liberty of transcribing a few of the pages from this exellent book, which features the story of Joseph and Grace Blechynden and their two children.



Photos of Grace Hancock (nee Blechynden) and Joseph Blechynden via The Hancock Story.

"Most of her early life was spent in the Beverley District, with her education almost certainly being provided by her parents.

When she was in her twenties Grace holidayed for a while in the North-West with her brothers and sisters. It was during this time she was a bridesmaid at the marriage of her niece, Emily Ellen Withnell, to John Goldsmith Meares at Roebourne on the 16th, December 1886. She later returned to her home at Boyadine.

On the 4th October 1893 Grace Emma Hancock was married to Joseph BLECHYNDEN at St. Mary's Anglican Church, Beverley. The Rector at Beverley has confirmed that theirs was the first recorded marriage in the new church which was consecrated on the 30th November 1892." See also photo and information at the start of this branch.

JOSEPH and **GRACE** had two children as follows. More details on these two in their Individual chapters.

1. **GEORGE BLECHYNDEN (1894-1981)**, and
2. **GRACE BLECHYNDEN (1899-1989).**

THE HANCOCK STORY by H L (Mick) KILPATRICK: JOSEPH BLECHYNDEN (1853-1938), pgs. 228 & 229
"Joseph was the youngest of nine children of Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden. His mother's maiden name was Robus and both his parents came to WA on the "Minstrel" in January 1830, in a party brought from England by Mr. William J. Brockman. It is believed that Harrison Blechynden, like George Hancock had said he would never own land in the Swan River Colony as it was too poor to grow wheat.

Harrison and Charlotte made their home at Beverley, which was where Joseph spent his early life. Some of his brothers and sisters remained in the Beverley district, while others decided to settle in the Bridgetown area.

Like others of his family, Joseph was a farmer, and after their marriage, he and Grace set up their home at "Oakdale", a property some nine miles east of Beverley, where he farmed in partnership with his mother and brother. The first few years of their married life were spent on that farm, during which their two children were born.

About 1904 they moved from the farm at Beverley to another in the Aldersyde district, as Joseph required more land for his flock of Merino sheep. This mixed farming, freehold property was on the road leading east from Pingelly and was known as "Gingaring".

Already on the property was what had once been a substantial mud brick house, as well as the remnants of an orchard, which had been planted by its previous owner. The dwelling had not been occupied for many years and was in a bad state of repair. It had an old thatched roof, which leaked, and it was not until 1913 that they were able to replace it with an iron roof, thus providing a catchment for precious rainwater.

During the period when the family were unable to obtain any rainwater, their supplies had to be drawn from a spring. This was some fifteen chains downhill from where the house was built and all water needed for household purposes had to be carted uphill in a cask or containers mounted on a wooded sled and hauled by a horse. Quite often Grace and her daughter had to carry it by hand because the men went into the fields and "forgot" to replenish the water supplies.

For a long time after moving there it must have been very lonely for Grace, particularly as there were no women in the vicinity for quite some time. Eventually one of their farmhands brought his wife and two children to live in a small cottage on "Gingaring", so she finally had some female company. A strong link always remained between these two women long after the other family moved away to start up their own farm.

Grace loved gardening and soon had a vegetable patch and flower garden established. Trying to revive the orchard and grapevines was a big job, but to some extent she succeeded, thus providing the family with a fresh supply of fresh fruit.

She ran chickens as well as milking cows, with some of the eggs and cream being sent into town for sale. She always made her own bread, jams and preserves, as well as delicious buttermilk scones which were cooked on a griddle.

"Gingaring' was the last stop for those passing through on their way east in search of land. As well as
potential settlers, the travellers included those sent out to survey the area. As more land was taken up around Corrigin and beyond, there was a fairly constant stream of passers- by.

Grace always provided a meal for those in need and was often called upon to help people who became sick and were brought in from the outlying districts.

As well as their farming property, they also held an adjoining pastoral lease on which they shepherded their sheep. Joseph was always more interested in that side of their activities than in growing wheat.

He possessed a gift as far as animals and stock were concerned and he earned himself quite a reputation as the local "vet". His knowledge was a very big asset in the treatment of animals who had eaten the various types of poison plants growing in the area.

About four times a year the Blechyndens drove a horse and sulky across the old sand plain to visit relatives still living at Beverley. It would have been a long and lonely drive through a lot of uninteresting country. Much of this was then considered to be almost useless sandplain, has completely changed with the advent of subterranean clovers.

Gradually the rest of the surrounding land was taken up, which meant the end of the great loneliness of the early years in that then remote area. Social gatherings and entertainment began to take place as more people made their homes in the district.

After World War 1 Joseph and his wife left the farm in the hands of their son, George, and took over a smaller holding named "Lyndhurst", in the same area.

Grace and Joseph later retired to Pingelly, by which time they had seen the introduction of a weekly mail service, as well as dances and sports meetings, which showed that the area was no longer the isolated spot it had been."

***Pingelly Express* (WA: 1905 - 1906), Sat 10 Feb 1906, pg 2**
10 Feb 1906 - Local and General. (nla.gov.au)

Local and General.

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From many letters sent to Aunty Mary by their daughter Grace – see in her chapter, delivering of the mail became an important part of their lives at Gingaring.

Commonwealth of Australia Gazette **(National: 1901 - 1973), Sat 25 Jul 1914 (No.45), pg 1284**
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Commonwealth of Australia, Postmaster-General's Department, 22nd Jul, 1914.
Conveyance of Mails.

TENDERS are hereby invited, and will be received by the Deputy Postmaster-General, at the General Post Office, Perth, until Three p.m. on Wednesday, the 9th September, 1914, for the conveyance of Post Office mails as undermentioned, for one, two, or three years, from the 1st January, 1915: —

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BLECHYNDEN OF GINGARING – JOSEPH BLECHYNDEN (1853-1938)
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p. 274 Pioneer Records in the Battye Library.

BLECHYNDEN OF GINGARING

Joseph bought the eighty acre freehold property known as 'Gingaring' from Andrew Walton about 1904. No old records of the exact date is known.

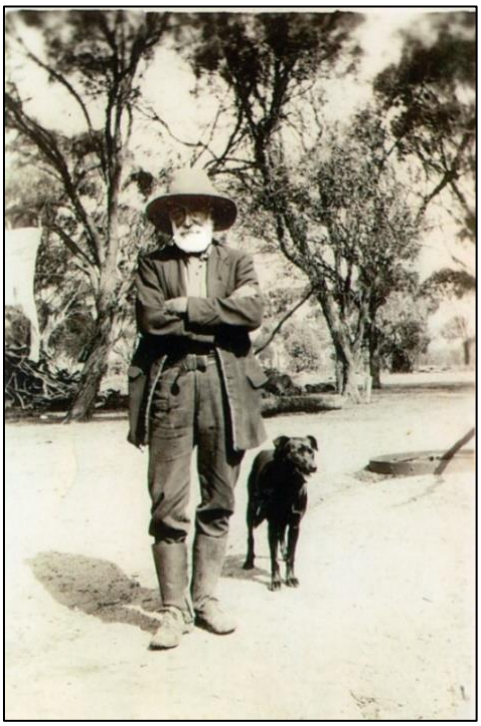
It had been started much earlier by one of the Smith family whose descendants still farmed at 'Beambine' and Pingelly.

In their day, a quite substantial five room mud brick – or batt – house had been built and the main rooms with their thick high walls are still lived in. There were other buildings including a two room batt cottage, yards and stables. Unfortunately, the family moved and the only use was for stock. The buildings and fairly extensive orchard were in a bad way.

Joseph was the younger son of Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden who came to the Swan River in the party brought out in the ship 'Minstrel' by William Lock Brockman in January, 1830. Charlotte's maiden name was Robus and she accompanied Mrs. Brockman and she and Harrison married in 1832.

In 1893, Joseph married Grace Emma Hancock, whose parents had come from England on the 'Warrior' in March, 1830.

Joseph and Grace had two children – George born in 1894, Grace born in 1899, so we, George and Grace are still living at



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this date – are grand children of two of the earliest families settled on the 'Swan'.

So much for the family.

Father had been farming at 'Oakdale', East Beverley, but far fields looked greener and he wanted more pastoral lease for his flock of Merino sheep. He knew the country, as quite a youth he had been there with Smith. At the time of procuring, no one had lived there for sometime, so it must have been a daunting to Mother on arrival at the end of a slow trip per cart. A lot of the thatch had gone from the high pitched roof, windows broken and dirt everywhere. I was only about four and have no clear recollection of the time. I think two young hands, Will and Harry Johnson were employed and no doubt some cleaning up soon took place, though Willie was mainly a teamster. Efforts were made to repair the roof, but no one had the skill of the old English thatchers, and we really never had a completely waterproof roof over our heads until 1913, when some general restoration including an iron roof was done. The sound of rain on that roof was music to our ears and we could get rain water. 'Gingaring' was noted for its spring of beautiful soft running water, but with great lack of common sense we thought, the house was built about fifteen chains further up the hill and in the days before mills and pumps, that really meant something.

The water was brought up in a hogshead on a horse drawn sled and later a tank on a home made trolley, but often it had to be hand carted if the men forgot about it. Father enlarged the holding and held a large pastoral lease on which the sheep were shepherded. He liked doing this himself as he was more interested in stock than farm work. He employed reliable native shepherds, one in particular was named Billy Garlett, a fine type, always reliable with the sheep and later doing contract work. His elder son, Ernie was also a fine teamster afterwards.

Willie Johnson went back to Beverley and George White took his place and brought his young wife, Violet and two children to live in the cottage. The conditions were as tough as ours, but some woman's company must have meant a lot to Mother, as it was a lonely life. The Whites later left and started on their own, still battling, but between Mother and Mrs. White, a strong link of 'Old Times' always remained. It was men's country in those early years. The road eastward from Pingelly was right past the back door, so we saw those going to make homes further out, men looking for land. It was a staging place with teams, because of unlimited water. I cannot recall all the Surveyors and their parties who made camp and worked for miles around. I remember the names of Flint Hartung and Goyder – who later was an early settler of Corrigin – were among them and the usual travellers on horse or foot just moving from west to east or east to west. Mother used to say that she only felt slightly afraid one day. A man came asking for the usual handout, which was given to all, black or white. He was civil, but she did not like his looks and apparently 'Ring', a strong roo dog and a noted roo killer, did not like him either. He got up from his mat and stood against Mother's knees, rolling an eye at the man and just lifting one side of his top lip showing magnificent white fangs. The man said, "That dog doesn't seem to like me, would he go me?" "If I told him, he would", said Mother. The man went on his way and no trouble, which was possibly quite well for him, as I am sure had he put his hand on Mother, 'Ring' would have sprung into action, and no nipping around the ankles either, he would have got the roo treatment – teeth in the neck.

How did we live? Well, as I have stated – things were tough – so much to be done, fencing, clearing, machinery and as is the case so often, or used to be, the home improvements and comfort were always 'next year'.

The kitchen started with an open fire and three iron bars, always a large 'fountain' would be called an urn now – for hot water and bars for the pots and camp oven and flat griddle iron, on which I remember Mother made lovely buttermilk griddle scones. Then came a Colonial oven set in, still the bars on top with fire under to heat the oven for baking, all these and lots more are now on show in the country museums that every town has. Finally, came a Metters stove and Mother said 'bye bye' to blackened pots. She loved gardening and always grew her own vegetables and flowers which she said gave her company and cheer which she must have often needed, being cut off from contact with family and friends at Beverley except about four times a year when we drove per horse and sulky down the old sandalwooders' track (incidentally, we passed by the grave of Tommy Orange who had been buried where his body was found. He was the first to settle and built a little shack at where Bulyee is now).

Once, after five weeks without mail, Harry was sent per horesback to Pingelly for it. He was a taciturn chap – never wasted words. On his return in the evening, he did not come in

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and Mother went out and said, 'Where's the letters?'. 'None', said Harry. 'Why?' 'Office shut, holiday'. I guess her saving sense of humour failed her that night. She worked on the old fruit trees and vines and brought them back to bearing and we always had plenty of figs and grapes. Not much else survived the years of neglect. Some of the fig trees are still bearing, I had fruit from them last Summer.

Land was being taken up and other settlers came and the isolation gradually faded away. The George Waltons started a new farm at 'Woglin' near Corrigin, and Mrs. Walton used to journey back and forth. A dear motherly soul and she always stayed the night with us and once when she found Mother sickly, she insisted on staying and doing the washing before journeying on. Mother, of course, did her share of tending the sick and injured as they were ferried in from further east.

Father was the local bush 'vet' and his understanding of animals made him a pretty good one. He often ran the sheep in the heavily infested Box poison country and the idea got around, he had bred 'poison proof sheep'. A stranger at a sale one day, quite seriously asked him, 'Blechynden, is it true your sheep are poison proof?' Just as seriously, Father answered, 'Yes, quite true, so long as they keep it on the outside of them, if they get on the outside of the poison, they are not'. He just knew pretty well what stage the plant was attracted to them, but it didn't always work, there were losses, some times big ones.

Two of Father's nephews, Sam and Walter Edwards, came fairly soon after us and settled on the river further out and that seemed to give a family link. 'Talga', they named their run.

Farmers moved in and it was no longer isolated. Picnics, sports and dances brought people together and by the time we had a weekly road mail (horse and sulky) delivered to our front gate by Mr. George Holyoak. We knew civilization had really caught up with us. In 1916 George went to the Great War. On his return, he took over the property and Father moved to a small one. George had been badly wounded and after a few years, the hard work told and he sold out.

The property has had several owners since. Each improving it and modernizing until today.

The old name has gone from the map and the splendid property of 'Fairhaven' has taken its place.

'Vale Gingaring'. Grace Worner, nee Blechynden.
July 11, 1979.

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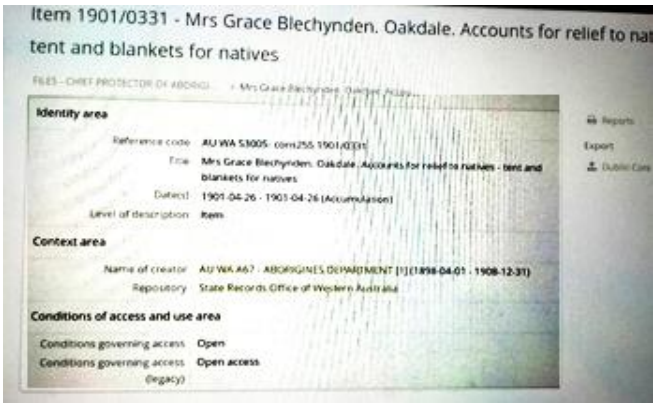

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Following is an interesting web site about our Aborigines especially at the beginning of the settling of WA.

***Nyungar tradition: glimpses of Aborigines of south west Australia*, pg. 20**
https://aiatsis.gov.au/sites/default/files/catalogue_resources/m0022954_a.pdf

Initially Aborigines were employed as shepherds, farmhands and general household helps. Because of their knowledge and understanding of the country they were also co-opted to accompany explorers, assist settlers move from one area to another, and escort prisoners and carry mail between districts. They were also called upon to act as interpreters with other Aboriginal groups. Among those who assisted settlers in many ways were Durangod, Joolonga, Wayrang and Jim, four Murray River Aborigines who carried letters within the Leschenault area in 1838; Nindup and Makintosh, York Aborigines who escorted prisoners from York to Perth in 1840;' Yugan and Wawayran who carried mail from Leschenault to Pinjarra in 1839, but who would not travel any further north because they did not want to come face to face with the Perth Aborigines whom they regarded as hostile; mail carriers Dindu, Ninda and Jack of Pinjarra who bore mail to Perth; mail carriers Dick and Gattabonnayon of Leschenault; and William, Kenny, Biranga, Bushell, Hohindon and Paddy of the Vasse who carried mail between there and Leschenault.

The Brands Directory:

https://www.slp.wa.gov.au/gazette/gazette.nsf/gazlist/876C4CA59E0A93BF48257C0D00494814/$file/gg056.pdf

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***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Fri 20 May 1938, pg 3**
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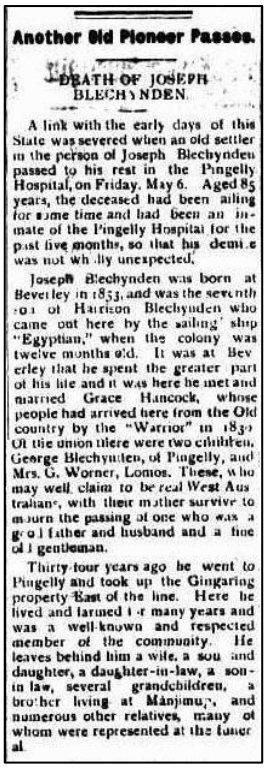

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Grace Emma Blechynden died in York on the 15 May 1947, at the age of 88 years. She and Joseph are both buried at Pingelly.

***Pingelly-Brookton Leader* (WA: 1925 - 1954), Thu 29 May 1947, pg 2**
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DEATH OF DISTRICT Pioneer

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The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon when, after a service in St. Luke's Church, the body was laid to rest in the Anglican portion of the Pingelly Cemetery. There was a representative gathering at the church and at the graveside which indicated still further the high esteem in which the deceased lady had been held by residents of this and surrounding districts.

Coffin-bearers were, Messrs. W. O. Scudds, C. P. Green, L. Watson and C. D. Cartwright; whilst pallbearers were, Messrs. C. Ford, T. Johnstone, C. H. Overheu, Ford-Bailey.

Both services were conducted by Canon E. J. T. Atwell and the funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. J. L. Wansbrough, of York.

A large number of floral tributes and messages of condolence were received, amongst which were: —Loving son George and daughter-in-law May; Loving daughter Grace and grandson Gordon; Doreen, Tom and baby Laurence; Grand-daughters Shirley and Dawn; Jim, Kath, Aubrey and Beth (Williams); Vernon, Hannah Williams and family; Bert, May and Fanny (Dookening); Emma, Dorothy and Charlie (Dookening); Emma and family (Williams); Arthur, Siddy and family (Williams); Gwen and Bill Robinson; Frank (Beverley); Horace and Ella (Beverley); Mr. and Mrs. Turpin and Stan; Eva, Queen and children; Les, Lucy and children; Bert and May; Womens' Auxiliary, R-S.L.; Mr.

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Headstone and grave of Joseph and Grace Emma Blechynden at the Pingelly Cemetery. Via Find a Grave and Blechynden Family Facebook page. Contributed to both by Dianne Bax Blechynden.

FIRST CHILD OF JOSEPH BLECHYNDEN & GRACE HANCOCK

1. BLECHYNDEN, GEORGE (1894-1981) & TURPIN, MABEL ESTHER (1899-1998)

George Blechynden

George Blechynden was born 2 Aug 1894, 'Oakdale', Beverley, WA [Reg. 1296]. baptised 4 Oct St Mary's Church, Beverley, WA. He died 31 Jan 1981, Hollywood Hospital. Buried at Karrakatta Cemetery, WA. George Blechynden served during WW1 – details further on.

Segments from the following article show us that George, at the age of 15 years, was a winning scholar at the Erindale State School break-up.

***Beverley Times* (WA: 1905 - 1977), Sat 25 Dec 1909, pg 7**
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Erindale State School.

XMAS VACATION.

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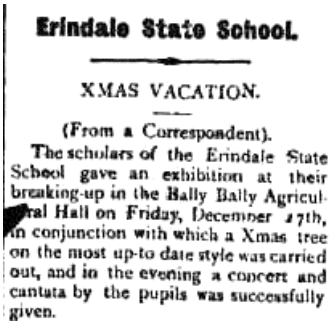

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***History of Schooling in the Avon Valley*, p. 54**
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1889 Bally Bally, Dale, East Beverley, Erindale, South Caroling, Mount Caroling, Mount Kokeby and Jacob's Well Schools

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George Blechynden served during WW1: B2455 BLECHYNDEN G Blechynden George: SERN 5321 POB Beverley WA: POE Blackboy Hill WA: NOK F Blechynden Joseph.

He signed his Attestation Papers 23 Mar 16. On 4 Dec 1916, he proceeded overseas to France via *Princess Victoria,* 13 Mar 1917 - wounded in action. Returned to Australia from England per "A 38",

11 Sep 17. George Blechynden's records of his service overseas can be viewed in the Service Records National Archives of Australia.

***Pingelly Leader* (WA: 1906 - 1925), Thu 6 Dec 1917, pg 3**
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Private Blechynden left W.A. about 18 months ago with one of the reinforcements of the glorious 28th Battalion, and after going through the usual training in England, he saw 4½ months' service in the trenches in France until wounded last March, and, after a spell in hospital under different specialists, was ultimately invalided home to the "Golden West." He still has to undergo six months' treatment at the base hospital, and we all sincerely trust that such treatment will be highly successful.

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The St Luke and St Paul's Anglican Church was opened on 19 Feb 1902 by the Bishop of Perth, Right Rev Charles Owen Leaver Riley. Renovations were carried out together with construction of a new rectory in 1966. These were consecrated by the Right Rev R G Hawkins and the church renamed St Luke and St Paul's Anglican Church.

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The following five pages contain details of Mabel Esther Turpin's parents William Turpin (~1861-1949) and Louisa Maria Pursell Beauclerc (1873-1948) and family:

TURPIN, WILLIAM, Mabel's father, was born about 1861, Essex, England. Parents, query: William Turpin (1834-1905) and Esther Sarah Turpin (1829-1916). He died 22 Jan 1949, Williams, WA [Reg. 7]. Buried Pingelly Cemetery, aged 88 years. Salvation Army. See Obituary.

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***Brisbane Courier* (Qld: 1864 - 1933), Tue 25 Jun 1872, pg 2**
25 Jun 1872 - Family Notices (nla.gov.au)

MARRIAGE BEAUCLERC—MOODY. *—On the 18th June, by the Rev. W. T. Harte, Frederic Beauclerc, eldest son of Frederic Beauclerc, surgeon to H.M. 99th Regiment to Eliza, second daughter of Mr. Adam Moody, grazier, of Oxley Creek.*

***** An intriguing, story of bigamy by Frederick Charles Beauclerc, can be viewed via the following links to *Trove*.

******Queenslander* **(Brisbane, Qld: 1866 - 1939), Sat 1 Nov 1873, pg 3**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article27278258.txt

******Queenslander* **(Brisbane, Qld: 1866 - 1939), Sat 6 Dec 1873, pg 3**
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2. HENRY WILSON STANTON BEAUCLERC (1876-1953) was born 1876, QLD [Reg. 003841, pg. 857]. He married **EDITH SIMPSON**, 1908, QLD [Reg. B006459, pg. 1506] and died 4 Mar 1952, Brisbane., QLD [Reg. B036853, pg. 135].

3. FREDERICK JOHN BEAUCLERC (1878-1955) was born 1978, QLD [Reg. 001620, pg. 857]. **He** married **CATHERINE FORD**, 4 Nov 1902, QLD [Reg. B00223, pg. 1506]. Frederick died 8 Sep 1955, QLD [Reg. B009710, pg. 150].

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM TURPIN (~1861-1949) AND LOUISA MARIA PURSELL BEAUCLERC (1873-1948), Mabel Esther Turpin's parents

1. EVELYN LOUISA FLORENCE TURPIN (1894-1975) was born 7 Nov 1894, QLD [Reg. 009583, pg. 26557]. She married **ROBERT TAYLOR JARDINE WIGHAM** 1915, York, WA [Reg. 16]. Evelyn Louisa Florence Wigham (nee Turpin) died 3 Jul 1975, Williams, WA.

2. STANLEY WILLIAM HALL TURPIN (1896-1983) was born 6 May 1896, Brisbane, QLD [Reg. 009471, pg. 26558]. He died 4 May 1983, Pingelly, WA. Burial, Pingelly, WA. *Stanley, son of the late William and Louisa, brother of Eveline, Mabel, Muriel and Lucy; died 4 May 1983 aged 86.*

Electoral Roll:
1972, 1980, Stanley William Hall Turpin, Yealering, Ollie Turpin, Yealering, home duties, Rodney Kenneth Turpin, Yealering, shearer; Kenneth Walter Turpin, Yealering, shearer

3. HENRY WILSON STANTON TURPIN (1898-1898) was born 8 Jun 1898, QLD [Reg. 009369, pg. 26557]. He died as a baby on 25 Jul 1898, QLD [Reg. 003897, pg. 26557].

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6. MURIEL ELIZA TURPIN (1904-1989) was born 9 Aug 1904, QLD [Reg. B008926, pg. 26558]. married **THOMAS BESWICK (1903-1982)**, 1934, Beverley, WA [Reg. 28]. Muriel died 26 Sep 1989, Yealering,

WA. Burial, Yealering, WA. *Muriel Eliza 9.8.1904- 26.9.1989; loved mother and gran of Kathleen, Tom and their families*

7. LUCY MAY TURPIN (1907-1999) was born 1907, Beverley, WA [Reg. 67]. married **WALTER CHARLES LESLIE TURPIN (1900-1981)** 1930, Beverley, WA [Reg. 33]. Lucy died 11 Oct 1999, Sir Charles Gardiner Hospital, Perth, WA.

The following two articles give some idea of the history of the Turpin family, their, daughter Mabel and when they came to WA.

Louisa Maria Pursell Turpin (nee Beauclerc) died 7 Jun 1948, Pingelly, WA [Reg. 27] aged 75 years. Salvation Army.

***Pingelly-Brookton Leader* (WA: 1925 - 1954), Thu 1 Jul 1948, pg 6**
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The funeral took place on Tuesday, June 8 and proceeded from the Salvation Army Church where a short service had been conducted, to the Salvation Army portion of the Pingelly cemetery, where the body was subsequently laid to rest. Captain Jones, of the Salvation Army, and the Rev. Shearn, Presbyterian minister from Yealering, combined the service at the graveside.

Coffin-bearers were Messrs. W. McDonnell, A. Walton, J. N. Barber, H. Ayers.

Floral tributes were received from the following:—

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William Turpin died 22 Jan 1949, Williams, WA [Reg. 7]. Buried Pingelly Cemetery, aged 88 years. Salvation Army.

***Pingelly-Brookton Leader* (WA: 1925 - 1954), Thu 10 Feb 1949, pg 5**
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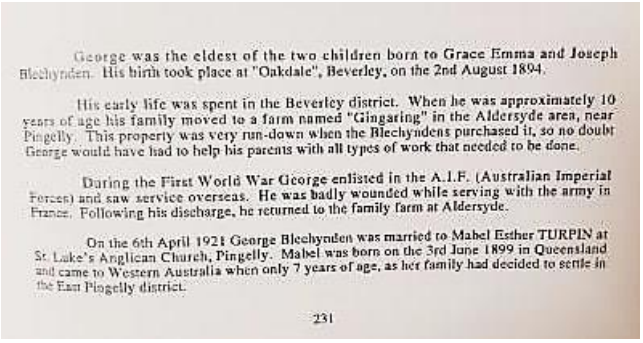
The following translations from the Hancock story, section on Joseph Blechynden, give an excellent summary of George Blechynden and his life.

THE HANCOCK STORY by H L (Mick) KILPATRICK: JOSEPH BLECHYNDEN (1853-1938), 231



George was the eldest of the two children born to Grace Emma and Joseph Blechynden. His birth took place at "Oakdale", Beverley, on the 2nd August 1894.

His early life was spent in the Beverley district. When he was approximately 10 years of age his family moved to a farm named "Gingaring" in the Aldersyde area, near Pingelly. This property was very run-down when the Blechyndens purchased it, so no doubt George would have had to help his parents with all types of work that needed to be done.

During the First World War George enlisted in the A.I.F. (Australian Imperial Forces) and saw service overseas. He was badly wounded while serving with the army in France. Following his discharge, he returned to the family farm at Aldersyde.

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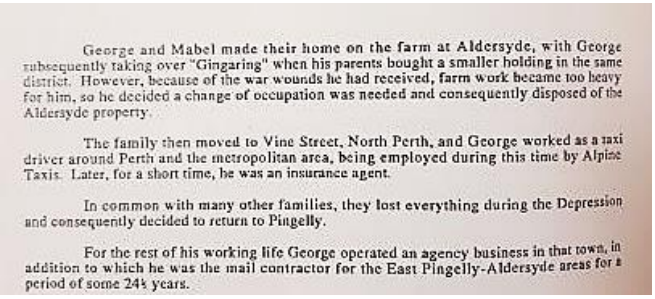

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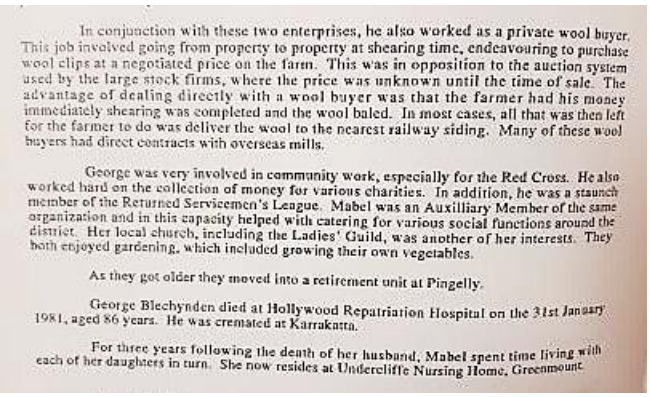

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***West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Sat 2 Mar 1946, pg 13**
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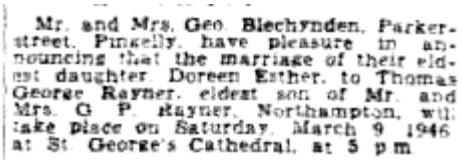
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The following four pages have brief details of the history of Thomas George Rayner's mother Eliza Margaret Rayner (1869-1945) and grandparents Mary Creghan (1844-1915) and Robert Rayner (1823-1886).

GEORGE PATRICK RAYNER (1886-1972) Thomas George Rayner's father

George Rayner was born 15 Sep 1886, Greenough, WA [Reg. 29067], registered as George Rayner, mother, **ELIZA MARGARET RAYNER**, father not recorded. George Patrick Rayner died 1972, Geraldton, Wav [Reg. 2900008], aged 86 years, mother registered as Eliza Margaret Rayner, father nor recorded. Buried Geraldton Cemetery, WA.

ELIZA MARGARET RAYNER (1869-1945) George Patrick Rayner's mother

Eliza Margaret Rayner was born 1869, Perth, WA [Reg. 11728], parents: **ROBERT RAYNER (1823-1886)** and **MARY CRAIGHEN (1844-1915)**, spelling of names as registered. Eliza Margaret Beringer (nee Rayner) died 1945, Geraldton, WA [Reg. 2900081], aged 76 years, parents: Robert Rayner and Mary Creagan.

This was her father, Robert Rayner's second marriage. **m2. ROBERT RAYNER (1823-1886)** married **MARY CREGHAN (1844-1915)** 1 Jan 1864, Northam, WA [Reg. 1990], registered as registered under Robert Raynor and Mary Creghan.

When she was 17 years of age Eliza Margaret Rayner gave birth to George Patrick Rayner, in 1886, the father not recorded. Some Family Trees in Ancestry have George Patrick Rayner as the twelfth child of Robert and Mary Rayner – it is likely that Eliza was assisted in bringing up George by her parents Robert and Mary Rayner.

MARGARET ELIZA RAYNER (1869-1945) married **NICHOLAS ALEXANDER BERINGER (1873-1950)** 1898, Greenough, WA [Reg. 725]. Margaret was now aged 29 years.

NICHOLAS ALEXANDER BERINGER (1873-1950)

Nicholas Alexander Beringer was born 1873, Goulburn, NSW [Reg. 10679]. Parents registered as **CHARLES ANTHONY BERINGER (1833-1894)** and **ELIZABETHA CHRISTINA**. (Carl Anton Beringer and Elizabetha Christina Hubinger were both from Germany). Their names both varied following their move to Australia. Nicholas Alexander Beringer died 1950, Fremantle, WA [Reg. 2700283]. Parents registered as Carl Anton Beringer and Elizabeth Christine (Craigan as recorded). I think a bit of confusion here.
CARL BERINGER (1833-1894) and **ELIZABETH CHUBINGER (1831-1916)** were married 1865, Sydney, NSW [Reg. 290]. Names above as registered. They had four children, their parents' registered names varying in spelling for each child, ie. from Carl to Charles Beringer and Elizabetha to Elizabeth Hubinger.

1. CHARLES PHILLIP NICHOLAS BERINGER (1866-1943)
2. EDMUND AUGUST BERINGER (1871–1947)
3. CAROLINE ELEANORE BERINGER (1874–1928)
4. **NICHOLAS ALEXANDER BERINGER (1873–1950).**

Nicholas Alexander Beringer and his family moved to WA.
Carl Anton Berringer (name as registered), died near Geraldton [Reg. 908], aged 61 years.
Elizabeth Christina Beringer (name as registered), died 1916, Geraldton, WA [2900006] aged 79 years.

CHILDREN OF MARGARET ELIZA RAYNER (1869-1945) AND NICHOLAS ALEXANDER BERINGER (1874-1950):

Sadly, they lost their twins: William Charles and Sydney Robert in 1911 at the age of eight months.

1. NICHOLAS ERNEST BERINGER (1899-1970)
2. HAROLD BERINGER (1900–1977)
3. WILLIAM CHARLES BERINGER (1911–1911)
4. SYDNEY ROBERT BERINGER (1911–1911)
5. LIONEL HENRY AUSTIN BERINGER (1915–1994).

ROBERT RAYNER (1823-1886) Margaret Eliza Rayner's father, Thomas George Rayner's great-grandfather

Robert Rayner was a convict. He was married in England.
m1. ROBERT RAYNER (1823-1886) married **CAROLINE MANNING (1824-1896)** 18 Oct 1846, Norfolk, England.

They had three children. **1. GEORGE RAYNER (1846-1907) 2. CAROLINE RAYNER (1847-) 3. ELIZABETH RAYNER (1849-1924).**

Robert Rayner was sentenced and transported to WA, Convict #2639, arriving 5 Apr 1854. Caroline and the three children remained in England. Robert Rayner died 1886, Greenough, WA [Reg. 13703], aged 59 years. Mary Rayner (nee Creghan) died 1915, Northampton, WA [Reg. 5000018], father registered as Patrick Cragen.

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The children's mother was recorded as Mary with various spellings of Cregan, Creghan, Cragan, Craighen, etc, father Robert Rayner.

1. JAMES RAYNER (1864-1915)
2. JOHANNAH RAYNER (1865–1949)
3. MARY JANE RAYNER (1866–1941)
4. ROBERT JOHN RAYNER (1868–1911)
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6. THOMAS MICHAEL RAYNER (1871–1944)
7. WILLIAM RAYNER (1873–1902)
8. EMILY JULIA RAYNER (1875–1943)
9. ANN ELIZABETH RAYNER(1878–1878)
10. HENRY RICHARD 'HARRY' RAYNER(1879–1952)
11. MAY FRANCES RAYNER (1882–1930)

REBECCA ELLEN CRIPPS (1890-1969) Thomas George Rayner's mother

Rebecca Ellen was born 20 Dec 1890, Northampton, WA [Reg. 183]. Parents: **CHARLES THOMAS CRIPPS (1854-1923)** and **m2. MARGARET HAIGH (1859-1923)** who were married 25 Jan 1882, Gwalia, (Northampton), WA [Reg. 5231].
Rebecca Ellen Rayner (nee Cripps) died 22 Aug 1969, Geraldton, WA [Reg. 2900097], aged 78 years, parents: Charles Thomas Cripps and Margaret Williams.

CHILDREN OF CHARLES THOMAS CRIPPS (1854-1923) AND m2. MARGARET HAIGH (1859-1923), Thomas George Rayner's maternal grandparents.
Rebecca Ellen was the fifth of eight children.

1. THOMAS CHARLES CRIPPS (1882-1958)
2. HANNAH MARY CRIPPS (1884–1956)
3. DAVID WILLIAMS CRIPPS (1886–1924)
4. SARAH JANE CRIPPS (1888–1975)
5. REBECCA ELLEN CRIPPS (1890–1969)
6. ERNEST JOHN CRIPPS (1893–1957)
7. MARGARET ADA CRIPPS (1896–1989)
8. ELSIE GEORGIE CRIPPS (1899–1968)

m1. MARGARET WILLIAMS (1859-1923) married **ALLEN HAIGH (1854-1880)** 1876, Northampton, WA [Reg. 4126].
They had three children. **1. MARY ANN HAIGH (1877-1877) 2. ELIZABETH ANN HAIGH (1878-1949) 3. SELINA MARY HAIGH (1880-1949)**. Sadly, Mary Ann died aged 20 days. Following her husband Allen's death Margaret married again.

CHILDREN OF GEORGE PATRICK RAYNER (1886-1972) and **REBECCA ELLEN CRIPPS (1890-1969), Thomas George Rayner's parents:**
Thomas George was the eldest of six living children. Sadly, George and Rebecca had three children not born alive. Unnamed male in 1915, Mary Rayner 1932 and Unnamed male in 1933.

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2. UNNAMED RAYNER (1915-1915) M. Stillborn. Unnamed Rayner was not born alive, 1915, Geraldton, WA [Reg. 129]. Parents: George Patrick

3. ELSIE MADELINE RAYNER (1916–2000) married **WILFRED CHARLES GREGORY (1925-)** 1948, Perth, WA [Reg. 1051].

4. DULCIE ELIZABETH RAYNER (1918–2011) married **ALEN LOUIS GEORGE RALPH (1913-1999) 1944**, Northampton, WA [Reg. 3].

5. WILLIAM ARTHUR RAYNER (1921–1992) married **JOYCE MARY CURTIN (1927-2013]** 1948, Northampton, WA [Reg.

6. NORMAN CHARLES RAYNER (1924–) married **m2. DORIS FRANCES GUNNER** 1950, Perth, WA [Reg. 861]. **M1. DORIS FRANCES TITE** married **LIONEL FREDCOVE GUNNER** 1925, Highgate Hill, Perth WA [Reg. 101307].

7. EDWIN JOHN RAYNER (1927–1972) married **PATRICIA GARDINER** 1954, Perth, WA [Reg. 112].

8. MARY RAYNER (1932-1932) F. Stillborn. Mary Rayner was not born alive 1932, Northampton, WA [Reg. 5000018]. Parents: George Patrick Rayner and Rebecca Ellen Cripps.

9. UNNAMED RAYNER (1933-1933) M. Stillborn. Unnamed Rayner was not born alive, 1933 Northampton, WA [Reg.5000004]. Parents: George Patrick Rayner and Rebecca Ellen Cripps.

Electoral Roll:
1912 George Patrick Rayner, Eradu, repairer, Mary Rayner, Greenough, widow.
1917 George Patrick Rayner, Nabawah, farm hand, Rebecca Ellen, married.
1922 George Patrick Rayner, Northampton, farm hand, Rebecca Ellen, married.
1931 George Patrick Rayner, Lynton Station Northampton, farm hand, Rebecca Ellen, home duties.
1943 George Patrick Rayner, Olgivie, Greenough, labourer, Rebecca Ellen, home duties.
1958 George Patrick Rayner, 9 Snowden St, Geraldton, Rebecca Ellen, home duties.

CHILDREN OF DOREEN ESTHER BLECHYNDEN (1922-2019) AND THOMAS GEORGE RAYNER (1914-2004): Laurence, Geoffrey Dennis, Margaret Doreen and Brian Leslie Rayner.

Electoral Roll:
1937 Thomas George Rayner, Northampton, carrier
1949, 1954, 1977, 1980 Thomas George Rayner,16 Parker St, Pingelly, grader driver, Doreen Esther, home duties.

2nd CHILD OF GEORGE BLECHYNDEN & MABEL ESTHER TURPIN

2. BLECHYNDEN, SHIRLEY MAY (1924-2011)
was born 13 May 1924, Beverley, WA [Reg. 94]. She married **HUGH GEORGE HATCHER (1924-1976)**, 1949, Perth, WA [Reg. 800].

***Pingelly-Brookton Leader* (WA: 1925 - 1954), Thu 7 Apr 1949, pg 1**
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HAROLD SIDNEY HATCHER (1883-1942), Hugh George Hatcher's father, was baptised 11 Nov 1883, Marnhull, Dorset, England. Parents: **HUGH JAMES HATCHER (1856-1947)** and **EMMA MARSH (1859-1927)** who were married 27 Apr 1881, Marnhull, Dorset England. Harold Sidney was the second of eleven children all born in England. Harold arrived 14 Jul 1910, Fremantle, WA. His parents and siblings remained in England.
He died 1942, Pingelly, Beverley WA [Reg. 400022].

CHILDREN OF HUGH JAMES HATCHER (1856-1947) and **EMMA MARSH (1859-1927), Hugh George Hatcher's paternal grandparents.**

1. WALTER JOHN HATCHER (1882-1949)
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3. FRED HATCHER (1885–1970)
4. ERNEST HATCHER (1886–1929)
5. IDA MARY ANN HATCHER (1887–1977)
6. ETHEL GRACE HATCHER (1889–1977)
7. LOUISA KATE HATCHER (1891–1965)
8. HUGH JAMES HATCHER (1892–1917)
9. ARTHUR HATCHER (1894–1972)
10. MAGGIE HATCHER (1896–1978)
11. AGNES MABEL HATCHER (1899–1963)

RUBY BOWDEN (1900-1983) Hugh George Hatcher's mother
Ruby Bowden was born 31 Mar 1900, Perth, WA [Reg. 3674]. Parents: **GEORGE BOWDEN (1855-1928)** and **EMILY GEORGINA BAKER (1873-1968)** who were married 1898, Kalgoorlie, WA [Reg. 271]. Both George Bowden and Emily Georgina Baker were born in VIC and moved to WA.
Ruby Hatcher (nee Bowden) died 1983, Narrogin, Williams, WA [Reg. 6700041]. Parents: George Bowden and Emily Baker.
George Bowden died 21 Mar 1928, Pingelly, WA [Reg. 40001], parents: Charles Joseph Bowden and Julia Huggins.
Emily Georgina Bowden (nee Baker) died 9 Jul 1968, Greenmount, WA [Reg. 6100128], parents: George Baker and Jane Button.

CHILDREN OF GEORGE BOWDEN (1855-1928) AND EMILY GEORGINA BAKER (1873-1968), Hugh George Hatcher's maternal grandparents.

Ruby was the second of ten children. Sadly, George and Emily lost five babies at or just after birth: Mabel Emily died in 1902, aged 7 months; Violet in 1904, aged 7 months; Edward in 1908, Henry Ernest aged 7 weeks and a female baby not born alive in 1912. I cannot find a registration for George born in 1898 in Kalgoorlie.

1. GEORGE BOWDEN (1898-) 2. RUBY BOWDEN (1900–1983) 3. MABEL EMILY BOWDEN (1901–1902) 4. ETHEL BOWDEN (1902–1954) 5. VIOLET BOWDEN (1903–1904) 6. ROSE EMILY BOWDEN (1904–1975) 7. JESSIE MAY BOWDEN (1907–1953) 8. EDWARD BOWDEN (1908–1908) 9. HENRY ERNEST BOWDEN (1909-1909) 10. UNNAMED BOWDEN (1912-1912), F.

Electoral Roll:
1910, 1917, 1918 George Bowden, Pingelly, teamster, Emily Bowden, Pingelly, married
1931, 1934 Emily Bowden, Pingelly, married.

CHILDREN OF HAROLD SIDNEY HATCHER (1883-1942) AND RUBY BOWDEN (1900-1983), Hugh George Hatcher's parents.

1. HUGH GEORGE HATCHER (1924-1976) married **SHIRLEY MAY BLECHYNDEN (1924-2011)** 1949, Perth, WA [Reg. 800].

2. SIDNEY ERNEST HATCHER (1925–2012) married **MARGARET PHYLLIS BALDOCK (1929-2018)** 21 Apr 1951, Williams, WA [Reg. 33].

3. DAPHNE ROSE HATCHER (1927–1972) married **DENNIS BERWICK FORD (1929-2002)** 1952, Beverley, WA [Reg. 22].

4. PHYLLIS D HATCHER (1930-2019) married **IVAN VICTOR BOWRON (1925-2020)** 1951, Beverley, WA [Reg. 36].

CHILDREN OF SHIRLEY MAY BLECHYNDEN (1924-2011) AND HUGH GEORGE HATCHER (1924-1976): Coralie, Jillian, Sheryl and Judith Hatcher.

Electoral Roll:
1949, 1954 Hugh George Hatcher, Railway Promenade, Queens Park, carpenter, Shirley May, home duties.
1963, 1968 Hugh George Hatcher, 107 Seven Oakes St, Queens Park, carpenter, Shirley May, home duties.

3rd CHILD OF GEORGE BLECHYNDEN & MABEL ESTHER TURPIN

3. BLECHYNDEN, DAWN AUDREY (1930-) was born 15 Dec 1930, Perth, WA [Reg. 4082]. Reg in 1931. She married **HERMAN KEITH NOACK (1928-2020)**, 1952, Perth, WA [Reg. 2564].

Comments via Susanne Wheatley: Herman Keith's father, also Herman Keith Noack - Married Zenovia Winifred "Winnie" Broun. Winnie was a daughter of Charles McBryde Broun. Charles was brother to my Great Grandfather - Ernest Malcolm Felix Broun. Charles and Ernest, I believe grew up on Roesland - they helped their father, Charles Frederick Broun, run the Great Southern Railway shop out of Roesland and also the mobile shop which travelled ahead of the railway gangs. Circa 1880's.

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HERMAN KEITH NOACK (1828-2020)

Herman Keith Noack was born 1928, Beverley, WA. Parents: **MARTIN CHRISTIAN NOACK (1891-1974) 'Herman'** and **ZENOBIA WINIFRED BROUN (1897-1978) 'Winnie'** who were married 1920, Beverley, WA [Reg. 400034]. Registered as Martin Christian Noack.
Herman Keith Noack died 2020
MARTIN CHRISTIAN NOACK (1891-1974) 'Herman' Herman Keith Noack's father

Martin Christian Noack was born 1891, Buninyong, VIC [Reg. 30799]. Registered as Martin Christian Noack, parents: Martin Christian Noack and Adelaide Davies.
Martin Christian Noack died 15 Aug 1974, Perth, WA [Reg. 102991], aged 83 years, parents: Martin Christian Noack and Adelaide Davies.

Herman Keith Noack's grandparents, **MARTIN CHRISTIAN NOACK (1867-1955) 'Herman'** and **ADELAIDE DAVIES (1870-1959)** were married 1889, VIC [Ref. 7976]. Registered as Martin Christian Noack and Adelaide Davies. At his death he was recorded as Christian Heinrich Martin Noack.

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***Sunday Times* (Perth, WA: 1902 - 1954), Sun 20 Mar 1910, pg 5**
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TRAGEDY AT PINGELLY

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Electoral Roll
1903 Martin Christian Noack, Buninyong, Ballarat, VIC, gardener, Adelaide, home duties.
1910, 1936 Martin Christian Noack, Brookton, WA, farmer, Adelaide, home duties.

ZENOBIA WINIFRED BROUN (1897-1978) Herman Keith Noack's mother

Zenobia Winifred Broun was born 1897, Beverley, WA [Reg. 11]. Parents: **m2. CHARLES MCBRYDE BROUN (1864-1943)** and **MARY CHARLOTTE ALLEN (1877-1943).** Zenobia died 16 Jul 1978, Karrinyup, WA [Reg.

m1. CHARLES MCBRYDE BROUN (1864-1943) married **ELIZABETH AGNES FEENEY (1875-1893)** 2 Jun 1892, York, WA [Reg. 196]. Registered as Elizabeth Feeney. Following the death of his wife Agnes aged 17 years, Charles married again.

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CHILDREN OF CHARLES MCBRYDE BROUN (1864-1943) AND **MARY CHARLOTTE ALLEN (1877-1943), Herman Keith Noack's maternal grandparents.**
Zenobia was the eldest of ten children all born in Beverley, WA. Names as registered for their birth.

1. **ZENOBIA WINNIFRED BROUN (1897-1978),**
2. HERMAN OSWALD BROUN (1898–1977),
3. OSMUND BADEN BROUN (1900–1973),
4. RODERICK NICHOLAS BROUN (1902–1971),
5. ALARIC CLINTON BROUN (1904–1982),
6. VICTOR WALWIN BROUN (1905–1995),
7. MCBRYDE CLEMENT BROUN (1907–1989),
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9. ALMA DORETHEA BROUN (1912–2005), and
10. RITA BERYL BROUN (1921–1960).

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Emigration: Dorothy arrived Albany 19 Apr 1925. I can't find a marriage registration.
Dorothy and John Aves had one child: **1. PETER JOHN CASHEN (1925-1994)**.
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CHILDREN OF MARTIN 'HERMAN' CHRISTIAN NOACK (1891-1974) AND ZENOBIA WINIFRED BROUN (1897-1978) 'Winnie'

1. CHARLES MARTIN NOACK (1922-2012) married **RUBY JOYCE SCOTT (1922-1948)** 1946, Perth, WA [Reg. 879].
2. AILEEN DOROTHEA NOACK (1924–2009) married **LAURENCE JOHN HICKEY (1918-1996)** 1953, Perth, WA [Reg. 2405].

3. HERMAN KEITH NOACK (1928–2020) married **DAWN AUDREY BLECHYNDEN (1930-)** 1952, Perth, WA [Reg. 2564].

4. GORDON CHRISTIAN NOACK (1932–2006) married **AILEEN VALERIE HIGGINS** 1955, Beverley, WA [Reg. 22].

5. MARY WINIFRED NOACK

CHILDREN OF DAWN AUDREY BLECHYNDEN AND HERMAN KEITH NOACK: Beverley, Carol and Yvonne Noack.

Following his service in WW1, George Blechynden, signed up a second time to serve in WW2.

21 Jun 1943, signed his Attestation Papers, 31 Jun 1944, to Reserve. BLECHYNDEN GEORGE: Service Number - W84297: Date of birth - 2 Aug 1894: Place of birth - BEVERLEY WA: Place of enlistment - PINGELLY WA: Next of Kin - BLECHYNDEN MABEL.

George Blechynden and Mabel Esther (nee Turpin). Courtesy Margaret Smith

Angela Blechynden and Mabel Blechynden (nee Turpin). Courtesy Angela Blechynden

Mabel Esther Blechynden (nee Turpin), The Hancock Story.

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1972 Blechynden George, Parker St, Pingelly, Mabel Esther, same address

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INTERVIEW WITH GEORGE BLECHYNDEN RE HIS FAMILY AND EARLY LIFE IN PINGELLY.
This is duplicated at the end of the chapters on Harrison Blechynden and Charlotte Robus.

1987, English, Book edition: [Interview with George Bruce Blechynden] / [interviewed by Chris Jeffery]. https://trove.nla.gov.au/work/159320946?q&versionId=173666673

The full typed out version of this interview covers eight pages so is not included here. It mainly outlines George's, son of Joseph introduced above, and his family's life in the Pingelly area.

His Grandfather Harrison Blechynden is mentioned in the extract below. As written above, schooling for most people was virtually non-existent in those days. In the interview George says of his father Joseph: *"My father had no education at all, only what he could pick up from reading books. He could just sign his name".* George stated his own education was limited and that he only attended school for "one and a half years".

Life in the colony was fraught with hardship and difficulty in those days. Harrison worked hard to make a life for his family. As the boys (George's uncles) came of age and left one by one, Harrison would very- likely have come across as grumpy and disillusioned in later years which could explain George's unfortunate understanding of his grandfather.

George Blechynden was born twenty-one years after his grandfather's death, and never knew Harrison Blechynden. His understanding of the difficulties under which the colony developed was through his father Joseph's experiences growing up in the Beverley and Pingelly district and stories he had been told. Impressions, memories and stories often become exaggerated over time so we hope Harrison was not like the impression George was given of him.

EXTRACT FROM ORAL HISTORY RECORD BATTYE LIBRARY REF. C, H //Btr FC George Blechynden (2 Aug 1894 – BEVERLEY – SON OF JOSEPH) INTERVIEW BY CHRIS JEFFREY 1976

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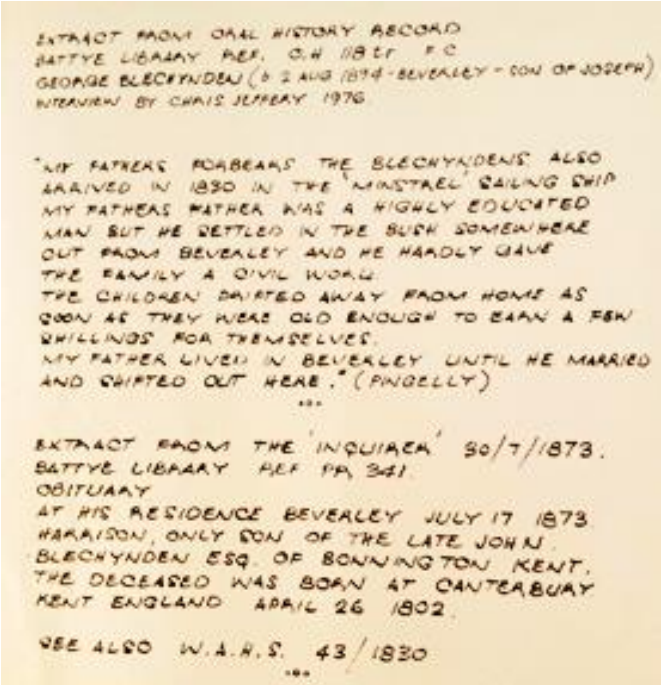
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EXTRACT FROM THE 'INQUIRER' 30/7/1873.
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OBITUARY
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THE DECEASED WAS BORN AT CANTERBURY KENT ENGLAND APRIL 26 1802.

SEE ALSO W.A.H.S. 43/1830

SECOND CHILD OF JOSEPH BLECHYNDEN & GRACE HANCOCK

2. BLECHYNDEN, GRACE (1899-1989) & WORNER, CLAUDE JAMES (1899-1945)

Grace Blechynden was born 26 Nov 1899, 'Oakdale', Beverley, WA [Reg. 5], named after her mother. Grace Worner (nee Blechynden) died 18 Jul 1989, in Bentley, WA. Buried, York Cemetery, WA.

Grace Blechynden, July 1917

Her very early life was spent in the Beverley District. When she was approximately five years of age her parents moved to 'Gingaring', a farming property in the Aldersyde area. This locality was extremely isolated at the time. Grace remained on the farm for most of her early adult life assisting her parents with the task of operating their property. This was particularly the case while her brother was away at the First World War. For a time, she did work at the small general store at Lomas, a siding on the old (now closed) Brookton-Corrigin railway line.

Letters to Aunt Mary, Children's column:
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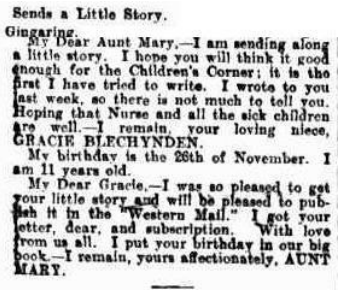
On 29 Jul 1898, a letter was printed in the Western Mail and was written using the pseudonym 'Aunt Mary.' Addressed to the children of WA, the writer asked for help to fill that column of the newspaper. They hoped that children would send in stories, letters, questions, poetry, compositions (anything they liked) as long as it was their work. As an added incentive, children who wrote well could find themselves in receipt of a prize.

The many newspaper articles found in *Trove* show that Grace, as many other young people wrote to Aunt Mary's Letter Bag and received replies from her. Grace was very enthusiastic and enjoyed encouraging others to join. Her letters show she was aware of the war and wrote that her brother George had been injured. She helped raise money for the Silver Chain. These are just a few of the articles.

Western Mail (Perth, WA: 1885 - 1954), Sat 12 Aug 1911, pg 42
12 Aug 1911 - Sends a Little Story. (nla.gov.au)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Gingaring-August 25.

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20 Nov 1909 - Received Her Bracelet Safely. (nla.gov.au)

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P.S.—George got a prize for his transcription book at the Beverley Show.

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***Western Mail* (Perth, WA: 1885 - 1954), Fri 20 Apr 1917, pg 42**

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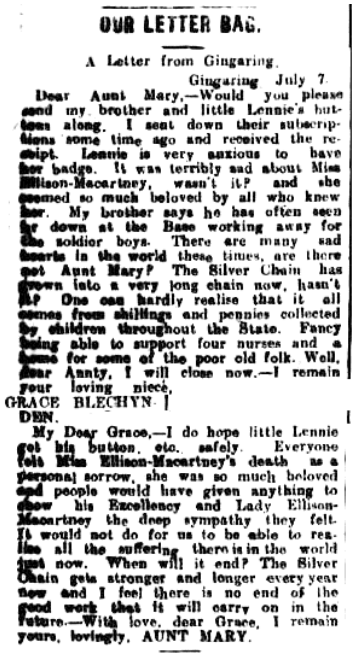

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***Western Mail* (Perth, WA: 1885 - 1954), Fri 2 Aug 1918, pg 30**.
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Via Jacqui Graham.
Love this! A quaint connection between my LEE line with the BLECHYNDEN family. The author, Grace BLECHYNDEN (1889-1989) is the daughter of Joseph and Grace Emma HANCOCK. HJ LEE refers to Henry James the brother of Ivy Adeline who married John Thomas STEWART - attached to my direct line.
***Western Mail* (Perth, WA: 1885 - 1954), Thu 10 Jun 1920, pg 38.**
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£1 9s. An Easter Present to the Silver Chain.
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***West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Fri 23 Feb 1934, pg 1.**
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WORNER, CLAUDE JAMES (1899-1945)

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Claude James Worner

WW1: Served overseas. Attestation paper, 1 Apr 1916. Clerk. Embarked on *Argyllshire,* 1 Nov 1916. SERN 6172: POB Jarrahdale WA: POE Perth WA: NOK F Worner George

Claude James Worner's record of service can be viewed via the National Archives. See
https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3443972

The following two pages contain details of Claude James Worner's parents, GEORGE GORDON WORNER (1865-1930) and ELIZABETH MARIE J JAMES (1867-1942):

WORNER, GEORGE GORDON (1865-1930), Claude James Worner 's father was born 1865, Forbes, NSW [Reg. 11083], son of **WILLIAM WORNER (1836-1882)** and **DOROTHY GIMESON (1844-1924)** who were married 8 Jul 1862, Beechwood, VIC [Reg. 2622]. William Worner arrived via the *Hindostan* from London to Sydney, 12 Feb 1857. George Gordon Worner died 6 Oct 1930, 182, Railway Pde, West Leederville, WA. [Reg. 1670].

JAMES, ELIZABETH MARIE (1867-1942) Claude James Worner 's mother (via Simmonds family Tree, Ancestry) was born 1867, Sandhurst, VIC [Reg.10904], parents: **CHARLES JAMES (1840-1866)** and **SARAH MCTAVISH (1845-1938)**. Elizabeth Marie Worner (nee James) died 2 Mar 1942, Perth, WA [Reg. 481]. Note: Her father Charles died 16 Dec 1866, Tupra Station, NSW, from drowning – details of drowning unknown. That would have been only months before Elizabeth was born.

CHILDREN OF GEORGE GORDON WORNER (1865-1930) AND ELIZABETH MARIE JAMES (1867-1942):

1. WILLIAM 'GORDON' WORNER (1888-1961) was born 22 Apr 1888, Kerang, VIC [Reg. 12659]. He married **NELLIE PATRICIA HURLEY (1886-1985)**, 1912, Wellington, WA [Reg. 94]. William died 28 Jul 1961, Perth, WA [Reg. 2095] aged 73 years.

2. CHARLES VERNON WORNER (1889-1963) was born 1889, VIC [Reg. 22990]. He married **MARY ELLEN MEARNEY (1890-1980) 'NELL'**, 14 Jun 1919, West Perth, WA [Reg. 450], registered as Meaney. Charles died 1963, Perth, WA [Reg. 1723].

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4. GEORGE FORBES WORNER (1910-1929) was born 1910, Jarrahdale, WA [Reg. 10]. George died aged 18 years, 10 May 1929, Beverley, WA [Reg. 30].

***West Australian* (Perth, WA:1879-1954 / Sat 11 May 1929 / Pg 1 / Family Notices**
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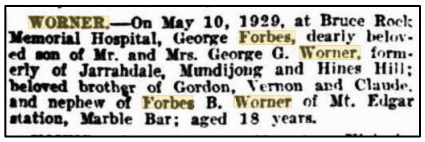
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Electoral Roll:
1912 George Gordon Worner, Mundijong, hotel keeper, Elizabeth Marie, housewife.
1916, 1918 George Gordon Worner, Hines Hill, Publican, Elizabeth Marie, home duties
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***Merredin Mercury and Central Districts Index* (WA: 1912 - 1954), Wed 26 Aug 1914, pg 2**
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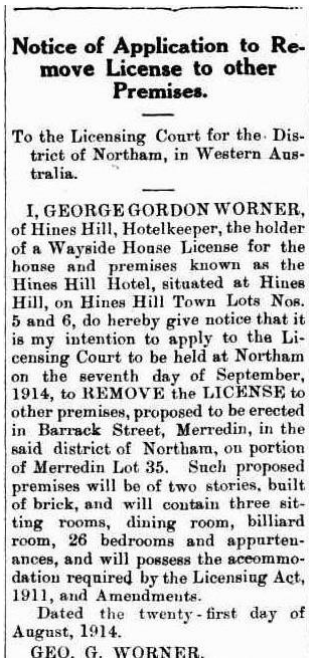
To the Licensing Court for the District of Northam, in Western Australia.

I, GEORGE GORDON WORNER, of Hines Hill, Hotel keeper, the holder of a Publican's General License for the house and premises known as the Hines Hill Hotel, situated at Hines Hill, on Hines Hill Town Lots Nos. 5 and 6, do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply to the Licensing Court to be held at Northam on the seventh day of September, 1914, to REMOVE the LICENSE to other premises: proposed to be erected in Barrack Street, Merredin, in the said District of Northam, on portion, of Merredin Lot 35. Such proposed premises will be of two stories, built of brick, and will contain three sitting rooms, dining room, billiard room, 26 bedrooms and appurtenances, and will possess the accommodation required by the Licensing Act, 19.11, and Amendments.

Dated the twenty first day of August, 1914.

GEO. G. WORNER,

Signature of applicant.



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Headstone George Gordon Worner and Elizabeth Marie Worner (nee James). Courtesy Suzanne Worner.

GRACE and **CLAUDE** had one child.

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Electoral Roll:

1925, 1931 Blechynden Grace Lyndhurst, Lyndhurst, East Pingelly, home duties
1931 Worner Claude James, Lomos, Farmer
1936 Worner Claude James, Lomos, Farmer, Grace, Lomos, Home duties
1937 Worner Claude James, Lomis, farmer, Grace, via Brookton
1943 Worner Claude James, Greenhills, Wheat trucker, Grace, Greenhills, home duties
1946 Worner Claude James died in 1946
1968, 1972 Worner Grace, 142 Westminster Street, Shop assistant

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Gordon Joseph	*b.*	*6th April 1936* *Single*

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The pall-bearers were—Messrs. J. V. Fairhead, M. Barrett, J. Parker, F. Kilpatrick, R. Jones, H. C. Penny R. St. Jack and J. Loudon

The funeral arrangements were conducted by Mr. J. L. Wansbrough, undertaker, York

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***York Chronicle* (WA: 1927 - 1954), Fri 21 Sep 1945, pg 3**
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Headstone Claude Worner, York, Cemetery
Photo by twood

Grace Worner (nee Blechynden). Cremated at Fremantle Cemetery. Photo by twood

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PART 4 – Cousin George

GEORGE BLECHYNDEN (1806-1889)

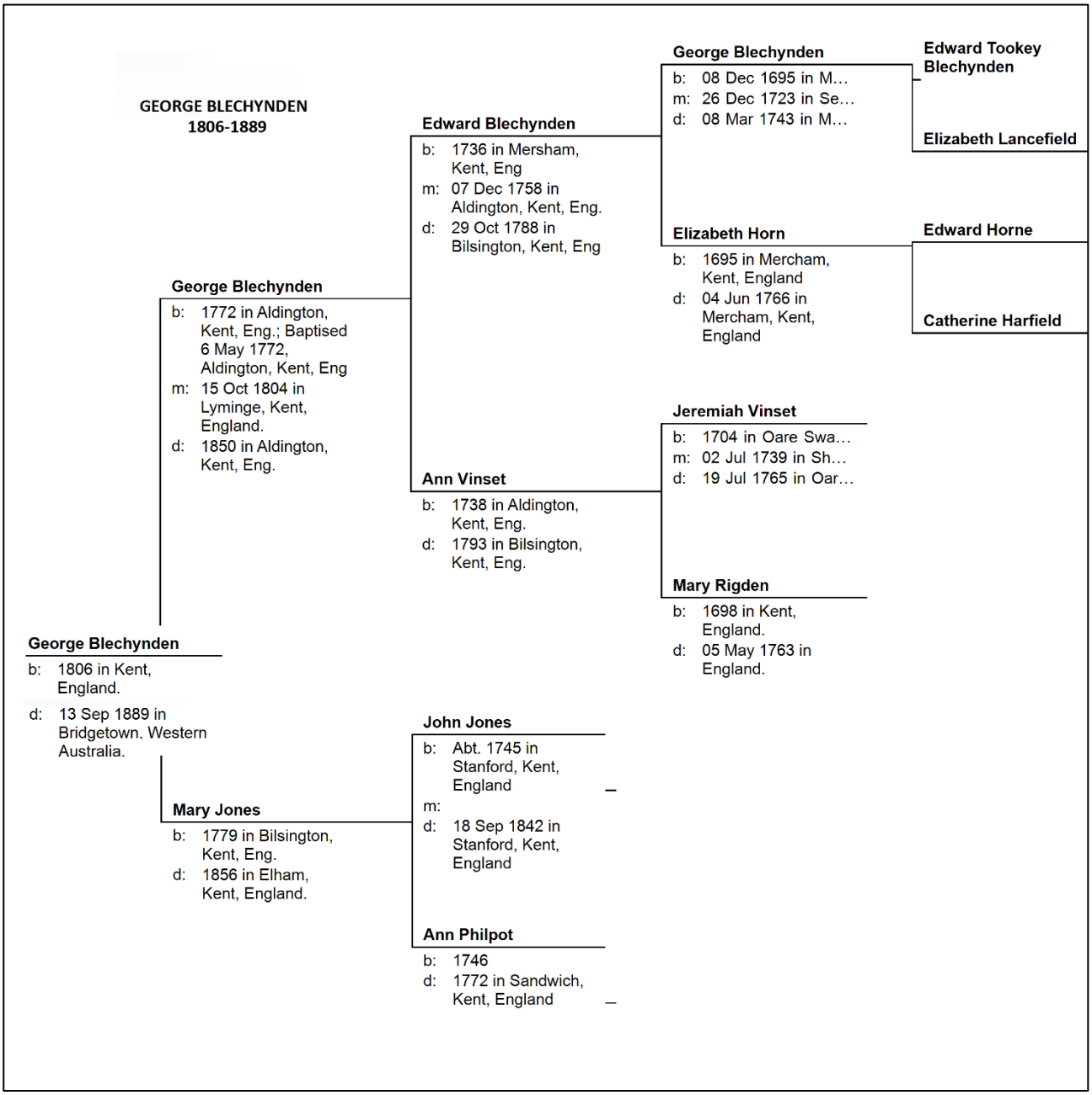
George Blechynden.
Digitally enhanced image by Blechynden descendant Kim Daley.

George Blechynden was the second child of George Blechynden (1772-1850) and Mary Jones (1779-1856).
He was born in Kent, England.

Looking to the future, in 1829, George made the decision with his cousin Harrison to accept the offer of employment with William Locke Brockman, who had enthused with family and friends of going to the newly founded Swan River Colony.

This is his story.

GEORGE BLECHYNDEN (1806-1889)
FOUR GENERATIONS - KENT TO WESTERN AUSTRALIA
COUSIN TO HARRISON BLECHYNDEN (1802-1873)



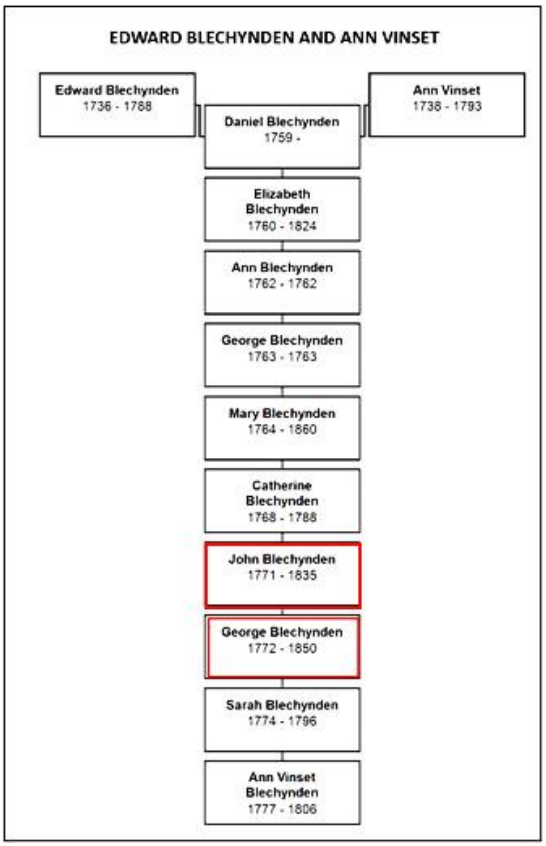
Due to the range of articles from different sources you will see some information is sometimes repeated in this section about cousin George. This is to retain continuity within the quoted articles and items.

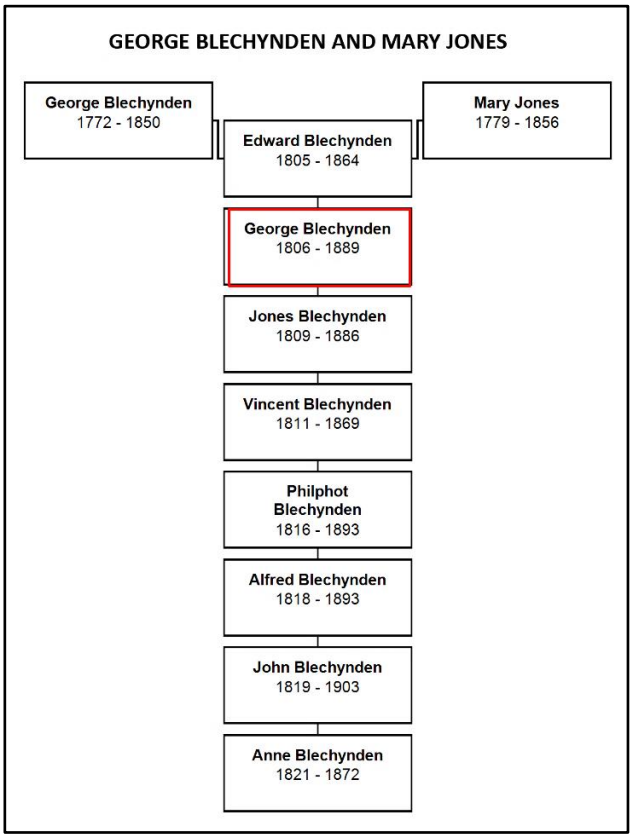
SECOND CHILD OF GEORGE BLECHYNDEN (1772-1850) and MARY JONES (1779-1856)
COUSIN TO HARRISON BLECHYNDEN

BLECHYNDEN, GEORGE (1806-1889)

George Blechynden, born 1806, Kent, England, was the second of eight children, to **GEORGE BLECHYNDEN (1772-1850)** and **MARY JONES (1779-1856)**, who were married on 15 Oct 1804, Lyminge, Kent, England. The children of George and Mary Blechynden were as follows: Edward born 1805, George in 1806, Jones in 1809, Vincent in 1811, Philpot in 1816, Alfred in1818, John in 1819, and Anne in 1821, Bilsington, England.

George and his brothers and sister grew up on the farm acreages in Aldington, Bonnington, and Bilsington, Kent, left to his father George and Uncle John, by his grandfather Edward Blechynden. Working with George, their father, the boys learned many of the skills needed to help them in the future.





George was descended from one of the oldest families in Kent and had ancestors who had owned various manors in Quarrington, Simnels, and Mersham. Details of the history of these families can be found in the first section on Kent.

In recent times, however, his family was not so well connected, and the properties his father farmed were not substantial enough to support so many. Looking to the future, in 1829 George Blechynden made the decision with his cousin Harrison Blechynden to accept the offer of employment with William Locke Brockman, who had enthused their friends and employees with a scheme of going to the newly founded Swan River Colony in Western Australia. This colony had recently been founded without convict labour and huge grants of land were available depending on how much capital and labour was brought out from England.

George accepted the offer to act as a carpenter and his first cousin, Harrison also accepted as a foreman for Brockman on his new property in the Swan River Colony and Brockman paid for their fares. Brockman was to provide free food and lodging for four years for the

Blechyndens and in return did not have to pay them wages. After those four years, the Blechyndens would be free to be gentlemen, take up land of their own and make their own way in the colony.

The sailing ship *Minstrel* sailed from St. Katherine's Dock on 17 Sep 1929 with Captain J. Arkoll at the helm. On the same day, she picked up the Brockmans at Portsmouth together with their large cargo and seven servants including Harrison and George Blechynden and Mrs Brockman's maid Charlotte Augusta Robus. The voyage took nearly five months and they finally arrived on the 20 Feb 1830. Much more detail can be read in the chapters on Harrison Blechynden and Charlotte Robus.

As mentioned in the section on William Locke Brockman, he wasted no time in getting himself and his entourage established in the Colony. Initially, there were no roads. Other than by horseback, traveling by boat on the Swan River was the major form of transport. William Brockman named his grant 'Herne Hill' and Harrison and George Blechynden were immediately put to work constructing his prefabricated house and yards to contain his animals. Charlotte worked as a servant to Mrs Brockman and helped look after her baby son.

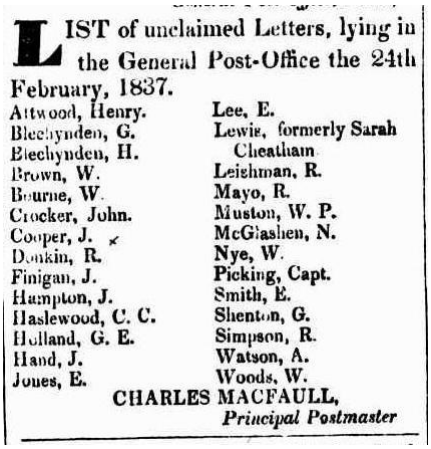
With his carpentry skills, George would have found no end of work in the new colony which initially had very little infrastructure, with many of the new settlers living in tents or crude huts. His cousin Harrison Blechynden and Charlotte Augusta Robus were married in Perth, WA, 3 Mar 1832. Their first child John Blechynden was born in Perth, 14 Mar 1833. He was baptised on 28 Apr 1833. Harrison is reported to have worked as a butcher in the Perth district in 1833.
By 1835 Harrison and George Blechynden had completed their indenture with William Locke Brockman. After those four years the Blechyndens were free to take up land of their own and make their own way in the colony.
A second child, a girl named Sarah Harrison was born to Harrison and Charlotte in 1841. Following this Harrison and Charlotte and their two children travelled over the Darling Range to a newly allocated farm named 'St Aubyns' in the recently surveyed district of Beverley. Here their third child Elizabeth 'Anne' was born in 1842. Their fourth child Henry George born in 1843 was born on 'Babbyalla', the property next door to St Aubyns, followed by another six children, all born at 'Babbyalla' and in the Beverley District. Harrison and Charlotte brought up and raised their family on this property, with Charlotte continuing on after Harrison's death in 1873. In 1888 the property was taken over by Bevan Hammersley. The story of Harrison and Charlotte and their family can be read in their individual chapters throughout this book.

One of the first records of George Blechynden and Harrison Blechynden can be seen in the following article re unclaimed letters at the General Post office in 1837. It appears that following completing his indentures George Blechynden had left Perth.

***Perth Gazette and Western Australian Journal* (WA: 1833 - 1847), Sat 25 Feb 1837, pg 855**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article640079.txt

Colonial Secretary. General Post Office, Perth,
LIST of unclaimed Letters, lying in the General Post-Office the 24th February, 1837.
Including:. . . *Blechynden, G. and Blechynden H…*

George Blechynden Snr is next found recorded in the Diary of John Molloy (1786-1867). In this diary his name is recorded under Blechington, Bleachington, Bletchington and Blechynden, following John Molloy's move from Augusta to Busselton.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Attwood, Henry.
Blechynden, G.
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Brown, W.
Bourne, W.
Crocker, John.
Cooper, J.
Donkin, R.
Finigan, J.
Hampton, J.
Haslewood, C. C.
Holland, G. E.
Hand, J.
Jones, E.
Lee, E.
Lewis, formerly Sarah Cheatham
Leishman, R.
Mayo, R.
Muston, W. P.
McGlashen, N.
Nye, W.
Picking, Capt.
Smith, E.
Shenton, G.
Simpson, R.
Watson, A.
Woods, W.

CHARLES MACFAULL,
Principal Postmaster

***DIARY OF JOHN AND GEORGIANA MOLLOY: 1 Jul 1837 - 21 Feb 1840**
http://www.virtualvolunteering.com.au/volunteer/items/show/1180

The diary has been transcribed in the above website and it makes fascinating reading of settlement in the very early days of white settlement in Augusta and Busselton.

The page has 92 different links needing each one to be opened individually, one for each page. Each page of the Diary has been transcribed for convenience. *Ken Blechynden* painstakingly transferred it all into one document. As it is all too large, we will not add the whole document to this chapter, just quoting from the pages which are topical and applicable to our story, relating to George Blechynden and his association with George and Georgina Molloy. Exerts from the diary relating to George Blechynden following a bit later.

To find out and understand more about John Molloy and his wife Georgina (who also wrote in the diary). Follow up using the web references following.

JOHN MOLLOY 1780 -1867:
http://www.wanowandthen.com/John-Molloy.html
1830 - Arrived at Fremantle aboard the Warrior in March.
1830 - Made a justice of the peace in April.
1830 - Co-founded the new settlement at Augusta in May. Became Government Resident and Resident magistrate.
1839 - Moved to Vasse.
1841 - After the murder of George Layman by a native called Gaywal, Molloy led a punitive raid against the Aborigines.

Molloy, John (1780–1867) by Alexandra Hasluck:
https://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/molloy-john-2468

John Molloy (1780-1867), pioneer and resident magistrate, was born on 5 September 1780 in London. His parentage is unknown. . .

. . . he transferred to the army in 1807, joining the 95th Regiment as a second lieutenant. In June 1809 as a lieutenant, he left with his battalion for the Peninsular war, fighting in all the major battles, and receiving the General Service Medal with eight bars. He later fought and was seriously wounded at Waterloo. Famous diaries of the time record that he was brave and well-liked by his men. From 1820 to 1824 he was stationed in Ireland during the agrarian riots.

In 1829 he decided to emigrate to the new settlement at Swan River. With his wife Georgiana *and household he arrived at Fremantle in the Warrior in March 1830. In April he was made a justice of the peace and in May founded a settlement 200 miles (322 km) south of Fremantle called Augusta, where he was also resident magistrate. In 1839 he moved to the Vasse River, taking up 12,000 acres (4856 ha) and making his home at Fair Lawn in Busselton. He spent much time developing his property, but his duties as resident magistrate were harder than at Augusta because American whalers frequented Geographe Bay, and the Aboriginals were troublesome. In 1841 a treacherous murder of one of his settlers had to be avenged, which Molloy did with the help of other settlers, in the way that his military training indicated. . .*

MOLLOY, GEORGIANA (1805–1843) by Alexandra Hasluck
https://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/molloy-georgiana-2467

Georgiana Molloy (1805-1843), amateur botanist, was born on 23 May 1805 near Carlisle, Cumberland, England, one of the five children of David and Elizabeth Kennedy of Crosby Lodge. Both parents came of old Border families. At Cardross, Dumbartonshire, Scotland, on 1 August 1829 she

married Captain John Molloy and in October they sailed with their household possessions and eight servants to the new colony in Western Australia. After six weeks at Swan River, they decided to settle some 200 miles (322 km) farther south at Augusta at the opening of the Blackwood River on Flinders Bay, where her husband was appointed resident magistrate. Two other families with their servants accompanied them. Augusta lay in heavily timbered country and the settlement's early pioneering was lonely and hard. Three daughters and a son were born to Mrs Molloy, but the eldest daughter died at birth and the son at nineteen months, in tragic circumstances. In 1836 most of the settlers began to leave Augusta to look for land easier to develop. The Molloys themselves left in 1839 and moved to the Vasse River, sixty miles (97 km) northward, where a homestead, Fair Lawn, was built, and two more daughters were born.

For relief from her arduous life of pioneering Georgiana Molloy turned to botanizing. She was a keen gardener but soon found greater enjoyment in observing the indigenous flowers which bloomed profusely in spring. At first, she gathered, pressed and mounted them in a hortus siccus, but in 1836 Lady Stirling's cousin, Captain James Mangles, R.N., hitherto unknown to Mrs Molloy, wrote from England inviting her to collect and send him seeds of the native plants of the region. This she proceeded to do, accompanying them with written descriptions and with the albums of pressed flowers she had prepared. . .

Note: In the previous two articles on John and Georgina Molloy, their property is recorded as Fair Lawn. It appears that the more recent spellings are as Fairlawn.

DIARY OF JOHN AND GEORGIANA MOLLOY: (to view, follow the *link, previous to the descriptions of John and Georgina Molloy).

The first half of John Molloy's diary begins with John and Georgina Molloy in Augusta, dated 1 Jul 1837, which is an interesting record of the first days in that district and the hardships endured. George Blechynden's name in various forms of spelling begins after their move to Vasse. It appears George Blechynden was employed by the Molloys between the dates of Sunday 16 Jun 1839 - Thursday 20 Feb 1849 as a carpenter helping with the building of the first stage of their homestead which they named 'Fairlawn'. It also shows he was involved in the building of the Wonneruss (sic, should be Wonnerup) Barracks close by.

The following are brief segments taken from the Molloy Diary that are topical to **George Blechynden** – with various spellings: To view and read in more detail follow the above link to the transcribed pages. It is well worth the time to look through.

Segments from Molloy Dairy - Departure from Port Augusta to Busselton: as transcribed.
This section, the Molloy family preparing to depart from Augusta and arriving at the Vasse River.
p. 58: April 1839 Tuesday 9th SE. . . Dick set out to the Vasse with orders to bring back the horses in a fortnight's time for our departure we were very busy packing . . . brought letters from Messrs Samson & the Col. Secretary announcing the removal of Military from Augusta to Albany. . . Saturday Sunday a violent North Wester. Monday, I took leave of my neighbours.
May 7th. Tuesday. We left Poor Augusta in the Whale Boat accompanied by Capt Cole & reached the Governor's Bivouac. Wednesday 8th. May 1839 . . . Friday 10th Finer. We arrived at the Vasse about 2 o'clock PM and found Mr Bussell and Mrs John Bussell had arrived from England on the Tuesday we left Augusta Heard from Colonel Leach. I planted all the plants from Augusta Saturday 11th Busy unpacking found everything wonderfully comfortable.

Jun 1839 Saturday 1st . . . After dinner we all took a walk towards the Bussells.
The first mention of Blechynden was on Sunday 16th Jun 1839. It appears that he was hired initially as general help and in helping to catch kangaroos and that he and others were paid casually with bottles of wine.

Inserts mentioning Blechynden and variations: Just a few segments from the diary inserted here as it is too long to add in full to the story . . The diary reads as transcribed:

Sunday 16 Jun 1839 Warm. . . Incessant rain the chimney insecure so we repaired to the Kitchen . . . Bletchington & Dick quite unoccupied
p. 62 Jun Monday 24th Bletchington and Dick hauling split wood for fence. Tuesday 25th Bletchington. Absent kangarooing one half the day without success
Sunday 30th Increasing Rain the whole day 1 Bottle Wine Bletchington [Page 63]
July 1839 Monday 1st Finer. . . 1 Bottle Wine Bletchington & 1 Allison who was at work . . .

The references continued in this way until 16th July when Blechynden is seen as working as a carpenter on the Molloy's home, which he named Fairlawn.

Thursday 26 Jul 1839 - Monday 25th November 1839. Here, he is recorded as erecting a verandah, putting up rafters, making shingles, shingling, laying floor, building a bedstead and a wash stand and later, roofing the house. I have left most of the segments referring to him in here as it gives us a picture of Blechynden at this time.

July 1839 Thursday 26 Settled with Bleachington [Bletchington?] Bletchington erecting Verandah. [Page 67] October 1839 Tuesday 1 Bletchington putting up Rafters. Thursday 3rd Brown brought shingles Bletchington shingling Friday 4th Saturday 5th Bletchington shingling. Monday 7th Bletchington shingling Tuesday 8th Bletchington at the house Thursday 10th Bletchington? off work [Page 68] October 1839 Friday 11th Bletchington still ill Saturday October 12th Bletchington at work Monday 14th Bletchington making window shutters Wednesday 23 Blechynden & Dick off work Friday 25 Blechynden off work from 11 o'clock Saturday 26 Great irregularity Blechynden off work settled with Tuesday 29 Blechynden at work Wednesday 30 Blechynden laying floor November Saturday 2 Blechynden to go to Leschenault Sunday 3 Blechynden returned. Wednesday 6 George Chapman borrowed the Dows the men helped on some timber to the Pit Thursday 7 Blechynden sick Friday 8 Blechynden sick Blechington sick. *Saturday 9th 1839 November Tuesday 12th dined at the Bussells Wednesday 13th Blechdn shingling & making shingles Thursday 14th Blechynden Do Do Friday 15th Blechdn laying floor Saturday 16th Blechyndn laying floor until dinner then assisted Brown in getting a tree on the Pit Monday 18th Blechyndn laying floor Tuesday 19th Blechynden finished floor & commenced Bedstead. Wednesday 25th Blechynden at Bedstead November 1839 Thursday 21st, Blechynden bedstead Friday 22nd Blenchynden making Wash stand Brown & Blechyndn at the saw pit Saturday 23rd Blechynden put up dressing Table & finished Wash stand*

1939 Mon 25, the Diary changes here. Blechynden is now *planning* (sic.) planing wood and working on the *Wanneruss* Barracks (sic, which should be Wonnerup Barracks).
Note: Spelling of the words and grammar following are as recorded in the diary.

Monday 25th Blechynden planning wood for Barracks Afternoon *Brown &* ***Blechynden*** *at Saw pit* ***Tuesday 26th Blechynden*** *at work for Barracks* ***Wednesday 27th Blechynden*** *at work for Barracks until evening then mended a brick of the Sofa.* ***Thursday 28th Brown and Blechynden*** *set off to the Wanneruss Barracks with windows & doors.* ***Friday 29th Blechynden*** *at Wanneruss.*
Saturday 30th Blechynden at Wanneruss December 1839 Sunday 1st *The Leschenault party returned* ***Blechynden*** *at Wonneruss.* ***Tuesday 3rd Blechynden*** *returned* ***Wednesday 4th Blechynden*** *mended the Sofa made steps for Ladder* ***Thursday 5th Blechynden*** *at Ladder*
Friday 6th Blechynden *completed Ladder & the end of Mrs Turners house*

Saturday 7th *Brown leading sawn timber* ***Blechynden at roof of Cattle shed*** *went over to the Bussells the Champion in the evening Wednesday 11th [Page 73]*
1839 December Friday 13. Blechynden *ab* ***Saturday 21. Blechynden*** *Absent.* ***Tuesday 24.*** *Bleestill absent. - Wednesday 25. Christmas day. read Service -* **Note: Christmas Day**
January 1840. Wednesday 1st. Brown Blechynden Wallace *until the afternoon*
Saturday 11*. Blechenden brought home a Kangaroo. went out about 9½ O'clock returned about 2½.*
Feby 1840 Tuesday 11 Blech *to Messrs Bussells* ***Saturday 15 Blechden blowing up the tree***
Thursday 20th Blechynden *roofing the house & mending the iron work of Bullock cart*
blank page [Page 77].

Wonnerup p. 15, 18
https://www.amrshire.wa.gov.au/library/file/6%20Region/WalkingTrails/augbsnHeritageTrail.pdf

Wonnerup is an Aboriginal word meaning 'the place of the Wonna'. The wonna is a digging stick or weapon of Aboriginal woman.. . The siting of a township at Wonnerup was criticized by Lieutenant Bunbury who wrote that "the Surveyor General, through ignorance of the locality had placed the town of Wonnerup where mud and water were far more plentiful than dry land." Despite this, ***six soldiers were placed at Wonnerup*** *in temporary accommodation* ***until a permanent barracks could be established*** *sometime later. The presence of the military was thought necessary because of recent disturbances between Aborigines and European settlers.*

Relations between settlers and Aborigines had deteriorated from about 1837, probably as a result of the Aborigines 'growing dismay at how much of their tribal land was being overrun. A number of unfortunate incidents culminated in the death of George Layman who was fatally speared by a local Aborigine named Gaywal in 1841.When Gaywal and his companions fled into the bush they were pursued by angry settlers who shot and killed five of them Although Gaywal managed to elude the settlers, a short time later he was hunted down and killed. His three sons, who were present when layman was speared, were captured at the instigation of Captain Molloy, and transported to the native prison on Rottnest Island. See also Wonnerup Massacre below.

WONNERUP MASSACRE
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wonnerup_massacre

The Wonnerup massacre, also known as the Wonnerup "Minninup" massacre, was the killing of dozens of Wardandi Noongar people by European settlers in the vicinity of Wonnerup, in February 1841.[1] The massacre on Wardandi Noongar land in the south-west of took place after Gaywal, a Wardandi warrior, speared and killed George Layman, a settler at Wonnerup on 21 February 1841. The leaders of the punitive massacre were Layman's neighbours John Bussell and Captain John Molloy, resident magistrate of the district. Settlers from the Wonnerup, Capel, Busselton and Augusta area joined them to commit "one of the most bloodthirsty deeds ever committed by Englishmen".[2]

FAIRLAWN: This beautiful home still exists and operates as FAIRLAWN ESTATE, a luxury B&B. Their website describes the property: About Us | Fairlawn Estate

Set on the banks of the Vasse River, Fairlawn Estate is private and exclusive/gated Estate. Fairlawn Estate is situated on a 2000 acre working farm that perfectly bridges a gateway between past and present. First owned by the John and Georgiana Molloy, the main homestead was built in 1840, and was the first dwelling built in the district. This opulent homestead contains 1000m2 of jarrah wood floor space, full kitchen, cocktail rooms, a historic ballroom (with fire place) and garden's that produce colours throughout the 4 season's.

Western Mail (Perth, WA: 1885 - 1954), Thu 22 Jun 1939, pg 8
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article38401568.txt

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HISTORIC HOMESTEADS

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Note: the spelling of Malloy in this article and others. According to family records it should be Molloy.

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Surmising: From the references to Blechynden (with numerous spellings) in the Molloy Dairy, we know George Blechynden lived and worked in the Vasse, Busselton area from Jun 1839 – Feb 1840, working for John Molloy. Following his emigration to the Swan River Colony it has become apparent George had a son via an unknown Aboriginal woman. It is possible that his son George was conceived during his time working for the Molloys.

Brief summary: George Blechynden Jr. became known as Whitey Brown George. We do not know exactly where or when George's son George (Whitey Brown) was born or died or was buried.
In 1864, George's son, named George, married an aboriginal girl, Jane Nilgie (or Nyilgee), born 1844, 19 Jul 1864, at St. Mary's Church, Busselton, W.A.

As far as we know there were no children from this union. Nilgie died on 12th Sep 1921 at Mogumber, formerly Moore River.
There are many more details of their story to follow:
It must have been a worrying disturbing time for George Blechynden. Having sired a child by an Aboriginal woman he must have been caught between both worlds. George Blechynden was involved in bringing up his son. Records concerning his son in the courts in the future recorded that **'The man *George Blechynden* is a *half-caste* and thoroughly civilised, understands English well.'** It is likely that George and his Aboriginal woman lived together and raised their son in the Wonnerup, Busselton area.

During George Blechynden Seniors time working for John Molloy, and the Wonnerup Barracks, his carpentry skills and reliability would have quickly become apparent. Being born and bred from gentlemen stock in Kent in England, he became known and perhaps mixed at times socially with the Molloy and Bussell families. 'Fairlawn' was directly across the river from 'Cattle Chosen', the Bussell Families home and property. From Malloy's dairy it seems he also liked his wine.

'Fairlawn' and 'Cattle Chosen': Photo via Google Maps, 2021

George's son may have spent time living with his father and also with his Aboriginal mother and her family in the area. This was why and how George Junior later came to know and marry the vibrant Jane Ngilgie who as a young girl lived with and was brought up by the Bussells. More to follow on this further on.

BUSSELTON 1830-1850
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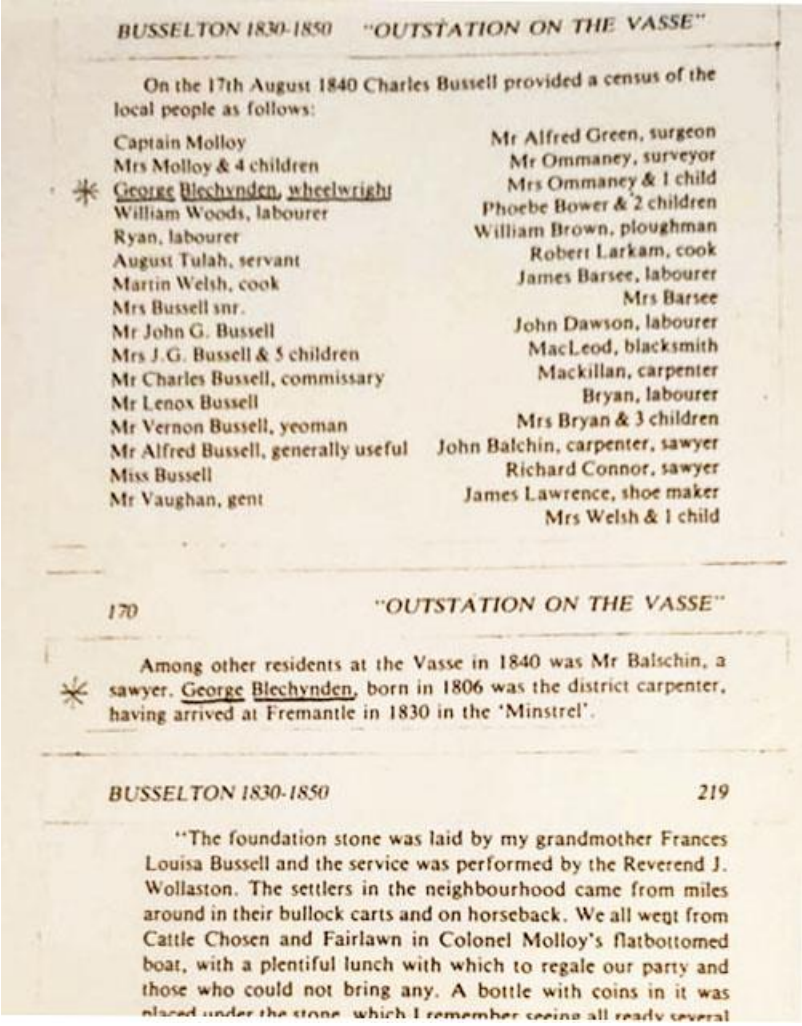

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Captain Molloy
Mrs Molloy & 4 children
George Blechynden, wheelwright
William Woods, labourer
Ryan, labourer
August Tulah, servant
Martin Welsh, cook
Mrs Bussell snr.
Mr John G. Bussell
Mrs J.G. Bussell & 5 children
Mr Charles Bussell, commissary
Mr Lenox Bussell
Mr Vernon Bussell, yeoman
Mr Alfred Bussell, generally useful
Miss Bussell
Mr Vaughan, gent

Mr Alfred Green, surgeon
Mr Ommaney, surveyor
Mrs Ommaney & 1 child
Phoebe Bower & 2 children
William Brown, ploughman
Robert Larkam, cook
James Barsee, labourer
Mrs Barsee
John Dawson, labourer
MacLeod, blacksmith
Mackillan, carpenter
Bryan, labourer
Mrs Bryan & 3 children
John Balchin, carpenter, sawyer
Richard Connor, sawyer
James Lawrence, shoe maker
Mrs Welsh & 1 child

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BUSSELTON 1830-1850 219

"The foundation stone was laid by my grandmother Frances Louisa Bussell and the service was performed by the Reverend J. Wollaston. The settlers in the neighbourhood came from miles around in their bullock carts and on horseback. We all went from Cattle Chosen and Fairlawn in Colonel Molloy's flatbottomed boat, with a plentiful lunch with which to regale our party and those who could not bring any. A bottle with coins in it was placed under the stone, which I remember seeing all ready several

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George Blechynden is next recorded in the next article, repairing the Capel Bridge in 1841. Segments from this article have been added here including SOME STATISTICS.

***Daily News* (Perth, WA: 1882 - 1950), Sat 23 Oct 1937, pg 6**
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article83210590.txt

FIRST POTATO SHIPMENT

In 1837 business had considerably fallen off, as there is only one entry recorded — payment of a passage aboard the colonial schooner to Fremantle.

In 1838 a record appears showing payment of freight on the first produce sent from Augusta, 1 ton 6cwt. of potatoes and onions.

It was not until March 6, 1840, that the name of G. Bussell appears. He then paid duty on two lots of 16 gallons each of wine at 8d per gallon.

On December 24, 1841, Captain Molloy received two cases of one dozen each of champagne brandy — truly a welcome addition to the captain's Christmas fare.

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FIRST POTATO SHIPMENT

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The following note, dated January 9, 1850, reads:—"Paid this morning 16s to Captain Molloy, being the balance of money in my hands for the erection of Church. Sgd. J. G. Bussell."

This old book served many purposes and contains accounts, not only of the inward and outward shipping, but police court records; population; crop and stock returns; imports and exports; stamps used by the Resident Magistrate; receipts for title deeds; stock brands; records of births, deaths and marriages.

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Note: The statistics appear to be of the settlers and does not seem to have included the Aborigines. Looking for the birth of George Blechynden's son this did not help. Perhaps as George Blechynden senior was a settler, the birth of his child may have been included in the birth records. Research at the State Library does not appear to have a record of his birth, most probably as the baby's mother was Aboriginal.

A local newspaper reported that George Blechynden was a witness to a declaration by James Barzay about the accidental shooting of a horse on McGlew's Property at Busselton in 1848.

Inquirer **(Perth, WA: 1840 - 1855), Wed 22 Nov 1848, pg 2**
22 Nov 1848 - Advertising (nla.gov.au)

Notice.

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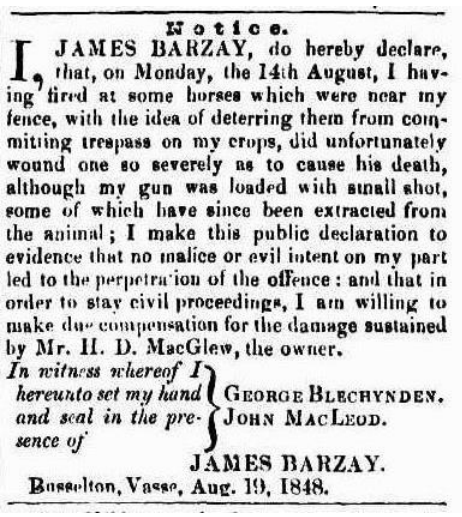
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George Blechynden gave his services as a carpenter for some months in the building of the Church of St Mary's, Busselton, between 1844-1845.

The following has been taken from an article, "reference was made to the old Anglican Church, which was designed on the lines of Winchester College Chapel by the Rev. John Wollaston, of Leschenault, and John Bussell, and dedicated by the first mentioned in 1843." The labour by George Blechynden is mentioned.

Western Mail **(Perth, WA: 1885 - 1954), Thu 3 Apr 1930, pg 39**
03 Apr 1930 - AN OLD CHURCH. (nla.gov.au)

AN OLD CHURCH. ST. MARY'S, BUSSELTON.
John Bussell's Labours. (By "Scribe.")

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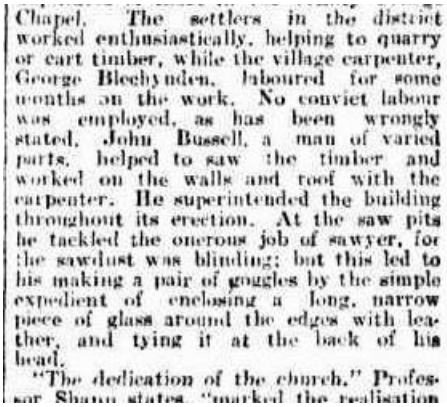
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It is extremely likely that a proud George Blechynden would have attended the opening of St Mary's Church 11 Apr 1845.

THE HISTORY OF ST MARY'S: p 12., 13
https://www.margaretriver.com/members/st-marys-church-busselton/

The Foundation Stone is Laid

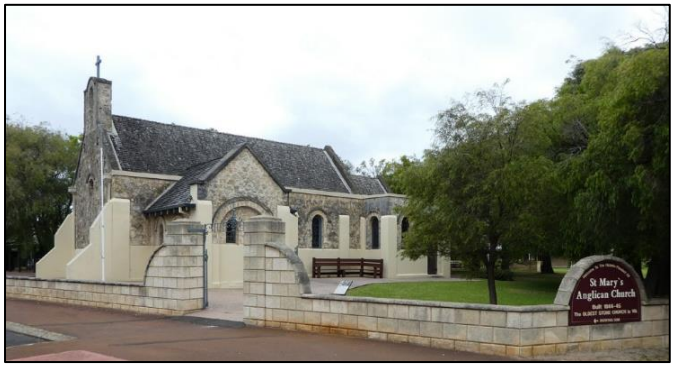
Three months after Wollaston's last entry (viz., on 13th Mar 1844) the Inquirer contains a report of the laying of the foundation stone of the church on 4th Mar, 1844. About 60 settlers assembled and marched to the site, reciting the Deum. Mrs Bussell, senior, deposited a parchment and coins in the cavity prepared, and then assisted by the Trustees, laid the stone.

St Mary's Church, Busselton, WA, Heritage Listed.

After a short service proceedings closed with cakes and wine under the peppermint trees.

There is negative evidence that Wollaston was not present: but no explanation of his absence has been given.

A few lines from "Cattle Chosen" may be quoted here concerning the construction: "John Bussell's Oxford contemporaries, Wells and Selwyn, presented windows . . . . All the settlers near helped to quarry, or cart timber. ***George Blechynden, the village carpenter, gave his labour for some months****. The Rev. John Wollaston and John Bussell designed the building between them, taking Winchester College Chapel as their model. Bussell also helped* ***Dawson and Balchin to saw the timber and worked on the walls and roof with Blechynden.*** *The dedication of the church by the Rev. John Wollaston in 1845 marked the realisation of the Bussell's ambition. It was opened on 11th April in that year, the first baptism in it was on that day; on the 13th. Holy Communion was first celebrated, and the first marriage was a year later, 27th April 1846."*



St Mary's Anglican Church, built 1844-45.
The Oldest Stone Church in WA.
Courtesy Ken Blechynden

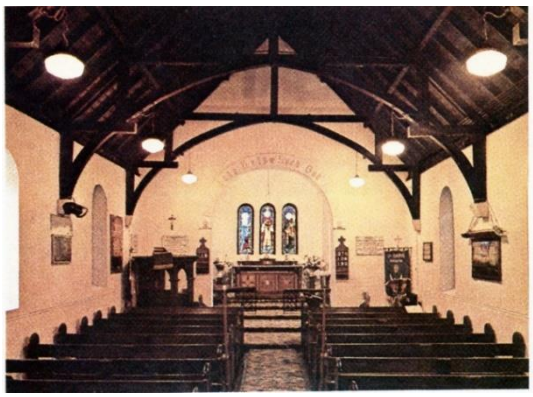
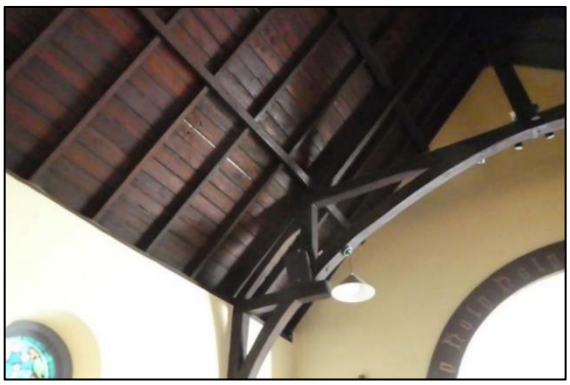


Photo from an article showing the inside of St Mary's Church and the exquisite timber work on the roof.



This close-up photo taken by Ken Blechynden 2021, showing the wonderful wood work on the ceiling.

In 1864, wheelwright George Blechynden's son, George Blechynden, labourer, bachelor married Jane Nilgie, spinster, daughter of Dickey, at the Church of St Mary, by license in Busselton. More can be read about Jane Nilgie and George Blechynden junior following in their own chapters.

Continuing with the story of George Blechynden senior:

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Certified Copy of an Entry in Register of Marriages

Registration Number 2161/1864

When and Where Married	July 19th 1864 Busselton W.A.	
Name and Surname	George Blechynden	Jane Nilgie
Under or Above the Age of 21 Years	above	under
Condition	Bachelor	Spinster
Rank or Profession	Laborer	Servant
Residence at the Time of Marriage	Blackwood	Busselton
Father's Name and Surname	George Blechynden	Dickey --
Rank or Profession of Father	Wheelwright	--

Married in the Church of St. Mary Busselton by License according to the rites and ceremonies of the United Church of England and Ireland by me, after -- duly made as by law required.

Harry L. Brown B.A. C of Church Superior

This Marriage was solemnised between us: George his X mark Blechynden; Jane her X mark Nilgie

In the presence of us: T. Tune; Saml. Rose Tune

I, REGINALD JOHN WORTH, Acting Deputy Registrar General for the State of Western Australia do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an entry in a register kept in this office.

REGISTRAR GENERAL'S OFFICE, PERTH

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Copy of Marriage Certificate of son George Blechynden to Jane Nilgie, 1864

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"The font had been the family mortar which had probably been used to try and make the coarse-ground flour a bit finer for cakes and pastries."

ST WERBURGH'S FUND

A Restoration Fund was started to repair the damage which had occurred over many years. A proper underground drainage system has been installed and the roof repaired and repainted. The outside walls have been replastered with original materials and a new wooden floor now covers the concrete floor which replaced the original wooden floor in the 1950's. Special hand made tiles have been laid in the Vestry and will be used on the verandah.
Your donation placed in the wall safe will help to continue this restoration work, and maintain and preserve this Chapel for future generations.

Thank You For Your Gift

St. Werburgh's Chapel

MOUNT BARKER
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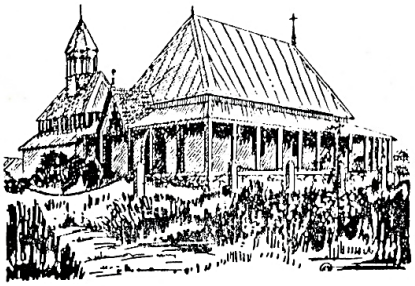

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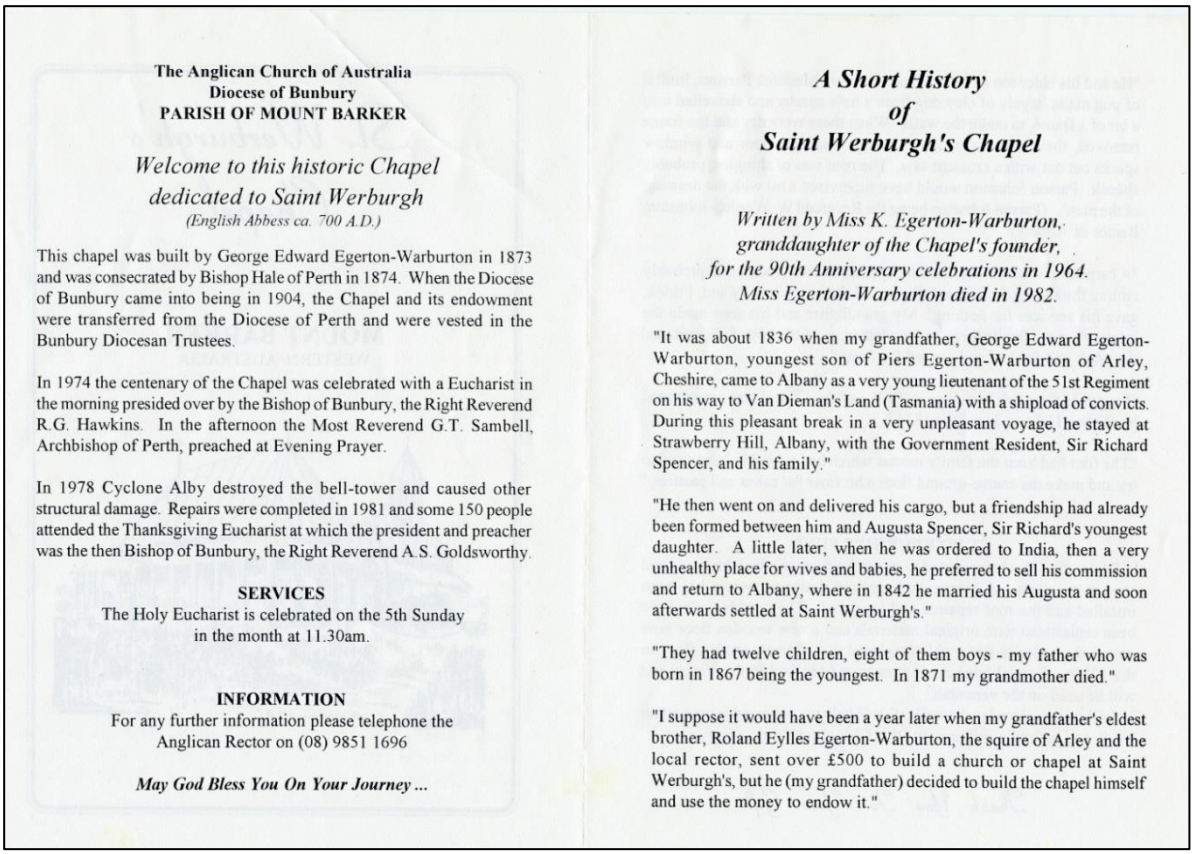
ST WERBURGH'S CHAPEL

https://www.australias.guide/wa/attraction-tour/st-werburghs-chapel/

St Werburgh's Chapel has been recognised by a number of heritage agencies. It has been placed on the Heritage Council of WA's Permanent Register; it has National Trust classification (since 1969)



The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocese of Bunbury
PARISH OF MOUNT BARKER

Welcome to this historic Chapel
dedicated to Saint Werburgh
(English Abbess ca. 700 A.D.)

This chapel was built by George Edward Egerton-Warburton in 1873 and was consecrated by Bishop Hale of Perth in 1874. When the Diocese of Bunbury came into being in 1904, the Chapel and its endowment were transferred from the Diocese of Perth and were vested in the Bunbury Diocesan Trustees.

In 1974 the centenary of the Chapel was celebrated with a Eucharist in the morning presided over by the Bishop of Bunbury, the Right Reverend R.G. Hawkins. In the afternoon the Most Reverend G.T. Sambell, Archbishop of Perth, preached at Evening Prayer.

In 1978 Cyclone Alby destroyed the bell-tower and caused other structural damage. Repairs were completed in 1981 and some 150 people attended the Thanksgiving Eucharist at which the president and preacher was the then Bishop of Bunbury, the Right Reverend A.S. Goldsworthy.

SERVICES
The Holy Eucharist is celebrated on the 5th Sunday in the month at 11.30am.

INFORMATION
For any further information please telephone the Anglican Rector on (08) 9851 1696

May God Bless You On Your Journey ...

A Short History
of
Saint Werburgh's Chapel

Written by Miss K. Egerton-Warburton,
granddaughter of the Chapel's founder,
for the 90th Anniversary celebrations in 1964.
Miss Egerton-Warburton died in 1982.

"It was about 1836 when my grandfather, George Edward Egerton-Warburton, youngest son of Piers Egerton-Warburton of Arley, Cheshire, came to Albany as a very young lieutenant of the 51st Regiment on his way to Van Dieman's Land (Tasmania) with a shipload of convicts. During this pleasant break in a very unpleasant voyage, he stayed at Strawberry Hill, Albany, with the Government Resident, Sir Richard Spencer, and his family."

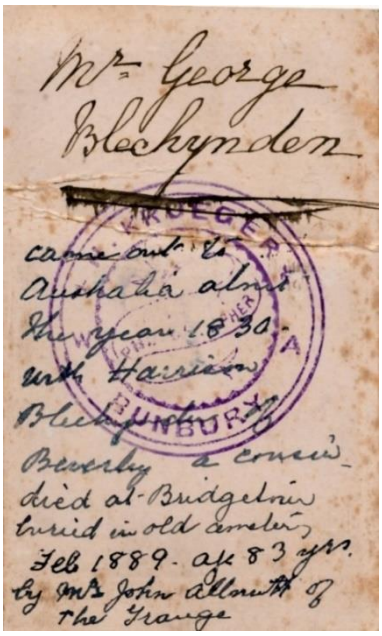
"He then went on and delivered his cargo, but a friendship had already been formed between him and Augusta Spencer, Sir Richard's youngest daughter. A little later, when he was ordered to India, then a very unhealthy place for wives and babies, he preferred to sell his commission and return to Albany, where in 1842 he married his Augusta and soon afterwards settled at Saint Werburgh's."

"They had twelve children, eight of them boys - my father who was born in 1867 being the youngest. In 1871 my grandmother died."

"I suppose it would have been a year later when my grandfather's eldest brother, Roland Eylles Egerton-Warburton, the squire of Arley and the local rector, sent over £500 to build a church or chapel at Saint Werburgh's, but he (my grandfather) decided to build the chapel himself and use the money to endow it."

George Blechynden (1806-1889)

Note: View the digitally enhanced photo at the beginning of cousin George's story by Kim Daley, Blechynden descendant.



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Inscription of the back of the photo reads:
Mr. George Blechynden came out to Australia about the year 1830 with Harrison Blechynden of Beverley, a cousin. Died at Bridgetown, buried in the old cemetery, Feb. 1889, age 83 years. By Mr. John Alnnutt of 'The Grange'.

John William Blechynden's letter to cousin John Blechynden, (living at that time in Shanghai), dated 24 Jan 1902, states, *"George Blechynden, my Grandfather's cousin, remained a bachelor and died in Bridgetown about 12 years ago (1890) aged 84 years.* WA BDM's show George Blechynden died 1889, [Reg. 97]. Recorded as place unknown. He was buried in the Bridgetown Pioneer Cemetery, unmarked grave: BLECHYNDEN, George 11 Feb 1889. Aged 83.
The full contents of this letter can be read in the chapter on John William Blechynden.

BLECHYNDEN	**George**	**11-2-1889**	**83Y**

Above is copied from the Bridgetown Pioneer Cemetery names board.

Surmising: George Blechynden worked on the Wonnerup Barracks and 'Fairlawn', the home of John and Georgina Molloy. He showed his devotion to the Church, donating his time and effort on the building of the churches and repairing of the bridge. George was known to the Bussells and mixed and worked with many other settlers in the community and members of the church. He was friendly with the local Aborigines and acknowledged by Bishops. We are proud to acknowledge him as a Blechynden.

JILL FEUTRIL'S POINTS OF INTEREST RE GEORGE BLECHYNDEN SENIOR WHO ARRIVED W.A. PER MINSTREL IN JANUARY 1830:

George Blechynden's name comes up as a carpenter and also as a wheelwright in early references: he is mentioned in the book 'Cattle Chosen' by E.O.G. Shann M.A. concerning the building of St Mary's C. of E. church: 'All the settlers near Busselton helped to quarry or cart timber. George Blechynden, the village carpenter, gave his labour for some months.'

George's work included the carving of the jarrah arches that soar above the body of the church. The Reverend John Wollaston dedicated the church in 1843. George also helped John Bussell build a bridge over the Vasse River for settlers to have better access to the church.

George also appears in 'Georgiana Molloy 'The Mind That Shines' by Bernice Barry. He did a lot of work at Fairlawn, Captain Molloys' holding by the Vasse River; '. . .a carpenter called Bletchington (sic, should be Blechynden) was 'building Georgiana's verandah; a place for her to sit in the shade during the coming summer.' Also, to prepare for a visit from Georgiana's sister Mary Gertrude Kennedy 'the carpenter made shutters as extra protection for the calico stretched over glassless windows and he built a floor in the guest bedroom. Working as quickly as possible he made a bedstead, then a dressing table and washstand.'

George is also mentioned in many places of 'Busselton 1830 – 1850' . . . outstation on the Vasse' by Rodger Jennings where he is described by settlers as the village carpenter and as a very experienced wheelwright. Jennings also mentions George Blechynden's signature is one of many on a memorial sent to Governor Irwin re the Vasse settlers' dismay over the proposed discontinuing of a postal service to the settlement. CHAPTER EIGHTEEN. 1. B.P. 1/1: Census by Charles: Aug. 17, 1840. (B.P. = Bussell Papers). Charles Bussell provided a census of the local people as follows: Captain Molloy heads the list; Mrs Molloy & 4 children follow and (George Blechynden wheelwright is third on the list.)

George Blechynden Senior, as an experienced wheelwright and carpenter, was kept busy not only at the Vasse. It is recorded, for instance, that he helped with the building of St Werburgh's Chapel at Mt Barker. It stands to reason that, experienced wheelwright and carpenter as he was, his work would have been well sought in many areas.

Another bit worth mentioning is that George senior made the beautiful arches in St Mary's Anglican church Busselton. E.O.G. Shann author of 'Cattle Chosen' mentions him working on the sides and roof of the building.

The death and burial of George Blechynden Senior is recorded as taking place at Bridgetown in 1889. His grave is unmarked.

George Blechynden was a cousin of Harrison Blechynden. Both young men came to under the auspices of William Locke Brockman and arrived aboard the *Minstrel* 20 Jan 1830. Some sources have both arriving as carpenters; another source has Harrison as a farmer. Harrison, after the end of his indenture to Brockman became a farmer in the Beverley area. George continued in carpentry as the above entries indicate. Both men helped build Brockman's residence at Herne Hill, a property close to Perth W.A.

Harrison Blechynden and his wife Charlotte (nee Robus) Blechynden were the English ancestors of our own very large Western Australian Blechynden family.

GEORGE BLECHYNDEN JUNIOR

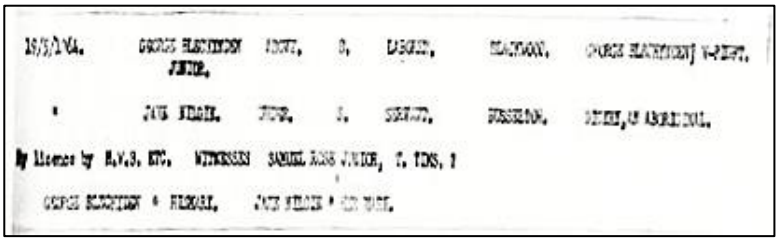
JILL FEUTRIL'S ARTICLE RE GEORGE BLECHYNDEN SENIOR (HARRISON BLECHYNDEN'S COUSIN) AND GEORGE BLECHYNDEN JUNIOR, HALF-CASTE SON OF GEORGE BLECHYNDEN SENIOR

(The spelling of Nilgie used below is as recorded in a typed entry of Busselton St Mary's C.E. church entries).

There is no record found to date of George Blechynden Senior having married. It must be concluded, however, that sometime around 1843 or earlier he had an association with an Aboriginal woman that resulted in the birth of a child named George Blechynden Junior.

Records from St Mary's Church of England Busselton list a George Blechynden JUNIOR as having married an Aboriginal woman named Jane Nilgie on 19 May 1864. ***(ed. The above marriage certificate has the date as 19 Jul 1864 -see also note below).*** George Blechynden Junior's age on his marriage record is given as being over 21 years, Nilgie's age as being under 21 years. Both George Junior and Jane Nilgie each signed the register with a cross. Research has so far found no evidence of descendants of this marriage.

St Mary's Church of England Busselton has records of births deaths and marriages kept from circa 1845. Below is a photographed copy of the marriage record of George Jr and Nilgie from a book containing typed entries of the church records.



Note: The date on this St Mary's Church of England Busselton record is 19 May 1864. It is thought that this may have been translated incorrectly as the date of their marriage certificate is 19 Jul 1864.

The entries are recorded beneath columns at the top of each page from the left in seven categories: When and where married; Name and surname; Under 21 years or above 21 years; Condition (i.e., bachelor or spinster); Rank or profession; Residence at time of marriage; Father's name and surname and rank or profession.

George Senior describes himself in the register as a wheelwright. George Junior is recorded as a labourer, residence Blackwood. Jane's entry is as a servant, residence Busselton, father's name Dickey, an aboriginal.

The licence was by Reverend Henry W. Brown; the witnesses were a Samuel Rose Junior and a T. Tims, although there is a question mark after the name Tims possibly because the hand-written original was hard to decipher, in which case the name Tims may be incorrect. Of note: St Mary's Church of England place of worship in Busselton is a church, not a cathedral, as it has sometimes been described.

It seems that George Blechynden Senior cared for his son. He gave the boy his own names, and given George Senior's obvious devotion to the church evidenced by his free giving of his labour to church building, it seems likely he provided Christian teachings and perhaps schooling to his son. Moreover, he was present and signed the register at George Junior's Church marriage to Jane Nilgie. George Senior possibly held hopes that his son would follow him in carpentry or another worthwhile pursuit.

George Junior, however, apparently fell by the wayside. It is a shame because it seems he did have some advantages including those described above: at one of his court appearances 20 Sep 1886, he is described thus: 'The man *George Blechynden* is a *half-caste* and thoroughly civilised, understands English well.' George was fined 20 pounds on this occasion with two sureties of 10 pounds each. In default of sureties, six months gaol.

The above entry (and two others re half-caste George) was found in a Microsoft Excel database: aboriginal names of WA 1826 to 1950. In one of these entries (21 Feb 1885) George Junior says he was depressed because his 'woman left him.' This woman presumably was not Nilgie; she is recorded as having left him soon after their marriage. The three references are: 856, 857, and 858.

In her diary Fanny Brockman described 'old Nilgy, nice old fat black thing' slowly following the sheep with George on Alfred Bussell's run at Donnelly River in 1870. Ngilgi and George later worked for Fanny and John Brockman at Ellensbrook, mostly shepherding down at Boranup. They are mentioned frequently in Fanny's diary until mid-1873, when they seem to have left; Fanny noting in August that John Brockman had settled up with George.

NGILGIE

This section gives a glimpse of Ngilgie and George Blechynden junior, living and being brought up between two vastly different cultures in the pioneering days in the new Colony.

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NGILGIE

B 1845 Margaret River area.
D 12/9/1921 Moore River Cemetery Mogumber.
M 19/7/1864 to George Blechynden, St Mary's Church Busselton.

"Ngilgie (Ngilgie, Nylgee) was living on the Welshpool reserve at the time that Daisy Bates took up residence there to collect information from the older people about traditional Aboriginal culture in the south-west. Daisy Bates was an English woman who travelled over much of Western Australia, South Australia and the Northern Territory in the early part of this century, taking notes on Aboriginal society and culture. She also wrote for several Australian and English newspapers and magazines, on Aborigines of Australia. Daisy Bates was particularly interested in the languages spoken throughout the south western region, and Ngilgie supplied her with a vocabulary of 1400 words of Bibbulmun, one of the languages now classified as belonging to the Nyungar group of languages. In addition, Ngilgie gave Daisy Bates several sentences in Bibbulmun, which she was able to transcribe. In this way, Ngilgie has contributed directly to what is now known about the language of the region. As Bibbulmun was the principal language recorded by Daisy Bates, this could account for how the term has come to be applied generally by some authors. The Bibbulmun lands were in the Margaret River area, where Ngilgie was born.

Ngilgie is said to have been named after a swamp wallaby. At around the time she was born, her father was about to kill the wallaby which he came across while hunting for food. However the animal escaped from him, and in this way revealed to him that it shared a totem, or life spirit, with his baby daughter.

Ngilgie grew up in the Ellensbrook area where she formed a close bond with the Bussell family, maintaining these ties throughout her lifetime. She was known for her gentle manner, perfect English, and her kindness to others. She had a great love of animals, and when living at Welshpool at the approximate age of sixty she had 32 dogs, 7 goats and 12 fowl. Her fondness for animals sometimes led her into trouble as when her goats damaged property on or around the reserve. Eventually, the police shot her 32 dogs, presumably because they were not licensed. Ngilgie was deeply upset, and she left Welshpool and returned home to Busselton.

According to Daisy Bates, Ngilgie was born around 1845 in the Busselton are, and her parents were Aborigines from that locality. However, the Aborigines Department records show her to be the niece of George Warren, a settler. George Warren's wife, Cecilia Dinah Warren (nee?), was from the Bunbury district originally so that this relationship could have been through her and either Ngilgie's father, Weedugit, or her mother, Wooragan." p.229 NYUNGAR TRADITION 'Glimpses of the Aborigines of South Western Australia, 1829 - 1914.' By Lois Tilbrook, UWA Press, 1983.

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NYUNGAR TRADITION, p 35 'Marriage was at times unofficially encouraged between the men (settlers) and Aboriginal women who had received an education in the mission schools and who had adopted the Christian faith because it was seen as a way of ensuring that the men settled down and provided the much needed trade skills and labour and that the women were "looked after".'

Creation of the Welshpool Reserve. Page 60, NYUNGAR TRADITION. 'One saving was to be an old blind Aboriginal, Urian (Yughrin), who was living in Bunbury. Other aborigines in Bunbury had apparently refused to look after him, and the Aborigines Department had to pay a local woman one pound a week to care for him. Prinsep reasoned that if he was moved to the reserve at Welshpool, almost 40 pounds a year could be saved as the superintendant could look after him as part of his duties.'(ref 9 - ADF, 1903, file 3)

It is not clear from the records why the other aboriginals in Bunbury were reluctant to care for Urian, although they may have feared his powers. Ngilgie (Nilgie) refused to have anything to do with him because she believed he had killed her brother.

Welshpool reserve closed in 1911. (Ngilgie went to Moore River.) Note 13. Reference is made to Ngilgie in ADF files (1902,139; 1901,33) and also in Bates, typescript of notes.

Len Collard writes in " A Nyungar Interpretation of Ellensbrook and Wonnerup Homesteads" on page 82 ;
'Nilgi was a local Nyungar woman whose family came from the Augusta-Margaret River district. Nilgi's parents were Wooragan and Weedugit. It is claimed that she came to Ellensbrook one night when her mother Wooragan and some other Nyungar women were stealing potatoes from the Bussell vegetable garden. Ellen Bussell was reported to have caught them red-handed. As they ran off they forgot Nilgi who was left in the garden. Ellen Bussell apparently reprimanded Wooragan for her behaviour and Wooragan declared that the ground was now her baby's and she would not take potatoes from this garden again. Ellen Bussell then replied "we will take care of you and the baby". From then on Wooragan and Nilgi divided their time between the bush and the homestead.
Nilgi spent much time at the homestead learning to read and write with the Bussell children. She learnt the conventions of the Wedjela social system and its class distinctions and spoke refined English, sang hymns and recited psalms on Sunday. Nilgi was also educated into the social laws and traditions of her own Nyungar family as she travelled up and down the coast performing the activities and cduties of Nyungar women. Nilgi worked at the homestead doing various domestic chores and stock work. She seemed happy to move between her Nyungar and Wedjela social networks. However, when it was time for her to be betrothed to her Nyungar husband she rejected him. Later Nilgi was recorded as marrying another Nyungar (?) man George Blechynden on the 19 July 1864.(native file ROY WA HIST SOC, BSN BUTTER FACT BRNCH)

Compiled by Angela Blechynden 1995.

Much of the information in Angela Blechynden's above article and other pieces of content in George's section on NGILGIE came out of personal discussions Angela had with Professor Len Collard.

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https://www.noongarculture.org.au/noongar-dictionary/

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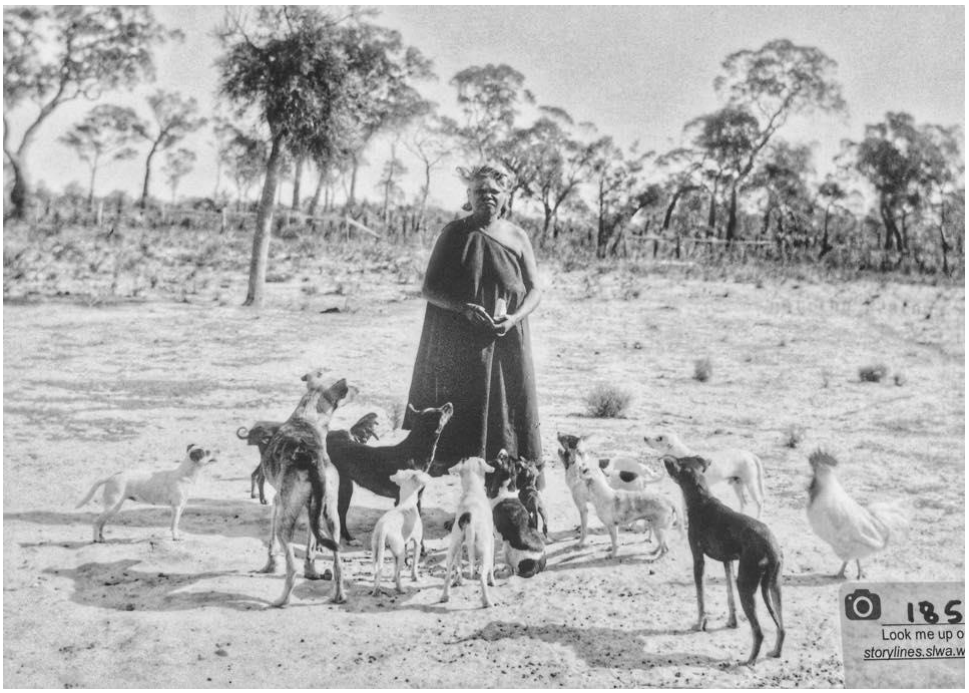
His research has broadened the understanding of the many unique characteristics of Aboriginal people and improved the appreciation of Aboriginal culture and heritage of the south-west of Australia. Len's ground-breaking theoretical work has put Noongar cultural research on the national stage.

Nilgie



Ngilgie and her pets

PAPERS OF DAISY BATES MS 365 MANUSCRIPT
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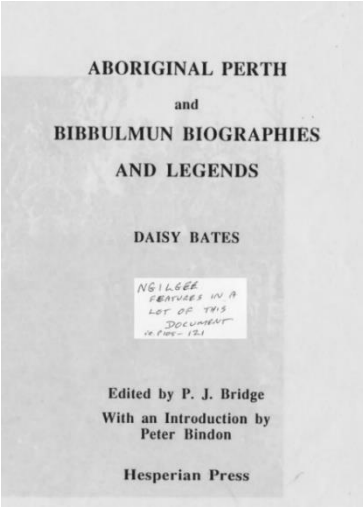
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NGILGEE AND HER LOVER

An Aboriginal Coquette

In our civilised world the great science of flirting is supposed to have begun with our "first mother," Eve, who, the moment she cast her eyes upon the serpent, proceeded to perk and preen herself before him, and perform the sundry other little feminine tricks with which her modern daughters are so familiar, until, as might have been expected, she fell an easy victim, through her vanity and curiosity, to the wiles of the tempter. Long before this historical coquette had started all the troubles of man and womankind, the forerunners of Ngilgee, the subject of this story, were practising woman's wiles in their own savage way upon the men of their day. Eve had a considerable advantage over "those who went before her," since, apparently, Adam knew not the hidden foolishness of woman's character, having had knowledge of but one of the species, whereas a study of many specimens of womankind is required before a man can master the ABC of the female character and its innumerable intricacies. According to Mark Twain and other reputable writers of early history, Eve had more than her fair share of "womanly" attributes, and had Adam been anything but the thickheaded, selfish, greedy man he was, he would have been round to see what Eve was doing, long before the serpent had worked his wicked way, and would have thereby "saved the situation."

It is not known when, in savagedom, flirting first began. The female anthropoid apes (who are said by some to have preceded humans upon the earth) possessed the loves and hates and jealousies and wily ways that their human successors have practised in varying degrees throughout the prehistoric ages. In the early days of mankind upon the earth, the male looked upon the woman and fancied her, in much the same fashion as the aborigine does to-day, and we may be sure that the woman saw her destiny in a flash of the eye, just as she does to-day. According as that destiny was pleasing to her or otherwise, so the answering flash made known, and if "mate found mate," each knew the preliminary "clubbing" was but a pretence, and the woman was happy.

In the days when a white West Australia was in its very early youth, Ngilgee was born in some part of her father's hunting grounds in the district north of Cape Leeuwin, and through force of circumstances became an appanage of a

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white man's household. It is not known when she had her first lover—the "eternal woman" peeps early from the eyes of the native child—but many and many a native and half-caste youth fell under the spell of Ngilgee's sable witcheries, and many an episode came and passed, while the white children, who were her elders, were still, so to speak, in the nursery. Ngilgee, in those days, was an aboriginal beauty. A round, bright face and shapely form, beautiful teeth and eyes, dark wavy hair, and a skin clear and smooth as burnished bronze, were some of her attributes. Her hands and feet were remarkably small and finely formed, as are those of all the Tondarup breed. Her smile, even now in her old days, lights up her whole face and gives a glimpse of the fascination it must have held in her youth, when it was a rarely winning one.

But Ngilgee was a born flirt, for flirts black and white are born as well as made, and it was early days with her when she knew her value and how to enhance every native good quality she possessed. Savage man and so-called civilised man are attracted by exactly the same qualities in woman. Ngilgee therefore, became an adept in the art of posing. If a young weeabindee (young man of her marry class) glanced at her neat ankle, Ngilgee either withdrew it in soft coyness of pretended she didn't see the admiring glances and exhibited a little more of the tantalising limb. Ngilgee in those days was modestly clothed, according to white ideas, and therefore many of her personal charms were hidden from the eyes of aspiring weeabindee, but I am quite sure that Mistress Ngilgee, who is to this day proud of her still handsome shoulders, found some opportunity of displaying their beauties to the youth of the district. Since she had a janga (white people's) looking glass to tell her the charm of her eyes and smile, she must have used these with the utmost advantage to herself and confusion to her many lovers.

Amongst these lovers was a young half-caste called "Whitey-brown George," a well set-up, fine-looking young fellow. He became Ngilgee's shadow, followed her wherever she went, waylaid her on her way to cattle paddock or pig pen, made her presents of lollies, of money, of native fruits, roots and fresh foods, and in the orthodox native way tried by these gifts to win her favour. Ngilgee was coy, or scornful, or unbelieving, according to the mood in which Whitey-brown George found her. She ridiculed him to his face, and "carried on" with all the methods approved by the white coquette of the present day.

Other young native women made eyes at the fine strapping young half-caste, but he never looked at them. Ngilgee witnessed the attempts to wrest her lover from her, and although she saw he was too much attached to her to give a thought to those others for the time, she nevertheless resented the attempts at poaching, and it being as easy for a native to get up a subject for quarrelling as it is for a Celt, Ngilgee was not long in finding some reason—other than Whitey-brown George—for a fight. She very soon, in this manner, swept her would-be rivals off the field.

At last she consented to make her lover happy, and they were married by a Vasse Justice of the Peace. Ngilgee went to her husband's camp, and although she had been reared since her babyhood with white people, she took up the native life con amore. She hunted daily for roots and small game, while Whitey-brown George fished in the estuaries or chased the kangaroo and emu in the thickly-timbered hunting grounds of his forefathers.

How long this pleasant time lasted is not known. One day a young half-caste

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girl came on a visit to her Vasse relations, amongst whom, of course, was Ngilgee, for there is a certain relationship between all the natives of the South-Western coast. The half-caste girl and her parents came as a matter of course to Ngilgee's hut, and then the trouble began. The faithless Whitey-brown George immediately transferred his attentions to the newcomer. Ngilgee did not fight her rival—native etiquette forbade a quarrel with a guest—so she could only watch the progress of the new state of affairs. Who shall say how much mortified vanity, or how much real love, was hurt by the change in Whitey-brown George. Of course there were recriminations, but Ngilgee possessed a certain pride, and when at the close of a more than usually bitter quarrel Whitey-brown George said he didn't want a black woman—he wanted one of his own colour—Ngilgee knew the end had come. So she said to him, "Go to your daj'jet (an offensive term used by the natives towards halfe-castes); I don't want a half-caste who doesn't want me. I can get plenty of my own colour, and yung'ar (full-blooded natives) are better any day than daj'jet."

Of course Whitey-brown George beat her for the insult, and Ngilgee went back to her people.

Now, we talk of a disappointment in love being the cause of this white man acting so, and that white woman doing thus and so on. Well "when it comes to a man in the case," women, white or black, act according to their temperaments, and show how truly they are "sisters under their skins." Ngilgee's heart was hardened from that time, and she became a wanderer throughout and beyond her district.

Here and there she travelled, sometimes with an "acting-husband" (a happy expression invented by herself), sometimes alone; but she never spoke to Whitey-brown George again. His half-caste wife ran away from him after a short period of married life, and Whitey-brown George wasn't above sending messages to Ngilgee, offering to come back to her, and promising to give up all other women, if she would only take him back. Ngilgee was adamant, and neither entreation nor threats had power to alter her determination. She had been legally married—for both knew so much of the white man's law—and Ngilgee was aware that Whitey-brown George could compel her to return to him, so she fled towards Bunbury, Mandurah and Perth, and as there were no railways in those days, she felt safe from pursuit and arrest. Still, had she been caught, she had a good excuse for not returning to Whitey-brown George, since, according to native law, the marriage was illegal both of them being Tondarups. All Tondarups of the same generation are "brothers and sisters," and must not marry. Ngilgee had conveniently forgotten, or ignored, this fact when she married Whitey-brown George, but she remembered it when the occasion arose, and so she never returned to her husband.

When a native woman makes a wrong or illegal marriage in the above manner, she can never "go straight" again, that is she can be "picked up" by any Tondarup, and she cannot refuse, because she had already been mootchoo (made a wrong marriage). Ngilgee's next "public" appearance was as the "wife" of Timbal, a Vasse Tondarup. After Timbal's death, she "married" Baaburgurt, another Tondarup, who died in 1906, leaving Ngilgee a still-blooming widow. Since Baaburgurt's death she has had many suitors. One came all the way from New Norcia and vainly tried to induce Ngilgee to accompany him back to the Mission. Another Gingin man sought her favour but she would have none of

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him and he, poor fellow, wandering wretched and disconsolate about Perth, looking for another "yagga" (wife); was run over by a train at Subiaco and killed.

One day a young half-caste came to the native reserve, where Ngilgee is now enjoying a glorious "Indian summer of content." The New Norcia man was still on the reserve waiting and hoping for Ngilgee's consent, but as soon as the newcomer arrived everyone in camp saw that in a moment Ngilgee had fallen "head over heels" in love with him. He was young enough to be her grandson, but what of that? Love levels all, and to Ngilgee's great joy the young half-caste became her goortguttuk (lover). It was during his stay that I had an opportunity of seeing what a finished coquette Ngilgee was. The native method of donning a janga booka (white fellow's skirt or cloak) has quite an evening dress effect. The waist-band of the skirt is brought underneath one arm and the hook and eye of the waist-band are fastened over the shoulder of the other arm, the plaquet-hole forming an opening, thus leaving the two arms free, and allowing a fair amount of shoulders and bust to become visible.

Ngilgee's shoulders are almost Nance O'Neil-esque in the fine effect they produce, and they still have the soft smoothness and clearness of skin of her younger days. Her hair is somewhat grey; this, she says, is due to her having been mootchoo; but a brilliant handkerchief or a still more brilliant hat covers the greyness, and her teeth are as fine as ever.

So Ngilgee did not feel herself handicapped in her pursuit of the young half-caste, and matters proceeded so far that the young man came over to her hut to inspect it with a view of becoming a permanent lodger. The movement was unwise, for the New Norcia man and the Gingin man were on the reserve, and on the young half-caste's return from Ngilgee's hut he received such a sinister welcome from them that he promptly fled to Guildford and gave up all further thought of Ngilgee.

Poor Ngilgee! She was debarred from following him for many reasons—her dogs, her hut, her rations, her dignity most of all stood in the way, and so she had to let her youthful lover go. She became still more cruel to her two remaining admirers, who she finally and flatly, even violently, refused, continuing, however to display her charms before them, until at last one fled to his death and the other returned to New Norcia.

The young half-caste never ventured on the reserve again, for although he was "civilised" and had been reared with white people since his childhood he had still the profoundest belief in native magic, and no entreating messages from Ngilgee could persuade him to revisit the reserve. He even put a greater distance than Guildford between himself and Ngilgee, having a most wholesome fear of his rivals' magic powers.

So Ngilgee's second "real" love affair—for the intermediate ones were incidents only—also came to grief. Whitey-brown George still lives somewhere in the South-West, but he is old now, and is a "ration" man—a sort of aborigineal "remittance man," and does not want Ngilgee nor any other woman. Ngilgee wends the even tenor of her ways on the reserve, waiting and hoping for the return of her young half-caste lover. She often tries to "sing" him back to her, and many a night I have lain awake listening to her mournful crooning, but no "magic song" of woman will bring back a native lover when once the fear of magic enters his soul. Ngilgee may croon and croon, but never more will her young lover return.

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NGILGIE

Ngilgie (Nilgie, Nyilgee) was living on the Welshpool reserve at the time that Daisy Bates took up residence there to collect information from the older people about traditional Aboriginal culture in the south-west. Daisy Bates was an English woman who travelled over much of Western Australia, South Australia and the Northern Territory in the early part of this century, taking notes on Aboriginal society and culture. She also wrote for several Australian and English newspapers and magazines, on Aborigines of Australia. Daisy Bates was particularly interested in the languages spoken throughout the south-western region, and Ngilgie supplied her with a vocabulary of 1400 words of Bibbulmun, one of the languages now classified as belonging to the Nyungar group of languages. In addition, Ngilgie gave Daisy Bates several sentences in Bibbulmun, which she was able to transcribe. In this way, Ngilgie has contributed directly to what is now known about the language of the region. As Bibbulmun was the principal language recorded by Daisy Bates, this could account for how the term has come to be applied generally by some authors. The Bibbulmun lands were in the Margaret River area, where Ngilgie was born.

Ngilgie is said by Daisy Bates to have been named after a swamp wallaby. At around the time she was born, her father was about to kill the wallaby which he came across while hunting for food. However, the animal escaped from him, and in this way revealed to him that it shared a totem, or life spirit, with his baby daughter.

Ngilgie grew up in the Ellensbrook area where she formed a close bond with the Bussell family, maintaining these ties throughout her lifetime. She was known for her gentle manner, perfect English, and her kindness to others. She had a great love of animals, and when living at Welshpool at the approximate age of sixty she had 32 dogs, 7 goats and 12 fowl. Her fondness for animals sometimes led her into trouble as when her goats damaged property on and around the reserve. Eventually, the police shot her 32 dogs, presumably because they were not licensed. Ngilgie was deeply upset, and she left Welshpool and returned home to Busselton.

According to Daisy Bates, Ngilgie was born around 1845 in the Busselton area, and her parents were Aborigines from that locality. However, the Aborigines Department records show her to be the niece of George Warren, a settler. George Warren's wife, Cecilia Dinah Warren (née ?), was from the Bunbury district originally so that this relationship could have been through her and either Ngilgie's father, Weedugit, or her mother, Wooragan.[11]

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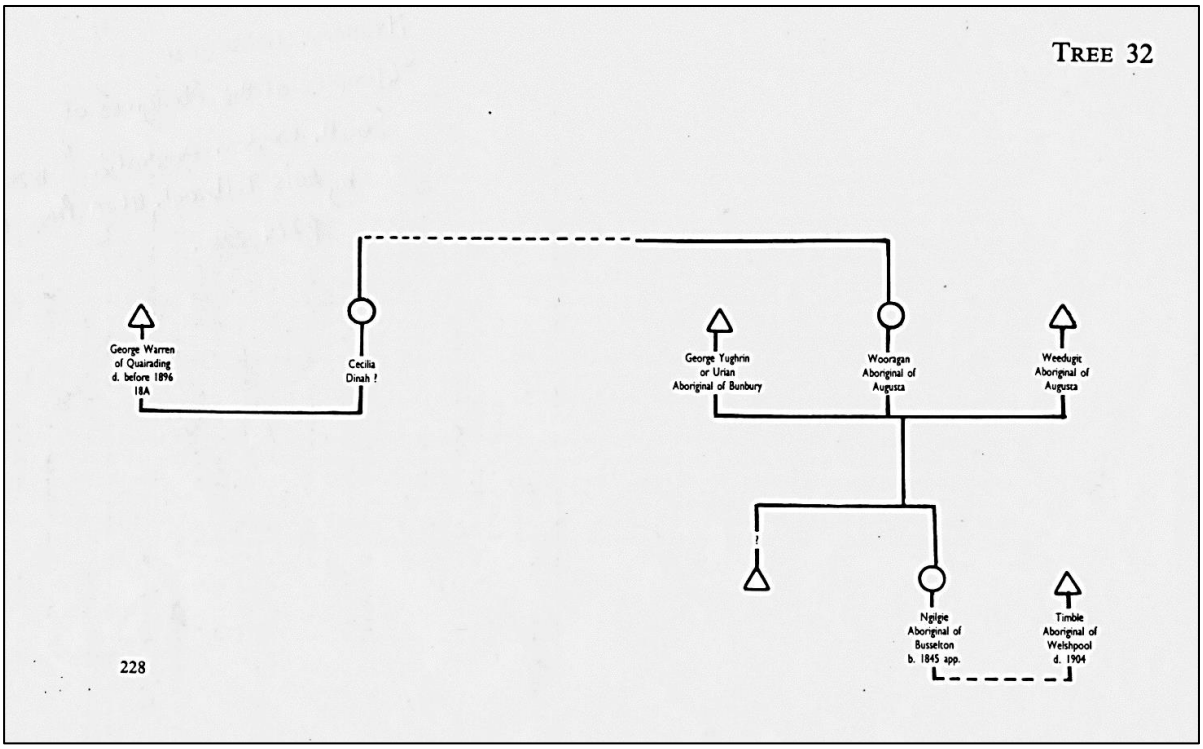
Chart showing Ngilgie's family



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8. THE STATUS OF THE ABORIGINAL

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1. William Harris to the editor, *Sunday Times* 6/4/1913.
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11. NYUNGAR FAMILY TREES

1. Jack Davis's works include two plays, *Kulark* and *The Dreamers*, in addition to several volumes of poetry. He was editor of the magazine *Identity* produced by the Aboriginal Publications Foundation, for several years. He is represented in a number of volumes, including Berndt and Berndt 1979, in which he gives an overview of Aboriginal/European relations in Western Australia over the previous 150 years.
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5. This tree has been researched by Anna Haebich as part of her Ph.D studies.
6. Collett Barker, Journal of Captain C. Barker 18/1/1830-26/3/1831 at King George's Sound, extracted by Neville Green.
7. The lyrics for this song were told to SWAS by Jan Young.
8. Research on the Quartermaine family name has been carried out by descendants of Elijah Quartermaine, in preparation for a family history which they are compiling.
9. The story of Mary Helen Pangieran has been written up by Rica Erickson in Poppham 1979: 28.
10. Schorer 1974.
11. See Mulvaney 1967: 11 especially; *Native Welfare Department Newsletter*, 1971; and an article by George Russo in the *Sunday Times* December 1978.
12. An account of the rescue of the passengers and crew off the wreck the *Georgette*, emphasizing Grace Bussell's role, has been written up in several newspapers, including *Inquirer* of 31/1/1877 and 16/1/1878; *West Australian Times* of 4/1/1878; *West Australian* of 13/6/1932.
13. Reference is made to Ngilgie (Nilgie) in ADF files (1902, 139; 1901, 33) and also in Bates, typescript of notes.

33/1901 = F.W. Tuckett - Native Affairs. La Grange Bay, (but La Grange is Broome)
36/1902 = in Welshpool Native Settlement where Ngilgie was.
139/1901 = R.M. Bunbury re native George Yuglin reported to be blind & unable to look after himself.

Settlement of the south-west of Australia had only taken place some twenty years previous to Ngilgian's birth, and the white settlers' homes were still few and far between. Yet handicapped as the women of those early days must have been, owing to the crinoline fashion of the times, the young gentlewomen of those days set themselves from the beginning to learn farming and domestic duties from the servants they had brought with them from their British homes, realising that with the termination of the contract of service, the imported helps would seek independence for themselves.

Ngilgian's name was given her by her father—native infants are not named until they can "smile in response" to their names.

Wedugit was about to spear a "woorark"—a small marsupial, now extinct—but just as he poised his spear for the throw the "woorark" disappeared.

"Ah," he said, "yalgai yookan geej dawning." ("If I had only) stood a little longer (I would have speared him.")

The little, toddling infant was called Ngilian (from "yalgai") and given the "woorark" as her personal "totem brother." Her father's group token was the "wepi" (emu) which formed the principal meat food of the group, but though all edible totems were eaten by their totemists. Ngilgian never are a woorark. "They were my little brothers," she said, "and I liked to see them come and eat and not be afraid of me."

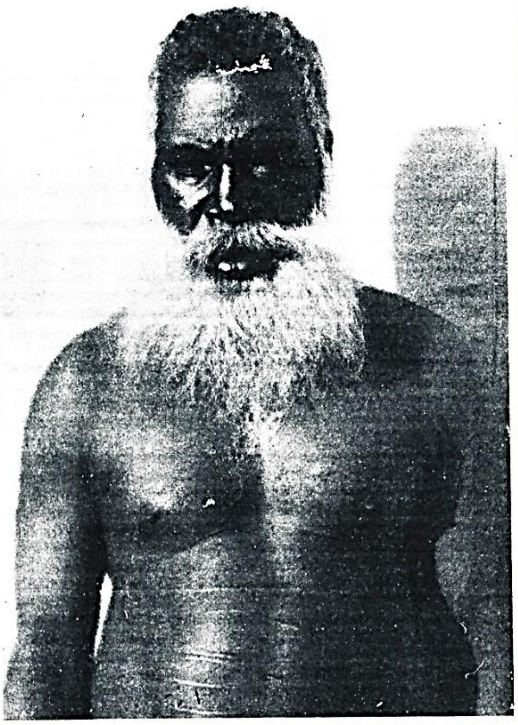
Ngilgian was "daajeluk" (betrothed) in infancy to her mother brother's son—a "yong-gar bo' rung-gur" (kangaroo totem man), and after her babyhood had passed she was frequently left with her adopted "jang-ga" parents, and shared in the lessons and duties and games of her little white sisters.

She became familiar with the white man's laws, social system, conventions and class distictions, and also with the laws and customs and social organisation of her own people; but though she learned to speak the correct English spoken by her little white companions, and sang jang-ga hymns, and repeated psalm and collect on Sundays, and learned poem and fable taught to the children by the young mothers of those early days. Ngilgian leaned to the laws and traditions, myths and legends, of her own folk.

She would look at the trees and the sea and say, "Marri and jerrail, kol-yung and mung-gaitch (mahogany, jarra, wattle, Banksia), and all trees and plants and roots are our 'moorurt' (relations), and many of them are our totem fathers and brothers, and they give us gum to eat, and honey, and 'marrain' (all vegetable food); and the great sea is our 'Mamman Waddarn' (Father Sea), and when he is not sulky he sends plenty of 'kalda' (salmon) [mullett] and other big fish into our rivers and bays, so that when we get tired of one kind of food another 'boo'rung-gur' (totem brother) is ready for us.

" 'Jang'-ga' must 'beena, beena, beena' (dig, dig, dig) and work for their 'warrain' (native potato) and baragood ("very good," the early name for the white man's flour); cut our 'marrain' (vegetable food) and meat and water are our 'bo'rung-gurmat' (brother stock), and when we obey our totem laws and do not make mock of our 'bo-rung-gur,' or destroy their 'koolong-gur' (buds, flowers, young of anything) our 'bo'rung-gur' come themselves. If we broke the 'bo'rung-gur' laws our food would all go away and 'yung-ar' and 'yog-ga' and 'koolong-gur' (men, women and children) would all die. 'Demma Goomber' (ancestors) obeyed the laws and told them to our fathers and our fathers tell them to us.

"When 'jang-ga' (white people) first came to our 'boojoor' (ground), our



George Timbrell, Bunbury 1898 Age 55, Height 5'4½"
Also called Tindale. Photo by Tunney.

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Monnop

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someone to take Monnop's place, so that he could come to the mission and be married to her. Ngung'il'yung did not know the old adage re, striking while the iron is hot, but she acted upon it all the same, and her personal entreaties to the Bishop, who found that this time the native laws were adhered to, resulted in the marriage taking place on the following Sunday.

The "honeymoon" was spent in one of the cottages at the Mission, which the Bishop had built and furnished for the use of young married couples and here the bride and groom received the congratulations of their married friends and held high revel while Monnop's wages lasted. When these were exhausted, the shepherding was resumed, Ngung'il'yung accompanying her husband and fulfilling his dreams of a "shepherd's companion."

The couple lived happily for many years, until Ngung'il'yung died, and then Monnop took a roving contract as drover's assistant, and visited the Kimberleys and many other parts of the Nor'West, but without bringing home a second wife. During Monnop's travels in the Kimberley's he said he met a native woman having four breasts, which shows that 'travellers tales' were told even by the men of the Stone age! During his stay on the native reserve near Cannington, Monnop was a suitor for Ngilgee's hand, but that fair lady preferred her widowhood to any more matrimonial ventures. Monnop retired from the Reserve and returned to the Mission again, only to leave it shortly afterwards in pursuit of another lady-love. Monnop justifies the adage that "there is no fool like an old fool," and I have heard from one young woman who jilted him that some sport is being enjoyed in "passing Monnop on," pretending that an acceptance of his suit will follow his visit to the next "fair" one. Monnop has become entirely regardless of class distinctions now, and will marry any Ballarruk or Tondarup who will give him the chance.

The last I heard of Monnop he was vainly trying to make a nice fat widow accept his money presents and himself, but she, wise woman! was carefully refraining from directly accepting the gifts, while surreptitiously sharing in the good things they provided. Monnop stands a good chance of rejoining Ngung'il'yung at Koorannup, the happy hunting ground beyond the sea, bringing no second mate with him to flutter Ngung'il'yung's wifely bosom.

Monnop is now over sixty years of age, he was one of the boys who were baptised, reared, and married on the Mission, and he is now one of the five remaining pure-blooded descendants of the once numerous Nyeerr'goo yoong'ar (people of "Nyeerrgoo") whom Bishop Salvado found camped in the year 1846, beside the water holes on the beautiful uplands now called Victoria Plains. Monnop's father's brother, who was then a young Tondarup boy christened "Bob," was the Bishop's guide to Mow'ra pool, where the New Norcia Mission now stands. The present site is about twelve miles from the spot where the Bishop first encamped, when he came upon the Nyeerr'goo natives.

THE STORY OF BANJIL

A Tale of Bibbulmun Motherhood

Banjil, the wife of Binjerung, wanted a little baby, so she went by herself to the great baby-spirit stone at Bokkabeering, and a little spirit boy baby saw her and came to her. Banjil was very young, and she loved and fondled her baby all

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NGILGI.

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Thirty-Two Dogs; Five Suitors.

She was about 60 years old when the writer met her on the Native Reserve at the foot of the Darling Range in the early 1900's; she had then 32 dogs, seven goats, a dozen fowls, four aboriginal suitors, and a half-caste aspirant. A kindly understanding Government had given her a plot of ground, fenced for, flower and vegetable growing, a hut, and even a double bed and spring mattress, for Ngilgi's dogs were her fur rug at night and 32 dogs and a hefty woman required a full-sized double bed. The dogs were of every imaginable breed, the largest being a composite of terrier, mastiff, and collie, and the smallest a little King Charles spaniel, not a foot in length, with only two working legs, half an eye, and rickets. Ngilgi loved them all, and refused to believe evil of them. Young kids and a sick fowl were sometimes added to the living blankets at night, yet in spite of dogs and goats and fowls, Ngilgi had five suitors— Mon-nop of the dingo totem, Woolberr of the black swan totem, Bimba of the turkey totem, and Baaburgurt of the sea mullet totem. Baaburgurt and Woolberr were almost blind, but Bimba and Monnop were only a little over 60, and these two bashed each other whenever they got on the reserve, always hoping that Ngilgi would favour the victor. Baaburgurt relied upon a 'soothering' tongue, and Woolberr on his gifts as a singer and dancer. Ngilgi regarded all four with a complacent eye, and then there entered the young half-caste, young enough to be her grandson. Perhaps memories of her first half-caste stirred Ngilgi. At any rate she said to Jimmy, 'I will take you, and when I go out

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She was about 60 years old when the writer met her on the Native Reserve at the foot of the Darling Range in the early 1900's; she had then 32 dogs, seven goats, a dozen fowls, four aboriginal suitors, and a half-caste aspirant. A kindly understanding Government had given her a plot of ground, fenced for flower and vegetable growing, a hut, and even a double bed and spring mattress, for Ngilgi's dogs were her fur rug at night and 32 dogs and a hefty woman required a full-sized double bed. The dogs were of every imaginable breed, the largest being a composite of terrier, mastiff, and collie, and the smallest a little King Charles spaniel, not a foot in length, with only two working legs, half an eye, and rickets. Ngilgi loved them all, and refused to believe evil of them. Young kids and a sick fowl were sometimes added to the living blankets at night, yet in spite of dogs and goats and fowls, Ngilgi had five suitors—Monnop of the dingo totem, Woolberr of the black swan totem, Bimba of the turkey totem, and Baaburgurt of the sea mullet totem. Baaburgurt and Woolberr were almost blind, but Bimba and Monnop were only a little over 60, and these two bashed each other whenever they got on the reserve, always hoping that Ngilgi would favour the victor. Baaburgurt relied upon a "soothering" tongue, and Woolberr on his gifts as a singer and dancer. Ngilgi regarded all four with a complacent eye, and then there entered the young half-caste, young enough to be her grandson. Perhaps memories of her first half-caste stirred Ngilgi. At any rate she said to Jimmy, "I will take you, and when I go out washing you can stay and mind my dogs and things and I will bring you plenty of good food."

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Jimmy never again ventured on the Reserve. Monnop and Bimba fought on until Monnop's jawbone was broken and Bimba's ribs smashed in, when both men went back to their dingo and turkey group areas to die. Woolberr was run over by a train and killed, and Baaburgurt was taken to his own group-home district, as the only living member of a once big sea mullet-totem group, and cared for by the kindly Layman family whose father Baaburgurt's own father had killed.

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Charles Timbul (Timble) and Ngilgie were the first residents at Welshpool Reserve. Ngilgie was born near Augusta in the 1840s and was said to have been raised at the home of Alf Bussell. She later became one of Daisy Bates most valued informants. Timbul was also from the Augusta area and after working on various farms in the south he was granted a reserve farming block in the Coolup area near Fremantle in 1894. He subsequently agreed to exchange this for a block at Welshpool Reserve.

025036PD: Timbul and Ngilgy, sitting in front of hut, with puppies, 1895

From the book For Their Own Good: Aborigines and Government in the south west of 1900-1940, p 62. See also BA129/15

BA129/15: Charles Timbul (seated front centre), Ngilgie (standing right) and others at Welshpool Reserve, 189

The following extracts are from the book *Henry Prinseps Empire* by Malcolm Allbrook Chapter 5 ANU Press.

"While Aboriginal adults were dying from the impact of colonisation, their children were viewed by the colonisers as worthy recipients of beneficence. The records of the Prinsep, Bussell and Brockman families tell of orphans they believed they had rescued, to be brought up as one of the family."

Historian Anna Haebich has observed that being 'part of the family' generally meant 'cheap clothes, little food and no pay': 'They could train, mould and discipline the children as they wished', she observes, 'and, if there were any problems, they simply blamed the children's racial inheritance.' After a childhood in the family home, these children grew up to become retainers or 'man Fridays', living nearby the family, on permanent duty as general farm and domestic labourers. Most of what we know of Ngilgie comes from Daisy Bates, who knew her as an old woman living at the Welshpool reservation near Perth, where a 'kindly understanding government had given her a plot of ground'. Born in about 1845 on the Bussell property at Ellensbrook near Margaret River, Bates's almost folkloric account tells of her birth, 'just at the moment her mother was caught red-handed robbing a potato-patch, and her unexpected arrival made the potato-patch her ground

thereafter, and she became an amusing protégée of the white people who owned it'. Ngilgie 'became the pet of the family' and 'received the same education as the other children until she was 12, when she returned or was taken back by the tribe', as Bates put it, resuming 'the native life con amour'.

From the Book..... Henry Prinseps Empire continues:
In 1866, Ngilgie married George Blechynden, a man described by Bates as a 'half-breed', and went to work for Charlotte Bussell at Cattle Chosen, where George also found employment as a shearer.
Charlotte was ambivalent about Ngilgie as a domestic employee and was concerned about her adherence to 'native ways', even though she had been given 'every advantage and kindness' during her childhood at Ellensbrook. After leaving Cattle Chosen, Bates records that she moved around the south-west between her traditional Wardandi country and Perth, 'her path … marked with altercations and affrays, either with natives or with the white servants of successive mistresses', working as a domestic labourer, shepherd or 'relapsing into native camp life'.
Daisy Bates met Ngilgie during the 'early 1900s' when she was 60 years old and living on the Aboriginal reserve established by Prinsep at Welshpool near Perth in 1901. In three articles, Bates praised Ngilgie's ability to inhabit her own culture and that of the colonisers:
She was always liked and trusted by the whites, for her early associations having been amongst gentlefolk she had unconsciously absorbed their ways and manners and fine principles, but the wild in her blood was ever upper-most and none of the joys of 'jang-ga' life could equal the delight in taking a dancing part in the 'ke'ning' (corroborees) of her own folk and listening to the myths and traditions of 'Demma Goomber' (great grandparents) times.

Bates was dependent on Ngilgie for her cultural knowledge of the people of the Margaret River area, and utilised her Bibbulman linguistic skills to prepare a 1,400-word vocabulary, which was eventually published by Isobel White in 1985 as part of The Native Tribes of Western Australia. She is described by Bates as 'the rich widow' of the Welshpool reserve, and 'the proud possessor of seven goats, 12 fowls and 32 dogs, incredible mongrels all'. She lived out her life on the reserve, working as a domestic labourer for nearby white families, looking after her animals, and hiding from the police who wanted to destroy them. Eventually the police succeeded, and, according to Bates, 'mercifully destroyed all save the single whole specimen', whereupon 'she shook the dust of the reserve from her shapely feet and retired to the outskirts of Guildford, where she busied herself cleaning and washing for the white man'.

Almost one of the family
Belvidere referred to below is located in the general area where Whitey Brown has been mentioned as possibly buried at or near Piggotts property at Springhill. It is only a few kilometres in a straight line. Maybe there is something in the Battye Library in Carlotta Brockman's handwritten records referred to below which has mention of Whitey Brown. Unless items are typed out, they don't come up in a search. So, anyone who would like to follow this up, needs to read through Carlotta's handwritten records to find more details if they are there.

*In 1953, Henry's daughter Carlotta Brockman recalled the Aboriginal people she had known as a child at **Belvidere** and the family properties in the south-west. Her handwritten childhood memories touch on older traditional bush people such as Burman, whom she admired for his nobility and grandeur, 'a man 'so black with bundle of long spears, his "cooter bage" made of possum skin and his large cloak … made of Kangaroo skins neatly sewn together with a bone needle and kangaroo tail sinews. She remembered the Aboriginal people of her youth as 'very primitive … wandering from one hunting ground to another, making no permanent houses and wearing no clothes but their kangaroo skin Bokas … gentle and friendly in the district, for the white settlers had treated them kindly'. Others lived in 'a collection of bark huts' near the homesteads, and were often noisy, drunk and unruly:*

Sometimes there would be a lot of shouting and screaming that used to frighten the children. I remember one day running into the kitchen where my grandmother was busy cooking … and close to her was a half-naked black woman who was sobbing and most unhappy and to my horror I saw a

great spear wound in her leg, all bleeding and sore. I think the men had been fighting about her and that was what all the shouting had been about.

These 'camp natives' could be called on to labour on the farms and around the homestead, but were unreliable and often a nuisance. Carlotta writes of one old Noongar man who 'kept bothering' a Bussell neighbour, who threw a pot of boiling potatoes over him: 'That settled him!' Other Noongars lived in close proximity to the family but had strictly defined relationships with family members. One was Carlo Sears, 'rescued' by Charlotte Bussell, who had been 'distressed to see the pretty little half caste being brought up in the natives' camp, so asked the old black woman to let her have him, which she seems to have been quite willing to do. My grandmother always said she bought Carlo for a stick of tobacco.'

Carlotta continues:

Also at Cattle Chosen were ***Joolbert,*** *his 'half-African' father Tim Harris, and mother Caroline, who was 'not much of a favourite with the family, nor was Joolbert either'.* ***Janey, 'half-African' and 'very fat and black with frizzy hair'****, worked in the house, and 'was very fond of creeping into the drawing room and picking out tunes on the piano, while we were at meals in the dining room below'****.***

Questions posed by Angela Blechynden:
Is Janey the piano player our Jane Nilgie?
Was Joolbert one of her lovers?
Where did her husband Whitey Brown George Blechynden go shearing after Cattle Chosen?

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A dinner party with Ngilgi

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Telling Tales

by Michael O'Hara

Ngilgi was found in a potato patch during the 1860s after Ellen Bussell surprised a group of aborigines digging up some vegetables.

She remained with the Bussell family and was educated with Ellen's children.

When Daisy Bates met the 60-year-old Ngilgi, she met a woman who had been unlucky in love.

She had refused to marry her appointed husband, choosing instead a "lazy, half caste with a roving eye", whom she unceremoniously ditched.

By the time of their meeting, Daisy reported that Ngilgi had "32 dogs, seven goats, a dozen fowls, four Aboriginal suitors and a half-caste aspirant."

I was fortunate enough to have met Ngilgi when she turned up at a little dinner party Niomi had prepared in an effort to deplete our overstocked cellar.

Ngilgi claimed she had been kidnapped by aliens during the 1920s and then dumped back home in the 1990s.

"Them bloody blokes are no good. Not one of 'em," said the old woman.

"Always sleepin' around with m' cousins n' anything else that moves."

Timothy Rubin looked decidedly uncomfortable at the withering look from his wife.

Time for a fork fiddle, thought Tim, placing his eyes between a candle and his spouse's line of vision.

Was Tim a little uncomfortable?

"Surely not all men, Ngilgi?" asked Joanna Trask, posturing herself along the smugly predictable line that there are no absolutes.

"Surely, not all of them."

"The whole bloody lot of 'em," came the barrelling reply.

"And when they're not doin' it, they're thinkin' about doin' it, and when they're not thinkin' about doin' it, they're dead on their feet.

"If you'd known my first husban' . . .

"What a lovely piece of fish," blurted Tim, a little piece of it landing on the linen.

More withering looks from his better or pooier, richer or worse.

". . . as lazy a fella has never drunk water.

"All emu dance 'cause he had a bit of white fella in 'im."

Suddenly Ngilgi paused, her eyes having floated onto my wife's favourite 19th Century African fertility doll.

A little sigh.

A regathering of her platinum ways.

"Best mistake I ever made.

"Learnt lots 'bout fellas from that.

"Bone lazy mob."

Joanna Trask began to open her mouth, but we were all saved by Tim's wife, Petal, who seemed keen to have a say.

"So pray tell, Ngilgi, what does one do with . . ."

Now it could have been the Leeuwin Chardonnay, or it may have really been happening, but I swear that at this point Petal Rubin's darling features were transforming themselves into those of a scaly dugite as she arched her neck to ask, "... does one do with a lazy and unfaithful husband, . . . hiss?"

Ngilgi scratched at a couple of imaginary hairs on her chin.

"Ol' custom was to spear your man in the leg."

Petal leaned closer as she too stroked her chin in agreement.

Tim was turning green.

"But that's no good. No. Best trick ever came from a friend of Mrs Ellen.

"Woman's call Biddy Moriarty, an' she was stuck with a hopeless drinkin' man.

"She said to me once, 'Ngilgi, you get that bucket full o' water and I'll show you somethin'.'

"An it's all over 'im an ees off the bed quicker than a bungarra.

"Mrs Ellen, she's taught me the Bible, taught me Keats an' Robbie Burns, but Mrs Biddy taught me all I need to know 'bout fellas.

"Thing is, whether they's movin' at ya', or they won't move out, a bucket o' cold water'll take care of fella problems for life.

"They know why they're gettin' it, the useless brain-gone lot."

Joanna Trask could contain her political sensibilities no longer.

Usually a comedy of correctness, tonight her timing missed.

"Oh dear, oh dear," she began, "has it come to this, that we are to douse our men in cold water for sleeping in," she said, the words tripping over her plate of wet, unfinished fish.

I really believe (and Niomi agrees with me on this) that Joanna Trask missed everything that was going on.

Either that, or she is in possession of a defence mechanism that used widely would make for a one-world government within the next 10 years.

Petal Rubin was leading Tim by his nose out the door of Chez' Watchy (the abode) that night, when Joanna stopped their exit with a searching question.

"Tiiiim," ever so sugary, "you know we have croquet on Tuesday night, and the poetry reading Thursday afternoon" ... pause for answer.

"I ... um ... I've got a lot on this week, Josie. um ..."

Didn't hear exactly what Petal muttered ... something like "sitch" or "kitch".

I heard what Ngilgi said though.

"Two bucket job, darlin'."

Henry Prinsep's Empire: Framing a distant colony

- Henry Prinsep's Empire: Framing a distant colony - ANU

According to Milward, many colonial families in the region had similar relationships with Aboriginal people, who had been 'adopted' as children and grew up as companions for the settler children. Some were given a rudimentary education but, as they grew older, became part of the station workforce or general labourers around the homestead. The Prinseps themselves considered taking on a child, to be brought up by Josephine and trained to provide domestic labour for the family. 'Little Chloe, Fanny the native's whitey brown child is now at Sandilands under F's [Josephine's aunt Fanny] charge, proposed for Josephine's adoption', wrote Henry Prinsep in 1872, 'a good clever little child, about 6. Sammy Isaacs lived at Alfred Bussell's coastal homestead, Walcliffe, at the mouth of the Margaret River; Carlo Sears lived at Cattle Chosen; while Isabel Brockman at Beachgrove had her 'man Friday', Jimmy Isaacs, 'on appearance part Aboriginal and part Negro':

DOUG FEUTRILL'S NOTES RE GEORGE BLECHYNDEN JUNIOR, HALF-CASTE ABORIGINAL
(Doug uses a different spelling of Nilgie i.e., Ngilgie)

George Blechynden Junior's brush with the Law 1899.

George's age at his marriage to Ngilgie at St Mary's Busselton in 1864 was over 21. He must have been born prior to 1843. George Junior would have been over 56 years old at the date of his appearance in Bunbury court in Jan 1899. Where did he work and live after his split with Ngilgie soon after their recorded marriage? (This separation was reported by Ngilgie and recorded in an interview with Daisy Bates)
There is no evidence of any descendants of George Blechynden Junior who was said to be half aboriginal and the son of George Blechynden Senior.

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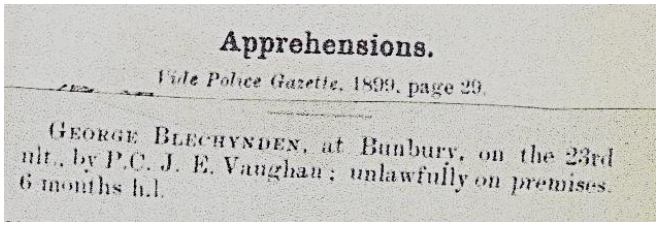
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The image left, is cut from a photocopy of the WA Police Gazette Feb 1st 1899.

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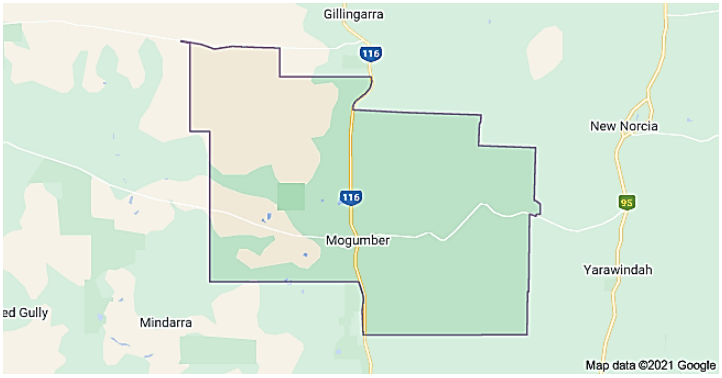
George Junior seems to have dropped off the radar after this until 1899 in Bunbury.

Note: This query has been answered with many articles found in *Trove* about George Blechynden junior, who became known as Whitey Brown George and his times in court and prison shown in the next chapter.

Jane Nilgie died on 12th Sep 1921 at Mogumber, formerly Moore River. This is where the little girls ran away from in the movie "The Rabbit Proof Fence."

Mogumber Aboriginal Memorial Cemetery
Mogumber Aboriginal Memorial Cemetery, Mindarra, WA | BillionGraves Cemetery and Images

Mogumber is located on the Bindoon Moora Road in southwest WA a distance of about
100km north from Perth. Mogumber Aboriginal Memorial Cemetery, 2015 Mogumber Rd. Mindarra, WA.



Map of Mogumber

In this cemetery are buried about 400 aboriginal people who died at the Moore River (Mogumber) Mission, about half are thought to have died between the ages of one and five.

Via Ken Blechynden: *I believe there was a big gathering at the Cemetery after Kevin Rudd's apology to the stolen generations on 13 Feb 2008 and there is quite a story on Wikipedia about Mogumber Mission.*

Mogumber Aboriginal Memorial Cemetery

Photos: Ken Blechynden, Moore River and Mogumber in 1995

Bush photo where Jane Nilgie was buried at Mogumber Aboriginal Mission, WA.

Mogumber Aboriginal Memorial Cemetery

Mogumber Wall showing the name of NILGIE 12.9.1921

Mogumber Wall.

CONTINUING IN THE NEXT SECTION WITH MORE THAT IS KNOWN OF HARRISON BLECHYNDEN'S, COUSIN GEORGE'S SON - GEORGE.

GEORGE BLECHYNDEN JNR (WAS ALSO KNOWN AS WHITEY BROWN GEORGE)

Records show George "fell by the wayside" and following are many articles and records about the prison system in the new colony, especially regarding the Aborigines. George coming before the law and imprisoned a number of times became known as Whitey Brown George.

George Blechynden and Jane Ngilgie were married 19 Jun 1964. As mentioned previously by Doug Feutrill: *Both George and Ngilgie are recorded as working for the Bussell family at Cattle Chosen soon after their marriage, George as a shearer, Ngilgie as a domestic helper. Ngilgie apparently sent George "packing" soon after this; she told Daisy Bates that her partner had "a roving eye!"*
1872: In this article following, George Blechynden is mentioned: *GEO. BLECHYNDEN, a half-caste, corroborated the evidence.* In cross examination, James Forrest, now an ex policeman, commented, *"about the end of September or beginning of October, I in company with* ***my man Blechynden*** *and* ***Arthur Heppingstone*** *proceeded to where the carcass was lying". . .*

Herald (Fremantle, WA: 1867 - 1886), Sat 9 Nov 1872, pg 3
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article114442101.txt

Supreme Court.--Criminal side.

(Before His Honor the Chief Justice and a Common Jury.)

WEDNESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER.

Larceny.

John Leach, charged with larceny from his master, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to 5 years penal servitude.

Assault.

James Haggerty, was sentenced to six months imprisonment found guilty of the above offence.

Timothy McAuliffe, was indicted for an unnatural offence, and sentenced to 15 years' penal servitude.

William Williams, indicted for assaulting an aboriginal girl named Nelly, at Roebourne, and thereby causing grievous bodily harm.

Mr Parker appeared for the prisoner and demanded a postponement of the case in consequence of the absence of a witness—postponed.

Cattle-stealing.

F. Guerrin and *W. Bryan*, were charged with having on the 1st August last, killed one heifer, with intent to steal the carcass, the property of Mrs. Locke, of Busselton.

The Attorney General prosecuted, and Mr. Parker appeared for the prisoners.

The following evidence in support of the prosecution was adduced:—

JAMES FORREST, examined, said:—On the 24th July last, I was a policeman stationed at the Blackwood River, but have since left the force. I know both the prisoners, and they stopped at my place on the night of the 24th.; when they arrived they were both on horseback. They started away next morning saying they were going to Yangelup to pick up some cattle, and I gave Bryan three balls, they were round, and a small quantity of powder. They then proceeded towards the bridge and passed over; several persons crossed the river after, but none went over the bridge. On the 2nd August, Larkin crossed the bridge with a half-caste named Blechynden, and on the following day I saw Guerrin and Bryan with about 20 head of cattle with them, and they said they had just come from the Yangelup coast. On the 15th August, I went to Yangelup, and proceeded to the hut there; outside the hut I found some bones, and on the following morning I found the carcass of a red and white heifer; some ribs and the thigh bone were gone and it stank. On further examination of the skull, and after having probed it with a stick found some pieces of lead (lead produced). The first time I visited the hut I did not observe the pannakin, but on the second I did (pannakin now produced), the writing on the pannakin had become partly obliterated from the time I first saw it, but the writing was "William Bryan and James Guerrin. 1st August 1872"; on the other side was written "Thomas Larkin—beautiful weather." On the 3rd August when I saw them, I asked were all the cattle right, and they said, yes. I now produce the parts of the hide with the brand upon it—it is Mrs. Locke's brand, for I know it well. The river was flooded and very high on the 24th July, so that no person could cross without my knowing it. The tracks I observed when I was at the hut were the tracks of horses and cattle—the horses being unshod.

Cross-examined by Mr. Parker:—I was away in the bush when Larkin crossed the bridge, it was my daughter gave me the information—people can cross the river at a place called "Fenners." I was away from home from the 29th July to the 3rd August.

THOMAS LARKIN who gave his evidence was next called, and in rather a loose manner, deposed:—I live at Wanneroo, on this side of Busselton. On the 2nd August I started for the coast to look up my cattle, and on my way passed Forrest's place—the following day came to Yangelup expecting to meet Guerrin there, it having been previously arranged we should do so. On arriving there I observed my dog eating a piece of meat—it was about 20lbs, fresh, but could form no idea how long it had been killed. On the top of the hut was some fat, as from the kidney. Inside the hut I observed the pannakin now produced with "F. Guerrin and Wm. Bryan, 1st August" written on it. I remained at the hut that night, and on the following day about a mile from the hut I found the carcass of a beast, a leg and some portion of the ribs were missing. I also saw some rib bones very near the hut—some cattle and horses belonging to Mr. J. Locke were running about the place. After getting my cattle together, I proceeded home, and a few days after Guerrin came to my place on the Ludlow, he then stated he had been at the hut at Yangelup, and that it took him two days to get there from Forrest's. I mentioned to him the fact of my having seen the dead beast and the place, he replied, he had seen no dead beast.

Cross-examined by Mr. Parker:—It was after being two or three days at the hut that I saw the carcass, it was fresh, there was no blood about it. About the end of September or beginning of October, I in company with my man Blechynden and Arthur Heppingstone proceeded to where the carcass was lying to examine it, but could find no trace whatever of a bell on the neck. It was quite possible for any one to have been at the hut in the interval between the 1st of August when Guerrin left, and the 3rd when I arrived.

GEO. BLECHYNDEN, a half-caste, corroborated the evidence of the former witness, and further added that Guerrin was also of the party who examined the beast to find the trace of the bullet, and that on the morning before proceeding homewards while looking for a pipe he found the bullet now produced.

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MRS. LOCKE, sworn, deposed to having cattle running on the Donnolly, and to her having lost some of them, but was not aware that the brand the hide was her brand.

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Supreme Court. --Criminal side

(Before His Honour the Chief Justice and a Common Jury.)

WEDNESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER.

Cattle-stealing*:*

F. Guerrin and W. Bryan, were charged with having on the 1st August last, killed one heifer, with intent to steal the carcass, the property of Mrs. Locke, of Busselton.

The Attorney General prosecuted; and Mr. Parker appeared for the prisoners. The following evidence in support of the prosecution was adduced:
JAMES FORREST; examined, said: - On the 24th Jul last, I was a policeman stationed at the Blackwood River, but have since left the force. I know both the prisoners, and they stopped at my place on the night of the 24th.; when they arrived, they were both on horseback. They started away next morning, saying they were going to Yangelup to pick up some cattle, and I gave Bryan three balls, they were round, and a small quantity of powder. They then proceeded towards the bridge and passed over; several persons crossed the river after, but none went over the bridge. ***On the 2nd August, Larkin crossed the bridge with a half-caste named Blechynden****, and on the following day I saw Guerrin and Bryan with about 20 head of cattle with them, and they said they had just come from the Yangelup coast. On the 15th August, I went to Yangelup, and proceeded to the hut there; outside the hut I found some bones, and on the following morning I found the carcass of a red and white heifer; some ribs and the thigh bone were gone and it stank. On further examination of the skull and after having probed it with a stick found some pieces of lead (lead produced). The first time I visited the hut I did not observe the*

pannakin, but on the second I did (pannakin now produced), the writing on the pannakin lid become partly obliterated from the time I first saw it,- but the writing was "William Bryan and James Guerrin 1st August 1872 " ; on the other side was written "Thomas Larkin-beautiful weather." On the 3rd August when I saw them, I asked were all the cattle right, and they said, yes. I now pro-produce (sic)*the parts of the hide with the brand upon it—it is Mrs. Locke's brand, for I know it well. The river was flooded and very high on the 24th July, so that no person could cross without my knowing it. Cross-examined by Mr. Parker: - I was away in the bush when Larkin crossed the bridge; it was my daughter gave me the information —people can cross the river at a place called "Fenners." I was away from home from the 29th July to the 3rd August. THOMAS LARKIN who gave his evidence was next called, and in rather a loose manner, deposed :-I live at Wannerup, on this side of Busselton. On the 2nd August I started for the coast to look up my cattle, and on my way passed Forrest's place—the following day came to Yangelup expecting to meet Guerrin there, it having been previously arranged we should do so. On arriving there I observed my dog eating a piece of meat—it was about 20lbs, fresh, but could form no idea how long it had been killed. On the top of the hut was some fat, as from the kidney. Inside the hut I observed the pannakin now produced with " F. Guerrin and Wm. Bryan, 1st August" written on it. I remained at the hut that night, and on the following day about a mile from the hut. I found the carcass of a beast, a leg and some portion of the ribs were missing. I also saw some rib bones very near the hut—some cattle and horses belonging to Mr. J. Locke were running about the place. After getting my cattle together, I proceeded home, and a few days after Guerrin came to my place on the Ludlow, he then stated he had been at the hut at Yangelup, and that it took him two days to get there from Forrest's. I mentioned to him the fact of my having seen the dead beast and the place, he replied, he had seen no dead beast.*

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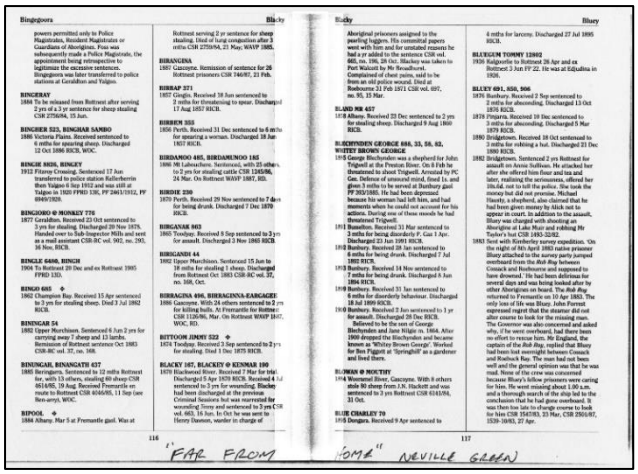

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P.117 BLECHYNDEN GEORGE 888,33,58,82, WHITEY BROWN GEORGE.

1885 George Blechynden was a shepherd for John Trigwell at the Preston River. On 8 Feb he threatened to shoot Trigwell. Arrested by PC Gee. Defence of unsound mind, fined 1s. and given 3 months to be served at Bunbury gaol PF 393/1885. He had been depressed because his woman had left him, and had moments when he could not account for his actions. During one of these moods he had threatened Trigwell.

1891 Busselton. Received 31 Mar sentenced to 3 months for being disorderly P.Gaz 1 Apr. Discharged 23 Jun 1891 RICB. (Rottnest Island committal book, Public Records Office, Alexander Library, Perth.)

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1893 Bunbury. Received 14 Nov sentenced to 7 months for being drunk. Discharged 8 Jun 1894 RICB.

1899 Bunbury. Received 31 Jan sentenced to 6 months for disorderly behaviour. Discharged 18 Jul 1899 RICB.

1900 Bunbury. Received 2 Jan sentenced to 1 yr for assault. discharged 28 Dec RICB.
* Sic. See note:
Believed to be the son of George Blechynden and Jane Nilgie m.1864.(Note: Stories about Nilgie in Daisy Bates' "Aboriginal Perth and Bibbulmun Biographies and Legends", Ed. P. Bridge 1992, actually confirm that Jane Nilgie was married to 'Whitey Brown George alias George Blechynden, Junior. This is also confirmed by the Busselton Parish Register.) After 1900 dropped the Blechynden and became known as 'Whitey Brown George". Worked for Ben Piggott at 'Springhill' as a gardener and lived there.

P33. 'On a visit to the prison in 1900, the Protector of Aborigines, Mr Prinsep saw prisoners wrapped in blankets and sleeping on the ground. The doors of the gaol had been made in such a way as to leave a gap underneath through which a strong draught blew in winter. He proposed that the prisoners be permitted to fill sacks with grass to serve as simple mattresses, adding, "We should remember that nearly all the prisoners come from a much warmer climate than Rottnest, and as long as that Institution is kept up, every precaution should be taken to prevent their imprisonment from destroying their bodily health." Ref,38.
P34. In 1900 the inmate population was fifty in February and thirty four in August. Eighteen prisoners were transferred from Rottnest into the service of police stations and survey teams. Those remaining tended to be elderly and incapable of heavy labour needed to clear the scrub, grub out roots and prepare the land for seeding. The saltworks continued to give a small return, but lack of maintenance, poor equipment and lack of firewood reduced production.'

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Right: Correction: (sic)

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As the marriage certificate shown previously, it was George Jnr, (later known as Whitey Brown), who married Nilgie.

Aboriginal culture and history of Wadjemup/Rottnest Island
Rottnest Island | Aboriginal History

The name for Rottnest Island in the Noongar language is Wadjemup, which means 'place across the water where the spirits are'.

The Island was used as an Aboriginal prison until 1904 (except for a short period of closure from 1849-1855), and subsequent forced labour camp for prisoners until 1931. Around 4,000 Aboriginal men and boys from all over the former colony, and after Federation the State of Western Australia were incarcerated on the Island, many of them having been transported in chains for thousands of miles. General public access to the Island during the prison era was restricted.
During this period, Aboriginal prisoners were forced to construct a large number of buildings and other structures including ***the Quod,*** **(see images below***), Seawall, heritage cottages in the main settlement, the museum, churches, lighthouses and other heritage listed infrastructure, mostly under the supervision of Superintendent Henry Vincent.*
Most of the development took place in Thomson Bay, including the Quod which was constructed as prison accommodation for the Aboriginal prisoners.
During the prison years it is reported that around 370 Aboriginal prisoners died. While most deaths were caused by disease, it is recorded five prisoners were hanged. The Wadjemup Aboriginal Burial Ground is located within the Thomson Bay Settlement, adjacent to the Quod.
Closure of the Aboriginal prison was recommended in 1902. It officially closed in 1904, beginning the period of a forced labour camp where Aboriginal prisoners were used to build roads and other works on the Island until 1931.
Closure of the prison brought Rottnest Island's possibilities as a recreational destination to the forefront. In 1907, a scheme for transforming Rottnest Island from an Aboriginal penal settlement to a recreation and holiday Island were drawn up by the Colonial Secretary's Department. The former prison buildings were absorbed into this pursuit, including the Quod which was converted for use as holiday accommodation in 1911. Over time these developments largely obscured their former use.
A landmark site for reconciliation
Wadjemup holds special significance to Aboriginal communities across the State, due to its use as an Aboriginal prison and the Aboriginal prisoners that are buried there.

ROTTNEST ISLAND AUTHORITY
https://ria.wa.gov.au/policy-and-reports/sustainability/Social-sustainability/the-quod

Rottnest Island Aboriginal Prison

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The Quod:

The formidable Quod building is perhaps the most recognisable symbol of the Island's prison era history. 'Quod' is an English slang term, originating in the eighteenth century, meaning a prison.
The Quod was erected between 1863 and 1864. It was the main prison building on the Island during the penal era. Like much of the colonial infrastructure on the Island, both prisons were constructed by the forced labour of Aboriginal prisoners.

The design of the Quod closely resembles that of the Round House in Fremantle (the first prison built for the Swan River Settlement). It is an octagonal shaped building with all the rooms facing a central yard containing a well. The cells were situated on the western side, with the warden's rooms, Superintendent's office and only gateway on the eastern side.

https://www.oric.gov.au/publications/spotlight/waking-wadjemup

The building was designed to hold a maximum of 106 prisoners, but at its peak in 1883 held almost 170 Aboriginal men. Conditions were poor, with four to five men sharing one small cell. The men slept on the dirt floor, with only a thin blanket to keep them warm. The cells were not heated and were poorly ventilated. Disease spread easily and claimed the lives of many of the prisoners.

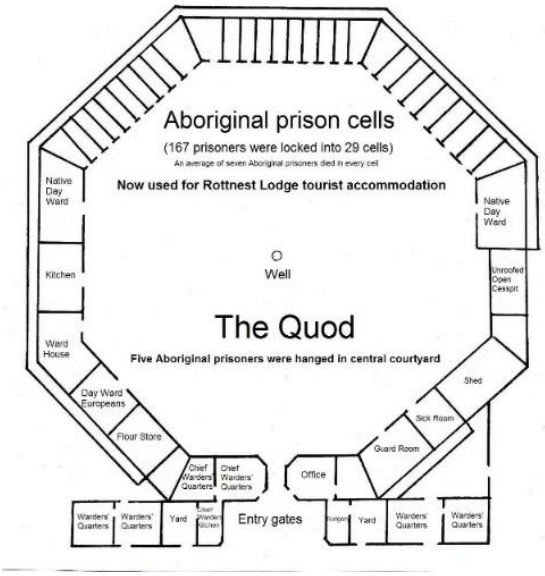

Image of the Quod from Waking up to Wadjemup

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Blechynden, George (half-caste), 30, 38, 122

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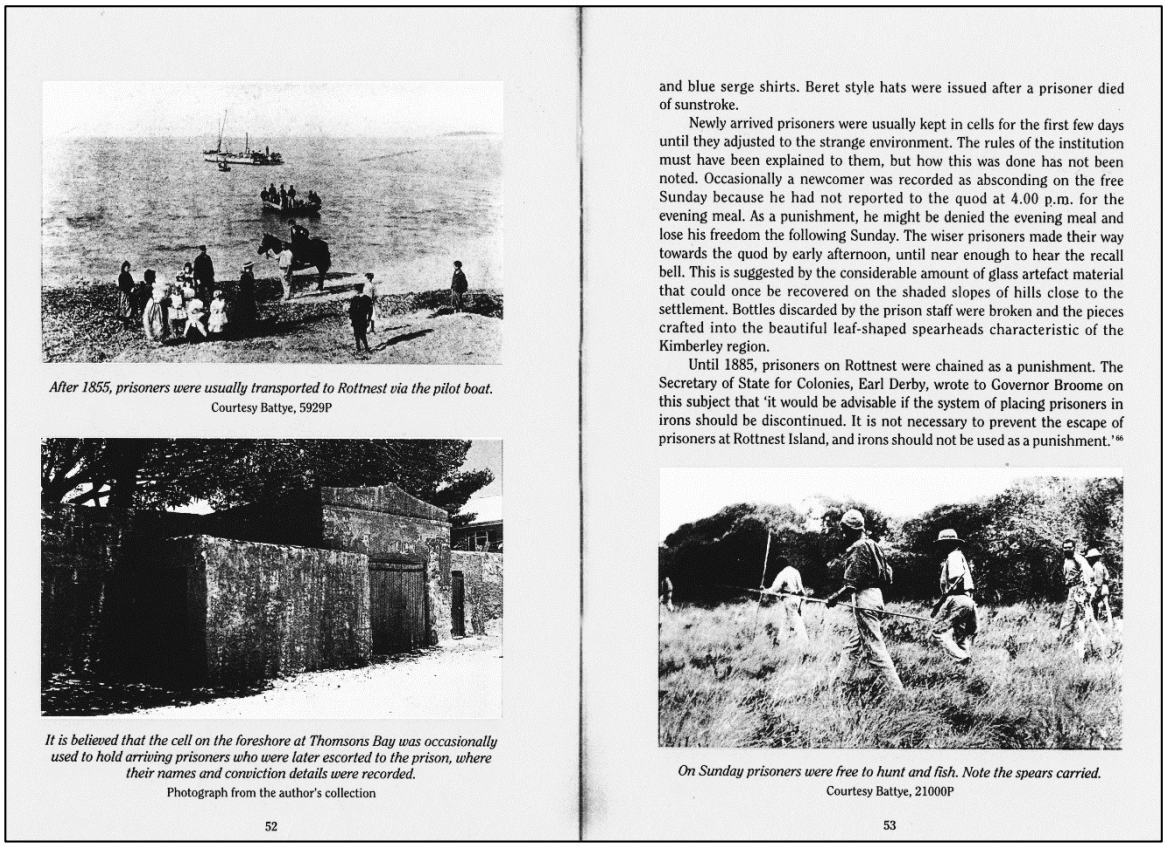

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It is believed that the cell on the foreshore at Thomsons Bay was occasionally used to hold arriving prisoners who were later escorted to the prison, where their names and conviction details were recorded.
Photograph from the author's collection

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and blue serge shirts. Beret style hats were issued after a prisoner died of sunstroke.

Newly arrived prisoners were usually kept in cells for the first few days until they adjusted to the strange environment. The rules of the institution must have been explained to them, but how this was done has not been noted. Occasionally a newcomer was recorded as absconding on the free Sunday because he had not reported to the quod at 4.00 p.m. for the evening meal. As a punishment, he might be denied the evening meal and lose his freedom the following Sunday. The wiser prisoners made their way towards the quod by early afternoon, until near enough to hear the recall bell. This is suggested by the considerable amount of glass artefact material that could once be recovered on the shaded slopes of hills close to the settlement. Bottles discarded by the prison staff were broken and the pieces crafted into the beautiful leaf-shaped spearheads characteristic of the Kimberley region.

Until 1885, prisoners on Rottnest were chained as a punishment. The Secretary of State for Colonies, Earl Derby, wrote to Governor Broome on this subject that 'it would be advisable if the system of placing prisoners in irons should be discontinued. It is not necessary to prevent the escape of prisoners at Rottnest Island, and irons should not be used as a punishment.'[66]

On Sunday prisoners were free to hunt and fish. Note the spears carried.
Courtesy Battye, 21000P

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West Australian **(Perth, WA: 1879 - 1954), Sat 28 Feb 1885, pg 6**
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BUNBURY NOTES.

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Bunbury Herald (WA: 1892 - 1919), Tue 26 May 1896, pg 3
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Local and General.

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Southern Times (Bunbury, WA: 1888 - 1916), Tue 16 Jun 1896, pg 3
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Southern Times (Bunbury, WA: 1888 - 1916), Sat 30 Dec 1899, pg 6 http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article157554796

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Bunbury Herald (WA: 1892 - 1919), Thu 28 Dec 1899, pg 3
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Evening Star (Boulder, WA: 1898 - 1921), Sat 30 Dec 1899, pg 3
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To the Bench: He was of opinion that the river was deep enough there to have drowned "Cocker." It was evidently the intention of the accused to push "Cocker" right into the river. He reported the matter to the police.

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Bunbury Herald (WA: 1892 - 1919), Tue 24 Jan 1899, pg 3
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South Western Times (Bunbury, WA: 1932 - 1954), Wed 26 Apr 1933, pg 1
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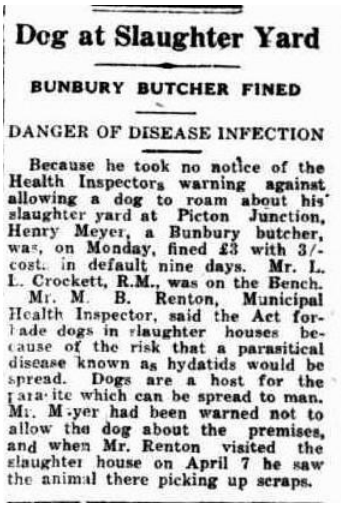
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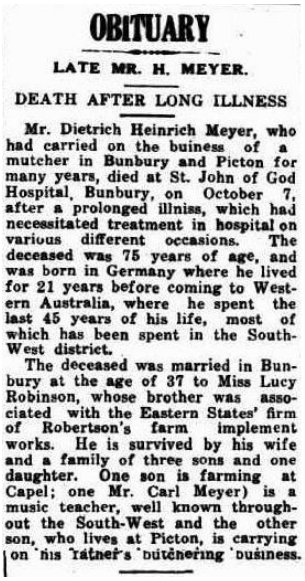
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The following article from *Trove* has mention of George Whitey Brown and the death of his Aboriginal mother.

South Western Times (Bunbury, WA: 1932 - 1954), Thu 4 Aug 1949, pg 15
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This week I had the opportunity of visiting a neatly kept wooden bungalow type house at the corner of Stockley Road and Karri Street. By the spick and span appearance of the freshly painted home, and the ordered tidiness of the grounds, one would expect to find a house-proud newly-wed in charge. But no, bustling about the spotless kitchen when I entered was 82-year-old Mrs. Alice Freeman. Though not a newly-wed she still has reason to be proud of her home for, within its walls are stored a host of memories . . . . . memories that have been accumulated over a period of 58 years.

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"Mrs. Freeman's eyes twinkled, as she re-lived those adventurous years of early Bunbury. "The people today don't know they're alive, they have life so easy", she philosophied. "My husband, who worked on the jetty, used to walk to work from here, and the pay in those days was 6/- per day. We raised a family of eight children, four daughters and four sons, on that wage. Of course, there was no electric light and the boys used to earn a little extra by lighting the street gas lamps each night at dusk and going round and putting them out at ten. Many is the time that I have taken the children and a sack and gone collecting wood in the bush nearby. "Mrs. Freeman thinks that many of the youngsters of today have been given so much so easily that they do not appreciate how fortunate they were. School was not compulsory when Mrs. Freeman was a girl, and yet she looks back on that period when she did attend school as one of the happiest times of her life. The first paid servant at the Prince of Wales Hotel when it was bought by Mr Jack Hands Snr and changed to that name from the London Tavern, Mrs. Freeman used to receive 1 pound per month for wages. She was allowed out one night a week from 7 until 9, and had every second Sunday afternoon off. Her work not only entailed the usual domestic chores but also carrying buckets of hot water upstairs for the guests and polishing their boots. "For all that, they

were good times," concluded this lively old pioneer. "We may not have had the parties and the pictures and dances that young people have today, but even so, we made our fun. We found just as much happiness in going for a picnic as the youngsters today in their modern pleasures. Yes, they may have been hard times, but they were also happy times."

State Library of askalibrarian@ref-mail.slwa.wa.gov.au
Looking to check further into the location of the 'Native Reserve" in Bunbury WA which is indicated in the article and where George Blechynden junior's mother may have been buried, a query was sent to: A*sk a Librarian a Question* at the State Library of WA.
The following inserts are quoted from the very extensive reply:
My understanding of your enquiry is that you would like to determine where the "Native Reserve" in Bunbury was that is referenced in the articles you have attached. Based on the information provided in the articles, it appears to be close to the corner of Karri Street and Stockley Road, where Alice Freeman moved to in the 1890's. Assuming that the location of the streets have not changed since then, this is not far from central Bunbury. . . Whether it was a nature reserve, government run reserve or camping ground may determine where or what records exist pertaining to it. . .

This map: Bunbury Sheet 17 [Tally No. 503892]. - State Records Office of WA (sro.wa.gov.au)
shows a corner of Karri Street and Stockley Road in the same location they are today in I think what appears to be the 1960s. Using this, I was able to confirm the historical placement of the streets appears the same as far back as this map. . .

Based on this, there are currently two reserves that survive incredibly close to this location. The large is the Big Swamp Parkland, which according to the Friends of Big Swamp Inc. was a hunting ground prior to colonisation. Big Swamp - Friends of Big Swamp*. The smaller one is Irwin Reserve, however I have been able to find very little information about this. . .*

Aboriginal History Research Services Aboriginal History Research Services | DLGSC *as this pertains to family history. They have an extensive amount of records, information and expertise that I cannot access and do not have and so may prove more helpful in your search, especially regarding reserve records and death records for George. Applications for their assistance can be found at* Family history | DLGSC

You may also like to look to local history groups such as the Bunbury Historical Society *or the Bunbury Museum Heritage Centre.*

Via Di Black:
Some time ago I did try to get in touch with the Aboriginal History Research Centre but as was not of Aboriginal descent found it difficult to complete the general research application form. Perhaps other researchers may wish to try. The Librarian went to a lot of trouble with limited time following up my queries and referred to previous queries looking for information on George Whitey Brown and his Aboriginal mother and Jane Ngilgie. Perhaps with time spent in Bunbury researching the archives in a number of areas, more may come to light.

Reminiscences of Mrs Mary Venables (nee Piggott), Harvey District, Mar 19, 2017
https://www.harveyhistoryonline.com/?p=3328
[Mary Venables née Piggott (1883-1970) was the grand-daughter of James Piggott and Joanna Simmons, who were among the early arrivals at Australind, landing in the colony in 1844.
James Piggott had three sons. Joe Piggott was born at Australind in Didginup Cottage, as was his [Joe's] daughter, Mary.
The aborigines used to camp at our swamp and Hampden's. . .

Out from Hampden's there was a little place called Quealup [native burial ground] where there were supposed to be some aborigines buried – one was buried around Cramptons. . .
My cousin Jim Clarke took my sister Annie (Mrs. Chas. Woodley) to Bunbury for the show, and there was a big notice up ***"Come and see wild niggers." On them going inside, in a cage was a nigger eating at a big bone. It was Whitie Brown George who used to camp out at the coast*****. [59].**
It is thought that George Blechynden (then known as) spent his last years living in a small hut on the property of James Piggott. We cannot find a record of his death or where he was buried. Perhaps he was buried there. Many enquiries have been proven unsuccessful.

A phone call to Pat Rogers, a descendant of Ben Piggott, still living at Springhill. She has all Ben Piggott's diaries. She says there is no mention of George Blechynden in the diaries. He is not recorded in the diaries as being buried at Springhill.

Pat Rogers mentioned that it has been passed down from Ben Piggott to his son and family through the years that he was well respected and a good worker. He had a little shanty on the property with a little garden.

Following are a number of articles giving some indication of the history of the Piggott family and Springhill Station.

AUSTRALIND PLACES: shire-of-harvey-municipal-heritage-inventory-p-(2)

Parkfield Homestead, 83 Springhill Road, Parkfield

"Parkfield" was named for the ship of the same name which arrived in Western Australia in 1841 with the first group of land purchasers and emigrant workers. Earlier, in 1831, William Hudson was granted 2560 acres on the north side of Leschenault Inlet. The grant was resumed in 1841, sold to William Knight who installed tenants Benjamin Piggott and Ephraim Clarke and their families on the property who developed the property. In 1855, the farm was leased to Robert Henry Rose who further developed the property. He married Ann Bishop Allnutt in 1857. In 1861, Robert Rose secured ownership of Parkfield and built a home from on-site limestone and jarrah. It was a shingle roofed dwelling that included a cellar.

Springhill Homestead and Cemetery, 98 Springhill Road, Parkfield, p. 152

HISTORICAL Benjamin Piggott firstly acquired by purchase land, of a Land Order in England, prior to his departure. Benjamin and Sarah Piggott arrived aboard the 'Trusty' in May 1844 with one child and brother James Piggott. On his arrival at Leschenault, aboard the Trusty on 23rd May 1844, he was allotted No 18 Victoria Road, Australind.
The Piggotts were tenants on 'Parkfield' for ten years where they established a farm and had five more children. *After finding that his allotted Land Order of No 18 Victoria Road unfavourable, he with fellow Buckinghamshire gentleman Ephraim Clarke entered into a partnership on Wellington Location 14 belonging to William Knight as tenants and built the first homestead there out of the virgin bush. This was to be named Parkfield after the boat that had brought Ephraim Clarke and his family to Australind in 1842.*
All of Benjamin and Sarah Piggott's children were born at Parkfield except for their first-born Sarah. *Mr Rose had secured ownership of Parkfield in 1861 from William Knight, so, thus prior to this time, Benjamin had decided that he was going to purchase land north of Parkfield which he did in 1860 which was Wellington Location 17. A Memorial Registered of an Indenture of Conveyance made the twenty seventh day of February one thousand eight hundred and sixty to Benjamin Piggott of Australind, of six hundred and forty acres. Sometime after the purchase, Benjamin Piggott built a temporary building to house his family, running East to West approximately 40-50 feet long. Remnants of floor was found in 1980 with some pieces of wood coming to the surface. Later when house was built, there was a corridor running from house to temporary house. On the 5th of Dec 1862 agreed with Local builder Mr Ward with the help of convict labour, built a two-storey limestone*

house, walls 46 feet in length and 28 feet wide. During the next week the men were burning lime-stone in the kiln and on the 12th Dec 1862 the house foundation was laid. All limestone for the homestead was excavated from the Springhill land which was in abundance. Also, the limestone from Springhill was used for the Foundation of both the Bunbury Hospital and the Congregational Church in Bunbury. A limestone well that was used for water for household purposes, flowed from a permanent spring, is still standing, but is no longer in use, due to the market gardens that have been established to the east of it. It was dug from pure solid limestone. Over the years he added considerably to his holdings. He was a successful farmer and produced wheat, barley, horses for the Indian Army, cattle, potatoes, mulberry wine for the Melbourne market, fruit, butter, cheese, eggs and poultry. Piggott employed a number of convicts, recorded written contracts with them and built timber cottages for married couples. He once took in an orphaned boy aged nine, son of William Goodall who was accidentally killed, and indentured him as a servant for seven years.
Benjamin Piggott died in 1892. Sarah lived on for another fifteen years. Both are buried in Springhill cemetery which was consecrated in 1882 and continues to be used for the Piggott family.
The house has been added to and altered in recent years. Descendants of Benjamin Piggott still own the property. Springhill Private Cemetery was consecrated on the 2nd September 1882 by Bishop. Those of whom are known to have been buried in Springhill Private Cemetery is as follows (note H.S denotes Headstone): Benjamin Piggott Died 1892 H.S and his wife Sarah Died 1907, H.S Charlotte Piggott Died 1912, H.S.

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Charlotte Piggott born 1845, Mary Caroline Piggott born 1847, Thomas Adrian born 1849, Elizabeth Piggott born 1852, Benjamin Piggott born 1853.

SPRINGHILL STATION
http://inherit.stateheritage.wa.gov.au/Public/Inventory/PrintSingleRecord/e8340027-ca45-483f-834e-6b67a91b95d4History

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Springhill Homestead, Australind

Springhill Homestead, Australind, 1987

Shed on the Springhill Homestead, Australind, 1987

Old shed and farm machinery on the Springhill Homestead, Australind, 1987

A *stone cottage, built ca. 1880 for workmen on the Springhill Homestead, Australind, 1987

Sheds on the Springhill Homestead, Australind, 1987

Perhaps the *stone cottage was where George Blechynden was living.

The next article is just for interest: This obituary shows there is a Piggott / Blechynden connection: Iris Myrtle Piggott (1911-2004) married **Noel Norman Blechynden (1905-1970),** 1930, Wellington, WA [Reg. 37].

Noel Norman Blechynden (1905-1970), parents Alfred William Blechynden (1905-1970) and Mary Ellen Bovell (1872-1946). To see more details of Iris Piggott's family details, go to John and Elizabeth – Alfred – Noel.

Preston Mail & District Advocate (Collie, WA: 1932 - 1954), Sat 7 Jan 1939, pg 6 07 Jan 1939 - OBITUARY (nla.gov.au)

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Note: I can't find a Mrs. H Blechynden, mentioned in the article. From the family records it is obvious it should be Mrs N Blechynden. Iris Myrtle Piggott (1911-2004) married Noel Norman Blechynden (1905-1970). Her parents: Frederick Charles Piggott (1884-1971) and Elizabeth Gertrude Piggott (nee Rossiter) (1886-1938). Her sisters: Mavis O Piggott married Francis R Evans, 1936, Wellington, WA [Reg. 66] and Gladys May Piggott who married John Atherton, 1930, Wellington, WA [Reg. 118].

It is also possible George Blechynden, cousin George's son, may have been buried outside the boundaries of the old Australind Cemetery. His father had died and if he had no contact with the Blechynden family, spending the last part of his life on Springhill, he may have been buried there.
Via Fran Tempest:
I saw your post re the burial place of Whitey and don't know if this of any help or not. My Mother was a Clifton so we heard a lot about Australind history. She told me that there were some Aboriginal graves outside the boundary of the old Australind Cemetery. They are apparently unmarked but were some of the farm workers. They were buried there in respect to the relationships the settlers formed with them but not allowed inside the grounds. If you go down there you can see the graves. They are just outside the fence on the side away from the houses. To the right as you go into the actual cemetery beyond the new section. Hope that might help.

Aerial view of the Australind Pioneer Cemetery.

The following comments by Dianne Black:

I feel very sad that the Blechynden family has little knowledge of cousin George's son, George Blechynden. Unfortunately, we don't know the name of his Aboriginal mother, the date of his birth or his death and where he was buried. Being brought up and living between the two worlds of European whites and the Aborigines during the early years of the new colony must have been very difficult.

Doug Feutrill commented:

"Poor bloke had a hard history of not being liked by either the whites or the blacks and not being able to handle the effect of alcohol. He ended up being a remittance or rations man and gardener at Springhill so he at least may have had some comfort in his later years."

The mention by Pat Rogers that it has been passed down from Ben Piggott to his son and family through the years that he was well respected and a good worker. He had a little shanty on the property with a little garden, makes me think that he had mellowed in his last years.

Comment by Dianne Black: I would like to say to George Blechynden junior*:*

Times were hard. I am sorry that you had such a difficult life, living between both worlds in the early days of this young colony.

Source: Not Forgotten - Creative Spirits, retrieved from
https://www.creativespirits.info/aboriginalculture/arts/poems/not-forgotten

"Mickey wrote this poem inspired by Remembrance Day (which is observed on Nov 11)."

I came across this poem following which is more about George's Mother's Aboriginal side of the family:

Poem by Michele "Mickey" Hetherington, NSW

"Don't look for me, I am not gone,
I'm always standing by.
Don't think that others changed us,
And please don't say goodbye.

What's ours could not be stolen,
For in our hearts we hold,
The history of our people,
The truth that will unfold.

This land a part of who we are,
No stranger they can own.
Standing side by side,
We shall never be alone.

Nothing's lost forever,
History will be told
Lest we shall forget,
Our Elders that grow old."

BLACKWORDS: Writers on Identity
https://www.austlit.edu.au/static/new/files/text/pdf/4672912198046977897-Writers-on-Identity.pdf

McGee-Sippel's Poem:
'Belonging Where?':
Too black to be white.
Too white to be black.
Caught in the middle
Belonging nowhere.

Yamitji poet Charmaine Papertalk Green questions her sense of belonging in the poem **'Identity':**

Where do I belong?
Do I float Between two worlds? …
I know where I belong But society Is trying to place me
Who Am I?

PART 5 – New Zealand Cousins

BLECHYNDEN, JOHN (1846-1924)

John Blechynden was born on 3 Jun 1846 in Thorneyburn, Northumberland, England, the sixth child of Edward Blechynden (1805-1864) and Elizabeth Anderson (1812-1886).

He became an engineer and travelled the world living in China before eventually moving to New Zealand. He was married twice, his first wife dying in Shanghai.
He has many descendants living in New Zealand.

John William Blechynden (1861-1931), grandson of Harrison Blechynden (1802-1873), must have been excited and amazed when he received an unexpected letter from his first cousin, also named John Blechynden, who was living in Shanghai. John Blechynden born in 1771, was their common grandfather.

This is his story.

SIXTH CHILD OF EDWARD BLECHYNDEN (1805-1864) and ELIZABETH ANDERSON (1812-1886).

John William Blechynden, living in Bridgetown, must have been excited and amazed when he received an unexpected letter dated 14 Sep 1901, from his first cousin, also named John Blechynden, who was living in Shanghai, China. Cousin John was a son of Edward Blechynden. The John Blechynden, born in 1771, was their common grandfather.

Cousin John wrote '*It was only by accident that I found out that there was another John Blechynden in the land of the living. A gentleman Mr. M Davies who was in Shanghai a short time ago from Karridale W.A. was introduced to me and when he heard my name said at once that you must have some relatives in W.A. and gave me your address and said he had known you for many years.'*

The letter contained a lot of news about the family from England. '*I was in the old country last year after an absence of 22 years (had to take a change on account of health). I spent some time in Kent. Uncle John is well and hearty and is now over 80 years of age, he is living with my two cousins Frederick and Chas Blechynden who are farming the Norward Farm in the Romney Marsh. I have just sent him a few boxes of cigars."*

LETTER FROM JOHN BLECHYNDEN OF SHANGHAI TO JOHN WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN OF BRIDGETOWN, 14 SEP 1901

3 KUNGPING ROAD
SHANGHAI
CHINA 14/9/1901
My Dear Cousin,

I have no hesitation whatever in addressing you as above as Blechynden is by no means a common name and knowing that I had either one or two uncles who went to Australia in the early times I take it for granted that you are probably the son of Uncle George (actually Uncle Harrison). *It was only by accident that I found out that there was another John Blechynden in the land of the living. A gentleman Mr. M Davies who was in Shanghai a short time ago from Karridale W.A. was introduced to me and when he heard my name said at once that you must have some relatives in W.A. and gave me your address and said he had known you for many years.*

Mr Davies is now in Japan and on his return, he will stay with us for a few days.

(Myself) I am the son of Edward Blechynden who left Kent and went to the north of England, Northumberland, about 1830 or thereabouts, he married there. My father died 37 years ago at Mooler, Northumberland and my mother 13 years ago at Newcastle on Tyne. Our family was seven in number as follows: Elizabeth, Ann, Mary, George, Edward, John (myself) and Alfred. There are only three living now, Elizabeth now Mrs Inglis who is residing in Auckland NZ, Ann who is living in Newcastle on Tyne and of course myself.

I was in the in the old country last year after an absence of 22 years (had to take a change on account of health). I spent some time in Kent. Uncle John is well and hearty and is now over 80 years of age, he is living with my two cousins Frederick and Chas Blechynden who are farming the Norward Farm in the Romney Marsh. I have just sent him a few boxes of cigars. Uncle Jones who had a seed warehouse in Ashford and Uncle Alfred who was living at Bilsington when I left home 22 years ago are both dead. Alfred was unmarried and Jones had one daughter Agnes who died some 12 years since.

I was born in 1846 at Falstone Northumberland and along with my brother Alfred served our apprenticeship as engineers in Newcastle on Tyne. I left Newcastle first in 1867 and went to Egypt for about three years, then was in Russia for a

short time, also at sea as engineer until 1873 when I went to Japan, was there until end of 1878 then went home, married (my first wife) and went out to New Zealand, 'Auckland Province' early in 1879, took a few thousand pounds with me, was running a saw mill, shipbuilding, farming etc and after a run of bad luck, lost practically all I had and left there in 1886 and returned to Japan, my wife with our three children, Alfred, Norah and Isabel, following me up a few months later. I intended proceeding to Victoria, British Colombia, but could not get my affairs in Japan settled up, so my wife with the children sailed for Victoria in the end of 1887. She had only been in Vic a few months when she took suddenly ill and died after a very short illness. I then thought it best to stay in Japan and had the children brought over to Kobe where I was then living (I was managing a large paper mill). I married again over 18 years ago and have four children by the second wife, Kathleen, Edith, Edgar and Edward. We have now been in Shanghai over eight years and have been managing a dry dock engineering and shipbuilding works, but have now started on my own account again, have made a little money, but not enough to retire on. All going well in 3 or 4 years' time I should be in a position to retire, will go back to the colonies, no more old country for me. I was about 5 months at home last year and can safely say that out of the whole time there was only 5 weeks that was what one would call decent weather.

There are quite a lot of Blechynden nephews and nieces about N.C on Tyne. My brother George had five sons three of them married with families. My brother Alf who died about 4 years ago was engineering manager at ....row, had two sons and one daughter. One of the boys is dead but the eldest now about 19 years of age and his younger sister are now in Edinburgh with their mother who was left in comfortable circumstances. I stayed with them about 9 weeks last year. I shall be delighted to receive an answer to this letter and to know how things are using you in the sunny south. With my kindest regards to you and yours.

I am my dear Cousin,

Yours Truly,

John Blechynden

LETTER FROM JOHN WILLIAM BLECHYNDEN TO HIS COUSIN JOHN BLECHYNDEN OF SHANGHAI 24 JAN 1902

My Dear Cousin,

Having already heard of you through the Davis family, I was not surprised at receiving your letter, which came to hand on 14th Jan. I was exceedingly glad to hear that one member of the family was doing well, not that I can growl myself, as I manage to make a comfortable living.

Before going into the matter, I shall set you right as to my pedigree. About 1829 or 1830 my grandfather Harrison Blechynden and his first cousin George Blechynden came to this country from Kent with a Mr Brockman, my grandfather being engaged as a foreman for Mr Brockman on a farm. George was a wheelwright and carpenter. After their arrival my grandfather (Harrison Blechynden) married a shipmate called Charlotte Robus by whom he had 7 sons and 2 daughters, namely John (my father), Henry, Sarah, Walter, Annie, Harrison, Edwin, Jesse and Joseph, all of whom married and had large families, my father being the only one who is not still alive, he having died in Beverley, where they were all born, in 1900 at the age of 67. (See note below regarding where they were born).

My grandfather died in 1873 and my grandmother in 1889, while my own mother died in 1891. George Blechynden, my Grandfather's cousin, remained a bachelor and died in Bridgetown about 12 years ago (1890) aged 84 years. All of my uncles except Walter live near Beverley, which is easily reached from here by train in one

day. My uncle Walter lives about 30 miles south of Bridgetown and also has some property 10 miles from here where his son Ben lives.

I have 8 brothers and 2 sisters living, i.e. the eldest myself, John (41), George, Edwin, James, Arthur, Alfred, Ernest, Herbert, Amy, Clarence, May (21). Two girls died when they were very young.

It would be impossible for me to give you a list of the children, of my Uncles and Aunts, but there must be about a hundred of the younger generation of Blechyndens in W.A. as you will see there is no fear of the family becoming extinct for the present. Although I myself am still a Bachelor, three of my younger brothers are married, with a family of 4 each so far, I am still living in the same house 'Bridgedale', in which we were all born, and I hope to live there for many years yet.

My two sisters and 2 younger brothers live with me, the latter assisting me with my business i.e., General dealing (stock particularly), butchering and Auctioneering. Another brother, Ernest, manages a farm & station for me 'Greenfield' 20 miles north west of Bridgetown.

Till the opening of the Railway (3 years ago), I also conducted a carrying business, conveying goods between Bridgetown and Donnybrook in 3 large wagons. With the carrying and dealing I did very well, as the carrying kept me in touch with all classes of the community. My three brothers and I managed the business.

Previous to starting on my own account, I commenced at the age of 19 years, as a foreman on the 'Jayes' sheep station where I remained for 2 years, then I managed the Grange Orchards for 4 years and left there for Karridale for M. C. Davis, this being my first acquaintance with the Davis family. I remained there for about 6 years until my mother died, when I returned here and took over my father's estate and started the carrying and other businesses.

Of my married brothers, George, is farming at Dinninup, Arthur is keeping a store in Bridgetown, Alfred is a Govt Mail Contractor. Of the others, James is farming at Dinninup and Edwin works for a Mr Hassell on a farm near Albany. As I said, the younger ones work for me.

None of us are making a fortune, but we are all in fairly comfortable circumstances, being neither rich nor poor. I should very much like to go over to see you, but I cannot afford to lose the time from my business at the present.

If you can manage to take a trip over here we shall all be pleased to see you and guarantee to give you a good time and introduce you to many pleasant people.

I remain,

Yours Faithfully, *John William Blechynden*

NOTE: John and Sarah were actually born in Perth. Sarah was the second born, not Henry. Annie was third then Henry, a Jesse William who died at 20 months, Walter, Charles, Thomas, Jesse and Joseph.

The next section is a brief history as to how John William Blechynden and John Blechynden from Shanghai were related. This can be found in more detail Blechypedia, Part 1 - An Ancient Kentish Family.

EDWARD BLECHYNDEN (1736-1788) married ANN VINSET (1738-1793) on 12 Dec 1758 in Aldington, Kent, England. They had ten children as follows: 1. DANIEL, 2. ELIZABETH, 3. ANN (died as a baby), 4.

GEORGE (died as a baby), 5. MARY, 6. CATHERINE, 7. JOHN (see below), 8. GEORGE (see below), 9. SARAH, 10. ANN VINCENT. Ann and George died young and the same name was given to a later child. With regard to 7. John and 8. George:
7. BLECHYNDEN, JOHN (1771-1834) was born in Place Bilsington, Kent, England. He married SARAH HARRISON (~1776-1866) in 1805. Their son Harrison Blechynden emigrated to the Swan River Colony in 1830.
8. BLECHYNDEN, GEORGE (1772-1850) married MARY JONES (1779-1856) and had at least eight children:
1. EDWARD (see below), 2. GEORGE (see below and "COUSIN" GEORGE in the Australian section), 3. JOHN, 4. PHILPOTT, 5. JONES, 6. VINCENT, 7 ANNE, 8 ALFRED. They all, and more importantly to this Project, Edward and George, were cousins of Harrison Blechynden.

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1. BLECHYNDEN, EDWARD (1805-1864). More following on cousin, Edward in this chapter.

2. BLECHYNDEN, GEORGE (1806-1889) was born in 1806, Kent, England. ***"George, the son of George and Mary Jones emigrated to Australia with his cousin Harrison, arriving there in 1830.*** George Blechynden died 11 Feb 1889, Bridgetown, WA. On 19 Jul 1864, some 34 years after George's arrival in Australia, George's son, also named George, born 1833, Perth WA, married an aboriginal girl, Jane Nilgie (or Nyilgee), born 1844, 1864, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Busselton, W.A.

See George's section located prior to this section for more details.

Continuing with Edward Blechynden's line, father of John Blechynden the writer of the letter from Shanghai:

1. BLECHYNDEN, EDWARD (1805-1864) was baptised 3 Aug 1805, Bilsington, Kent, England. He married **ELIZABETH ANDERSON (1812-1886)**, on 8 Mar 1832 at Northampton Tweed Church, Northam, Northumberland, England. Edward and Elizabeth had seven children as follows: 1. ELIZABETH (1833-1919), 2. ANN (1836-1914), 3. MARY (1837-), 4. GEORGE, 5. EDWARD, 6. JOHN, and 7. ALFRED.

6. BLECHYNDEN, JOHN (1846-1924) Engineer, was born 3 Jun 1846, Thorneyburn, Northumberland, England. Baptised 18 Aug 1846, Falstone, Northumberland, England.

John Blechynden (1846-1924)

m.1 JOHN BLECHYNDEN (1846-1924) married **ISABELLA LINDSAY (1845-1888)** 12 Feb 1879, Falstone, Newcastle On Tyne, Northumberland, England. Isabella was born in July 1845 in Tweedmouth, Northumberland.

Isobella Blechynden (nee Lindsay) (1845-1888),
via Carringtons NZ Family Tree, Ancestry

JOHN BLECHYNDEN and **ISABELLA LINDSAY** had three children:

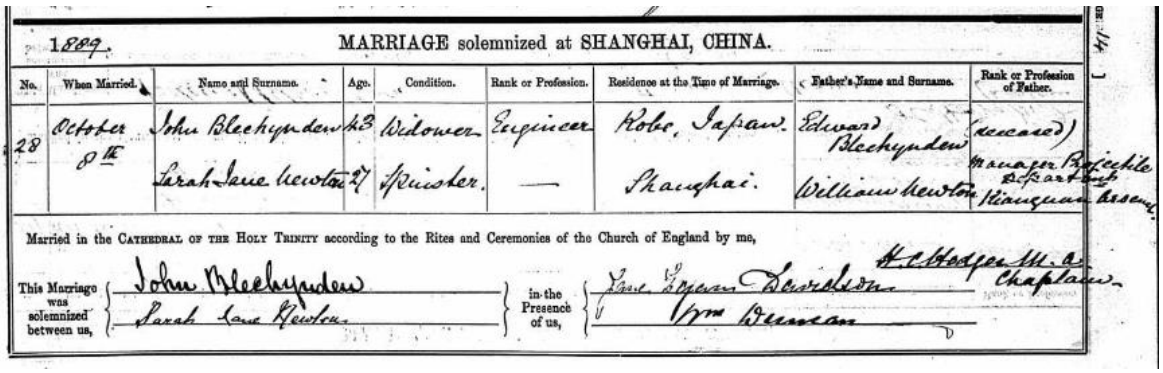
1. ALFRED LINDSAY BLECHYNDEN (1880-1939), 2. NORAH BLECHYNDEN (1882-1947) and **3. ISABEL ELIZABETH BLECHYNDEN (1884-1978)**. The children were all born in Coromandel, NZ.

John Blechynden travelled all over the world with his career and business's. Places mentioned: England, Australia, NZ, Canada, Japan and China. Isobella Blechynden (nee Lindsay) died on 15 Jul 1888, in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, at the age of 43 and was buried there.

His daughter Isabel Moller wrote: *"In 1888, (my mother) Isabella took Alfred, Norah and myself to Vancouver; they had decided to settle in Vancouver. However, we were only there for a short while, awaiting the arrival of my father, when my mother died suddenly, and we were sent back by ship to Kobe. We had a faithful Japanese nurse and she looked after us, Fu San"*

More about her father John Blechynden and the family can be read in Isabel's recollections, a bit further on. When her mother died, Alfred was eight, Norah, six and Isabel, four.

m.2 JOHN BLECHYNDEN (1846-1924) married **SARAH JANE NEWTON (1862-1957)** on 28 Oct 1889 Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, China. Residence at time of marriage, Kobe Japan.



1889. MARRIAGE solemnized at SHANGHAI, CHINA.

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
28	October 8th	John Blechynden	43	Widower	Engineer	Kobe, Japan.	Edward Blechynden	(deceased)
		Sarah Jane Newton	27	Spinster.	—	Shanghai.	William Newton	Manager Bristol Department Kiangnan Arsenal

Married in the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England by me, H. L. Hodges M.A. Chaplain.

This Marriage was solemnized between us, John Blechynden, Sarah Jane Newton. in the Presence of us, Jane Logan Davidson, Wm Wenman.

Copy of marriage certificate of John Blechynden and Sarah Jane Newton.
Via Carringtons NZ Family Tree, Ancestry.

SARAH JANE was baptised on 17 Oct 1862, Asuncion, Central Paraguay, South America. She and John went on to have seven children:

1. KATHLEEN BLECHYNDEN (1891-1968) born in Kobe, Japan
2. EDITH BLECHYNDEN (1893-1978) born in Kobe, Hyogo, Japan
3. EDGAR BLECHYNDEN (1895-1902) born in Shanghai, China
4. DOROTHY BLECHYNDEN (1896-1897) born in Nelson, NZ
5. JOHN NEWTON BLECHYNDEN (1903-1992) born in Shanghai China
6. EILEEN BLECHYNDEN (1905-1995) twin, born in Soochow, China
7. HAROLD BLECHYNDEN (1905-1968) twin, born in Soochow, China

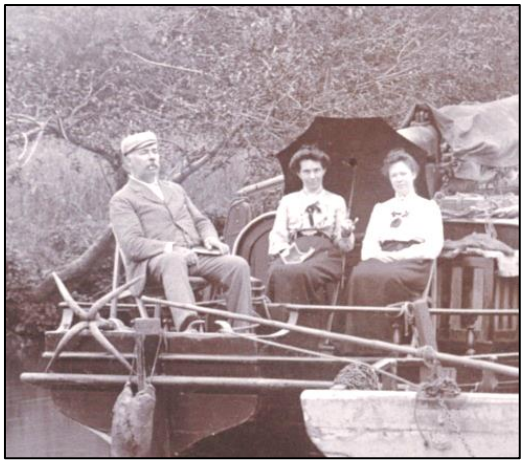
John Blechynden, of Nelson, NZ. Via 'Bridgedale' collection

Photo of the dock which John Blechynden was building in Shanghai. Courtesy Ken and Angela Blechynden.

Shanghai: John's children, Kathleen, Edgar and Edith Blechynden can be seen on the bridge

Kathleen, Edgar, and Edith Blechynden

Shanghai: John Blechynden, second wife Jane Newton and Amy Blechynden visiting from Australia.



Shanghai: John Blechynden, second wife Jane Newton and Amy Blechynden visiting from Australia.

John Blechynden died 8 Jan 1924, Nelson, NZ. Burial 9 Jan 1924, Nelson, NZ. Sarah Jane Blechynden (nee Newton) died 2 Feb 1957, Nelson, NZ.

Burial: 9 Jan 1924, Nelson, NZ, Wakapuaka Plot 052.Block 29.

Headstone of John Blechynden and his second wife, Sarah Jane Newton. Courtesy Carrington's NZ, Ancestry Family Tree.

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Via Carrington's NZ, Ancestry Family Tree. Courtesy Trish Cracknell.

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The death occurred yesterday, at Nelson, after a prolonged illness, of Mr John Blechynden, in his 78th year. The late Mr Blechynden, who was a marine engineer by profession, formerly resided in Shanghai, where he was manager of the Yang Pi Ho Docks for a number of years. He then came to Nelson, where he purchased the Roundell station, in the Lake district. A widow and a grown-up family survive. The daughters are Mrs Miller, of Shanghai; Mrs Craven, of Sydney; Mrs J. Coote, Mrs H. W. Dodson, and Miss Blechynden, of Nelson; and the sons are Alfred and Edward, of China, and John and Harold, of Nelson.

Following is an article written by John Newton Blechynden of Nelson, NZ about his father John Blechynden. John Newton is the father of Barbara, Jill, Sidney and Elizabeth.

THE NEW ZEALAND BLECHYNDENS

John Blechynden (1846-1924) is Jill Blechynden of New Zealand's grandfather through his second wife (Jill's grandmother) Sarah Jane Newton.

THE NEW ZEALAND BLECHYNDENS AND THEIR UK RELATIVES

	ALFRED LINDSAY 4/09/1880 - / /1938 (UK) married LOUISE MARIE	LINDSAY born 1909 married Claire ALFRED born 1910 died 1966 UK married Seosina JOHN 1914 - 1992 (UK) married Ann Davis	2 children 1 child (Dr John -UK) 2 children
JOHN BLECHYNDEN 1846 - 8/1/1924 First Marriage 12/02/1879 ISABELLA LINDSAY died 1888	NORAH 20/07/1882 - married 1904 WILL CRAVEN	KILDARE born 1905 EWART born 1908 JOAN ISABEL born 1914	- 1 daughter -
	ISABEL 21/06/1884 - 1978 married ERIC MOLLER who died in an air crash London	ERIC BLECHYNDEN MOLLER RALPH B. MOLLER LINDSAY B. MOLLER CHRISTOPHER B. MOLLER ISABEL B. MOLLER NANCY B. MOLLER	- - - 4 daughters 2 children 4 children
	KATHLEEN BLECHYNDEN 1/8/1891 - 14/1/1968 Married 23/5/1917 HARRY REGINALD DODSON 20/2/1882 - 13/7/1945	KATHRYN DAVID ASHFORD	- 2 CHILDREN 2 CHILDREN
	EDITH BLECHYNDEN 2/4/1893 - 1/4/1978 Married 8/4/1915 JOHN CECIL COOTE	JOHN COOTE EDITH (HOLMES) PETER COOTE RICHARD COOTE	4 CHILDREN 1 CHILD 1 CHILD 4 CHILDREN
	EDGAR BLECHYNDEN born 1895 died when 7 years old		-
JOHN BLECHYNDEN Second Marriage JANE NEWTON	DOROTHY BLECHYNDEN Died 1 year old		
Married SHANGHAI China 1890	EDWARD BLECHYNDEN Married EVA CLOUSTON	JOYCE JULIA	3 children -
	JOHN NEWTON BLECHYNDEN 9/1/1903 - 7/5/1992 Born Shanghai China Married 15/3/1926 DORCAS FRANCIS DAVIS 28/1/1906 - 3/9/1985	-BARBARA -JILL (m1 Anderson, m2 Lash) -SYDNEY GERALDINE -ELIZABETH JANE	5 children 2 children - -
	HAROLD BLECHYNDEN (TWIN) 4/8/1905 - 4/3/1968 Married 1929? EMILA (MIMI) DUBROVOY 20/4/1904 - 14/6/1991	ALEX TUNDE (f) KENT NICHOLAS	- - - -
	EILEEN BLECHYNDEN (TWIN) 4/08/1905 - Married 4/2/1928 CARNE MACKY	GRETA DAVID JANET JOHN	- - - -

His story, and that of his family, can be read in the following article.

Recollections of John Blechynden, 1846-1924, by his daughter, Mrs Isabel Moller, of Montagu Square London, on 10 Feb 1969.

JOHN BLECHYNDEN

Born June 3, 1846 at Falstone, Diocese of Newcastle.

Baptised August 11, 1846, at Falstone, by Rector Thomas Foster.

Parents' names, Edward and Elizabeth.

Married, February 12, 1879, in Newcastle, to Isabella Lindsay (Rector Oliver Becherlegge).

He was all over the world after he had studied engineering with his brother Alfred with Vickers Armstrong (I think) at Barrow in Furness, on the Tyne.

As a young engineer in the Middle East, he even got to Mecca with another engineer and brought back a sacred scroll.

He went out to Japan on the first of two ships built for the Japanese Government by the shipbuilders on the Tyne; this was as a guarantee engineer; with him Mr Wilson, also a young Scottish engineer who later built the Kawasaki Dock in Nagasaki. They were supposed to stay for a year, but the war between the Emperor and the Shoguns broke out and they were not allowed to leave Japan, and were there for a few years, and returned to England in 1878, about that time.

Father then married Isabella Lindsay in Newcastle, February 12, 1879, and sailed for New Zealand where his sister Elizabeth was already there, married to John Inglis, who was farming, I think in Auckland. Father's father was a revenue officer in Falstone.

He went to Coromandel (New Zealand), bought land, and cut and shipped kauri logs; also built ships — the "Moehau," 1882 (schooner, Cabbage Bay), the "Norah," 1883 (schooner, Cabbage Bay) and one other (Eileen would probably know the name). Also "Stella" and "Isabel."

There Alfred (1880, July 4), Norah (1882, July 20) and Isabel (1884, June 21) were born; a Welsh lady, Mrs Evans, looked after and helped my mother.

John Fawcus, educated for the priesthood but later with the advisory council, was a close friend of Father.

Then there was some complication about land papers, something not too pleasant with John Inglis, and my Father went back to Kobe, Japan, and put up the engines for the paper mill in Kobe.

In 1886 my Mother left Auckland for Japan, with us three children. Mr Fawcus was a faithful friend. We arrived in Kobe, Japan, and stayed in a house adjoining the paper mill: wooden house, garden on both sides, and a large fig tree, two lovely daphne bushes outside the diningroom window.

In 1888 my Mother took Alfred, Norah and myself to Vancouver; they had decided to settle in British Columbia. However, we were there only for a short while, awaiting the arrival of my Father, when my Mother died suddenly, and we were sent back by ship to Kobe. We had a faithful Japanese nurse who looked after us, Fu San.

In 1889 Mr Newton, from Shanghai, China, who was from Armstrongs, English steel, came on a visit to Kobe; he was sent by Armstrongs to show the Chinese at the Kiangwan Arsenal how to make steel. With him were his wife and daughter, Jane Newton.

Later my Father married Jane Newton in the Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, then they returned to Kobe.

In 1891 Kathleen was born (August 1), in 1893 Edith (April 2). When Alfred was ten he went to Newcastle-on-Tyne to school, and stayed with his cousins, children of Alfred Blechynden, Father's brother, a very clever engineer.

In 1894 Father left the paper mill and we lived in a small, semi-Japanese house; then we left for Shanghai, passing through Nagasaki and visiting his engineer friend, Mr Wilson. Arived in Shanghai 1895. Here Father started a small business, an engineering works, down at Yangtzepoo, called Birt's Wharf. Yangtzepoo was that part of Shanghai near the lower part of the Whangpoo River, which flowed into the Yangtzekiang. We lived in a house in Yangtzepoo Terrace. Here Edgar was born.

Then we moved to Bubbling Well Road; then Carter Road; then Astor Terace; then Kungping Road, and finally Father built his own house in the Muirhead Road.

Alfred came from England and joined Father when he was seventeen. In the meantime Father, through sheer hard work and genius, built up the New Engineering and Shipbuilding Works till it became very well known and important. He was a wonderful person, kind and gentle and so honest, so persevering, so clever and capable, and such a great gentleman.

Father built the Oriental Dock, the Cosmopolitan Dock, and the Yangtzepoo Dock, all on the Whangpoo River.

Whilst building the Cosmopolitan and Oriental Docks, which were on the other side of the river, he lived and slept in a houseboat so as to be on the spot in case of any emergency.

In 1900 Father took a trip to England and later went from there to Bridgetown, West Australia, to visit Blechyndens there. Mother had taken a trip to England just before, and Father left when she returned.

Father built the first steamer to go up the Yangtzekiang Rapids (called the "Pioneer") for Archibald Little. Mrs Avesha Little was the first to introduce the Anti-Foot Binding League in China.

In 1900 the Boxer Rebellion broke out whilst Father was in England.

In the house Father built in Muirhead Road there were nice large rooms, and verandahs; a brick house. We imported eucalyptus and fir tree seeds from New Zealand, and planted them in the garden. Also imported a large number of eucalyptus seeds for Doctor Benucci Bocci, an Italian doctor, who grew a plantation from them at Wuhu and made the oil from them which he used as medicine. The meeting was quite by accident; we were on the train from Soochow, one of our family fell and cut his leg; the doctor rushed across and dabbed on eucalyptus oil, and so the acquaintance started. Annie Fawcus, daughter of Father's friend Mr Fawcus, came up to visit us.

Father built a house-boat to go up country called the "Tui," and Norah painted a picture of a tui to put in the boat. In this houseboat Father used to go up to Soochow, where he was installing the machine for making the silks, for which that city was famous.

On August 4, 1905, the twins Harold and Eileen were born, and Father called me to put up the flag!

In 1906 Father, Mother, Kathleen, Edith, Edward, Newton and the twins left for New Zealand. There, in Nelson, Father bought a house, bought land at Lake Rotoiti on the Buller River, and built a sea-going tug to go fishing.

He came up to Shanghai after that several times before he finally retired to Nelson.

—Recollections of Mrs Isabel Moller, of Montagu Square, London, February 10, 1969.

February 27, 1969 (replies to enquiries): (1) I am sure that Father did support his mother; also supported Mrs Inglis, his sister in New Zealand; I know he had Alfred and Edward as brothers, and a sister, Anne. (2) About the spy is quite correct. (3) Interesting about the monkey; I did not know this, but I am sure that it is true; how very interesting. (4) I know that for all the work Father did in Japan in those earlier years, he received no payment, through the dishonesty of one of the high officials. (5) The towing of the mined ship I am sure would be quite correct. I am quite sure that Father did all these things, and many more.

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John N Blechynden of The Roundell

I have been asked to write down what I can remember of the development of the Lake Rotoiti and Tophouse district from the secluded and almost unknown area as I first knew it to what it has become today. But first I think I should explain how I came to be there and how I came to stay for almost half a century: from 1910 to 1958.

John Blechynden 1846–1924.

John Blechynden 1846-1924. J. Blechynden.

My father, John Blechynden, was an engineer and shipbuilder. After training in his native Northumberland, he worked in ships and on shore in several parts of the world. He was employed on ships in the Red Sea by the Egyptian Government, and while there he is reputed to have made a secret visit to Mecca. As a delivery and guarantee engineer, he went to Japan with the first steamers sent there from England. His Chief Engineer's Certificate in the newly formed Japanese Marine was the fourth one issued. I have a photocopy of that. It is dated 1876. Father built scows and small coasters in Cabbage Bay, Coromandel (NZ). Then he moved back to Japan and built a paper mill in Kobe. From Japan the family moved to China. In Shanghai Father was engaged in building and then managing a dry dock capable of handling ships of 5000 tons and a general engineering and shipbuilding works. I have a dated photograph of the launching of a new passenger steamer for the Yangzte River trade. It was 2500 tons. When Father, in 1906, moved his family to New Zealand and settled finally in Nelson he was still obligated to be in Shanghai with the New Engineering and Shipbuilding Company Ltd for a part of each year up to 1916. He enjoyed only one year of retirement. In 1917 he suffered a stroke down his right side and was paralysed till his death in 1924.

About 1907 my father bought two bush sections of a total area exceeding 1600 acres (NZ). They were situated on opposite sides of the Tophouse to West Coast Road and stretched from Tophouse to the boundary between the Waimea and the Murchison Counties at the head of Black Valley. This is also the watershed between the Motupiko and Buller catchments.

When Lake Station was cut up Father bought the block from the top of Black Valley to Teetotal Creek, making his total holding over 4000 acres. Owing to the land regulations at the time this purchase had to be in my mother's name. I have been told that owing to a mistake in the Lands Department the usual one chain reserve on the lake shore and down the Buller River was forgotten and for some time Mother owned this strip without knowing it.

At the time of purchase the only building on the whole area was the small hut, one room with a fireplace at one end and four bunks at the other. On the shore of the lake, this was in a three-and-a-half-acre paddock surrounded by a substantial paling fence. Behind this was a horse paddock, the three wires would never have held sheep, on the slope of the hill. Twelve miles of drainage ditches had been dug by the Kerrs, three miles in the Duckpond and nine in Black Valley. A block fence which marked the limit of the land grazed by Lake Station was on the Tophouse side of the Roundell clearing.

Father spent a lot of money on the Roundell. By 1913 he had felled and grassed 600 acres of bush, erected several miles of fencing, and built a large, four-bedroom concrete house, a stable and general-purpose shed, a woolshed with a capacity of 300 woolly sheep, a complete set of drafting yards, a swim-through sheepdip, a large implement shed, and a blacksmith shop containing a forge and bellows of a

Chinese design made by Father himself. Soon after it was built the stable building was destroyed by fire and had to be replaced.

At the lake Father repaired and extended the Kerr hut adding a leanto right along the back and another on the end and a verandah along the front. The whare (Ed 'Whare' is a NZ expression for a hut) *would then sleep ten. He built a separate cookhouse, with a wood-burning cookstove, and a trap and harness shed. On the beach his new boatshed was big enough for two as it was to be shared with the Acclimatisation Society. Father's motorboat Eileen was kept there when we were not "in residence" but the launch was usually moored a little way out from the jetty when we were at the whare. On one occasion very heavy rain raised the lake level suddenly and the launch was dragged under by her anchor chain. I have forgotten just how they raised the boat but my brother-in-law, Jack Coote, a noted swimmer, had a lot to do with it.*

I can understand Father's interest in the lake and his property near it as he was a very keen trout fisherman, who once put 50, 000 Rainbow ova into the lake at his own expense. But I have never understood why he bought so much land and spent so much money developing it. He knew nothing about farming and never lived on the place. He never took an active part in its actual management. I never saw him ride a horse but he would, if he had to, sometimes drive old Canny in the gig. At the end, when he was lying paralysed, keeping it became an obsession with him and it was then that I promised to look after it.

I cannot be precise about when I first saw Lake Rotoiti. I know it was not later than 1910 but it could have been as early as 1909. Some old photographs show people and places but only one of them is reliably dated. I am sure our first visit as a family was to the Roundell where we camped under canvas on the Roundell flat, then an unspoiled open grassed area surrounded by unspoiled bush. Our tents were right on the bank of the Roundell Creek, then a very pleasant stream which a man could jump across. Two old photos show us as a posed group, Father and Mother, Kathleen, Edith and Edward, myself and twins Harold and Eileen. With us are Ivy Macahon who helped Mother in the house and a girl whom I cannot remember. Also in the group are Percy Andrews and Jonathan Porthouse with their horses and dogs. These two men were working for my father. Percy Andrews had taken up the section adjoining ours on the Wairau side and had built a rather crude hut which we called Snouter Villa next to our boundary. He later moved to a better one on the Wairau Road about a mile from the Tophouse Hotel. Jonathan Porthouse bought a farm at Kikiwa from Jock Brough, who I think was a relation. This farm was later occupied by Jack Tomlinson. Of interest only to me is that it was here I started work. At the beginning of January, 1919, a few days before my sixteenth birthday I started as roustabout for Jonathan Porthouse.

We have only one photograph which can be dated beyond any doubt and it proves that my Father had finished his additions to the Kerr Hutt before 1912. In this photo, taken by my sister, Kathleen, we are on the newly built verandah, Mother, Edith, Edward, Harold, Eileen and myself. With us was a young Australian Arthur Coningham, then working on the Roundell as a "cadet" but much later in life to become Air Vice Marshall Sir Arthur Coningham. (And my brother-in-law told him he was not worth ten shillings a week?). This photo was sent as a postcard to Father in China and is clearly date stamped 1912 in Belgrove and Shanghai.

After our tent camp at the Roundell our summer holidays were spent at the lake and from Christmas to the end of the school holidays we would have the lake almost exclusively to ourselves. We barely saw anyone. The only exception was on New Year's Day when the local people, local meaning Kikiwa, Kawatiri and Manuka Island, would gather for a picnic at the Lake followed by a dance at Charlie Carlsson's mill loft at Kikiwa. They arrived and departed on horseback and all manner of horse-drawn vehicles. Except for the burning of Mt Robert, the lake then was quite unspoiled. The ducks were natives. There were shags breeding in a rookery on the Mt Robert shore somewhere about Whisky Falls, and up to a dozen black swans bred in a small bay almost opposite on the St Arnaud side. We used to check on the nests and cygnets every summer. There were very large brown trout in the lake and the Travers River and enormous eels. Deer and rabbits had not then become a nuisance.

Getting our family and its luggage to and from Nelson and Lake Rotoiti was quite an adventure which I looked forward to all the year. Early in the morning a cab and express would be at our home in Brougham Street to take us to the railway station at Gloucester St. Usually we three boys would travel with the luggage so that a second cab would not be necessary. The train left Nelson about seven o'clock and arrived at our detraining station, Belgrove, about nine. At Belgrove John Banks would be waiting with his coach and horses for the thirty-mile trip to Tophouse. Johnnie, as he was usually known, ran a weekly service to Tophouse, returning the next day. His "coach" was actually a large express fitted with seats generally drawn by two horses. For the annual Blechynden invasion John Banks added a third horse in the lead. From Belgrove the route was up the Wai-iti River and over Reay's Saddle and down the Graham to Golden Downs. A stop was made for lunch at Golden Downs where there was an accommodation house made necessary by the ever-present possibility of floods making the ford impassable. I believe this old ford was about one mile downstream from the modern bridge site. It was very rough with big boulders making difficult footing for horses and increasing the drag of vehicles they were pulling. Across the Motueka River the road was up a very dreary Long Gully to Kerr's Hill. Quite visible on the long leading spurs of Kerr's Hill were the scars made by the old bullock wagons being dragged up with double teams and down with locked wheels. Kerr's Hill was a very long and winding pull for the horses and an equally long and winding trot down the Kikiwa side into the Motupiko Valley.

From Kikiwa to Tophouse the road climbs seven hundred feet in seven miles and it was a tired team which stopped at Tophouse in the evening. At the Tophouse Hotel Mrs Tomlinson always had hot meals and beds ready and Jack Tomlinson and Rosy Stone would help John Banks with the horses. The following morning John Banks would take us to the lake. As far as the Roundell the road was quite reasonable as the steep, straight up and down banks on each side of the Motupiko ford have been bypassed by side cuttings. But from the head of Black Valley, we were on the original wagon road, a rough, rock and stone covered track with two high banks as bad as those at Tophouse. The long, steep, stone covered slopes at the Switchback and the drop from the moraine to lake level required competent drivers sure of their horses. I used to think that the bank at the Lake was the worst of the two to drive up. There was something in the way the loose stones peeled away under the scrambling hooves that made footing very difficult and threatened to bring horses down. Also, about half way up the Switchback there was a sort of ledge where a driver could, if necessary, stop his vehicle and hold it with the brakes while his horses had a breather. The two crossings of the Black Valley Stream, which were to cause so much grief to motor vehicles in later years, were no problem to horses except in abnormal floods.

John Newton Blechynden aged 20, 1923. J. Blechynden.

At the end of our stay the return to Nelson would be a reversal of our trip up. John Banks and his team would be at the lake very early in the morning and we would arrive in Nelson by train sometime in the evening. I can't remember what the railway timetable was. I was probably too tired.

With the marriages of my two elder sisters and my father's stroke in 1917 our family holidays at the lake came to an end. By that time, I had my own horse which we kept in a paddock in Wainui Street. I would ride up to Tophouse when opportunity offered and stay with the Tomlinsons. One Easter I rode to Tophouse on Good Friday, had a look at the lake on Saturday, gave old Mag a rest on Sunday and back to Nelson on Monday.

When I went to live at the Roundell towards the end of 1921 I did so reluctantly. It was only my father's illness and his obsession with the place that persuaded me to do as he wished. What had been a wonderful place for holidays was, to my mind, no place to run a farm. I had not had much experience. For one year I worked on farms at Kikiwa, for Jonathan Porthouse, Charlie Carlsson and Vic Nicholls and for almost a year I was "The boy" on Benopai, a Marlborough station of twenty thousand acres running 12, 000 merinos. On Benopai the owner, George Rudd, and the manager Jack McKay and his brother Alex, who was a shepherd, were all very good to me. They kept me working but they also went out of

their way to see that I learned. Also, I had talked at length with Fred Nicholls, a practical farmer who had leased the Roundell for four years but refused to renew the lease. He painted a very dismal picture of the difficulties of running the place, especially of the unusually big stock losses which he said were unavoidable.

At the close of 1921 no-one lived at the lake but it was increasingly common to see camping parties and one or two illegal huts began to appear on the beach and in the scrub on the reserve on the east side of the Black Valley Stream. At the Roundell I lived alone (in a four-bedroom house). At Tophouse the Baxters were at the hotel and I think Tom Collins at the Post Office. Arthur Mead and George Herwin lived on opposite sides of the Motupiko about a mile below Tophouse. Arnold Mead was just above Rocky Creek and Vic Nicholls just below it. At Kikiwa there were the Carlssons and Lorrie and Randall McMurtry. The Kerrs, Arthur, Andrew and David, were at Blueglen. On the Wairau Road Percy Andrews lived about a mile from Tophouse and Mart Godbaz had a place about the top of the Red Hills cutting though he did not live there all the time. I think MacHorton was at Red Hills. Bill Kruse kept the Accommodation House at Manuka Island. Molesworth Station was obliged to keep the Accommodation House at the Rainbow open and the staff there came out to Tophouse for supplies and mail. I remember Bill Ryan, the Solomans, the Randersons and a chap named McKenzie who claimed to have served in both the Household Cavalry and the Royal North West Mounted Police. While the Randersons were at the Rainbow there was an occasion when Harold being unwell, Mrs Randerson came out with the packhorses alone. At Tophouse she was taken ill and it fell to me with the only car in the district to get her to a doctor at a time when rising rivers were threatening a flood. When I got to Kohatu the Norris Gully Creek was in flood but by great good fortune a Nelson bound train was at the station and I was able to get Mrs Randerson away on that. Two mornings later our postmaster rang. He had an urgent telegram from Nelson Hospital where Mrs Randerson was recovering after undergoing an appendectomy. The Post Office had no way of delivering that telegram so I saddled Bonnie, put a sandwich in my pocket, and rode fifty miles before I reached home again in the evening.

On the lake side my nearest neighbours were Phil Cummings at Speargrass and the Joyces at Lake Station. The Burts were at Station Creek, you turned up a rough track just beyond Harley's Rock. Ned Russ lived on the Gripps road about a mile this side of Kawatiri where work was still going on the railway. Newton McConochie lived at Glenhope. Up the Howard there were Alex McConochie, the Flemings, and Murray Mead. Joe Baigent and Ern Springer had farms in the Upper Buller. There were gold miners in the Maggie and the Maud. Originally our neighbour on the east side of Black Valley was just a name on our map, John Langley Adams. I never met him and cannot remember that he ever had any stock there though he did have cattle at the head of the lake where some went wild. When Jack Borlase's father bought the property, it was stocked with both sheep and cattle but it was several years before anyone lived on the place. They just came and went as stock work required it. During my year on Benopai I had been out of touch and found on my return that great changes had been made. The road up the Motupiko Valley had been completed by the cutting round the Korere Bluff and our mail now came by car from Kohatu. The new route was so very much easier. There was no Kerr's Hill and Reay's Saddle to climb over and the Motueka River was crossed by a bridge. At Kohatu there was a railway station and a hotel and at Motupiko a general store and blacksmith. Unless they had relatives at Belgrove most people moved their base to Kohatu. More of us started to use cars and trucks and tractors.

With the coming of the motor car, the building of the new road on the St Arnaud side of Black Valley and the replanning of the St Arnaud Village by the Department of Lands, reducing the area of the sections from a full acre, more people started to buy them and our local population increased. It also changed in character. We had been scattered farmers, bushmen and miners who seldom thought of the lake except as a meeting place on New Year's Day when any other central place would have done just as well. The new people came for the lake itself and the mountains surrounding it.

They came for the rivers and bush and later for the snow on Mt Robert. On the old plan of the St Arnaud Village there had been only one section marked with the name of a buyer, a Nelson chemist named Boon who had a shop in Hardy Street about where the entrance to Deka is now. The new map filled up with names, Ingram, Bishop, Leaper, Thompson, Stratford, Harley, Hagget, Tibbie and Pettit. All these

newcomers built dwellings of some sort, some to be used as holiday places and some as retirement homes. Harry and Mrs Fitzsimmons were among the latter. Fitz had been our local policeman for many years, operating from Wakefield, and we all knew him. He and Mrs Fitz made a wonderful garden completely surrounded by bush.

In 1930 the Crown acquired 80 acres from my mother and opened up a new subdivision on the western side of the road. This was in exchange for the Stock Reserve at the Roundell which was vital to the Roundell homestead. On my mother's death all the remaining land in her name near the lake was taken over by the Crown. When I left the Roundell in 1958 I subdivided a single line of sections along the road from the Duckpond corner to the gravel reserve near the bridge.

It was unfortunate that my parents owned so much land in the immediate vicinity of the lake that should never have been privately owned. It blocked public access and caused a great deal of resentment which I had to deal with as I was the man on the spot. All the land on the west of the road and west of the Black Valley Stream was our private property and from the foot of the hill was fenced with a hard-to-get-through paling fence. This did not matter before motor cars made the lake popular because the few people who came then had plenty of room on the reserve outside the fence. Later, when people arrived in crowds, they understandably resented being herded outside the fence while our little-used bach stood in three and a half acres of empty paddock. It was a long time before I could persuade my mother to give about one acre of land allowing the public free, and legal, access to the beach west of the stream.

The new road which diverted from the old route and crossed the Buller River not far below the lake cut off about, from memory, four hundred and fifty acres including West Bay frontage and the peninsula. This area was useless from a farming point of view and when it was suggested that it should become a public reserve, I tried to persuade my mother to give it for that purpose. However, she had other advisers and all I could manage was a reduction in the price. The public-spirited men who found the money to buy this land should be gratefully remembered by all who go to the lake. I wonder how many know who they were (J.G. Ingram, E. Thompson, F.G. Gibbs, H. Kidson, C.I. Kidson).

I have often been asked about the name of the isolated hill between the Duckpond and the lake. It was always called the Duckpond Hill by local people. The name, Black Hill, was probably bestowed by someone in an office who never say (sic) it. When I went to live in Nelson in 1958, I left a very different Tophouse-Lake Rotoiti district to that which I had brought to nearly fifty years before. Then the only man-made intrusion near the lake was the Lake Station mustering hut in its holding paddock and the rocky road scratched across the landscape to Tophouse and towards the West Coast. Now the whole area bordering the northern end of the lake at the now named Kerr Bay was traced with roads and dotted with cottages being built to town standards. Many of the people living there were permanent residents. They lived there all the year. There was a store and Post Office and petrol pump, a school and public hall, and near the lake shore shelter sheds and ablution blocks. And the National Park had arrived with a uniform and signs which read "Thou shalt not do this".

Outside the St Arnaud village large areas of bush had been felled and grassed and had carried stock and were now needing topdressing to make them worthwhile. Bulldozers had come and were clearing the stumps and logs into windrows to be burnt. Roads had been fenced on both sides and no longer had gates across them which had annoyed travellers, and rivers and streams were bridged or culverted. The Tophouse Hotel was now a lonely, seldom visited pub. The Tophouse Post and Telegraph Office which once handled all telegraph communication between Nelson, Marlborough and Westland was now just a bach, without a phone.

On Mt Robert there was now a ski field and I am reminded that when the first hut was being built it was decided to use wire bracing to lessen the amount of timber which would have to be ferried across the lake and carried up the mountain. They remembered the wire and forgot the staples. Les Tiller came to me. I showed him my staples kegs and invited him to help himself. I also remember that when one of my daughters was ill someone took a message up Mt Robert and Dr Peat came down to us.

The week I left the Roundell the Electricity people dumped the first load of concrete power poles near the woolshed.

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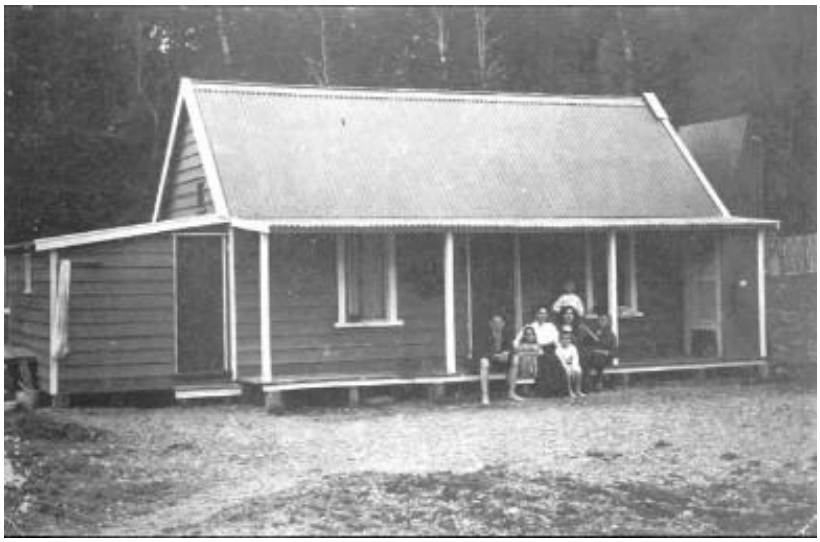

The Red Whare, Kerr Bay, Lake Rotoiti. J. Blechynden.

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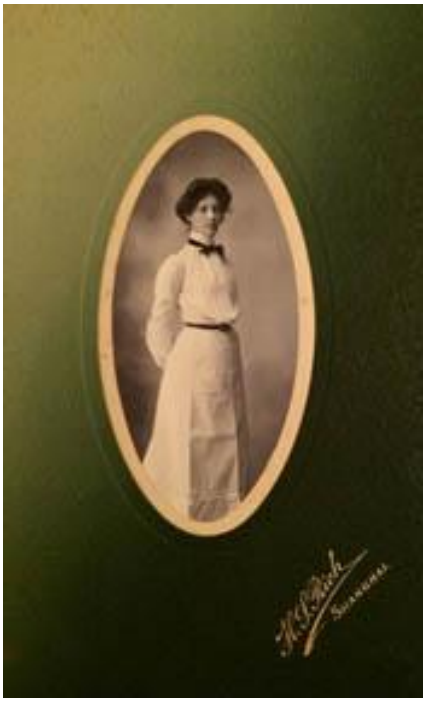
Headstone of Dorcus Frances Olive Blechynden (nee Davis) and John Newton Blechynden. Wakapuaka Cemetery, Nelson City, Nelson, NZ



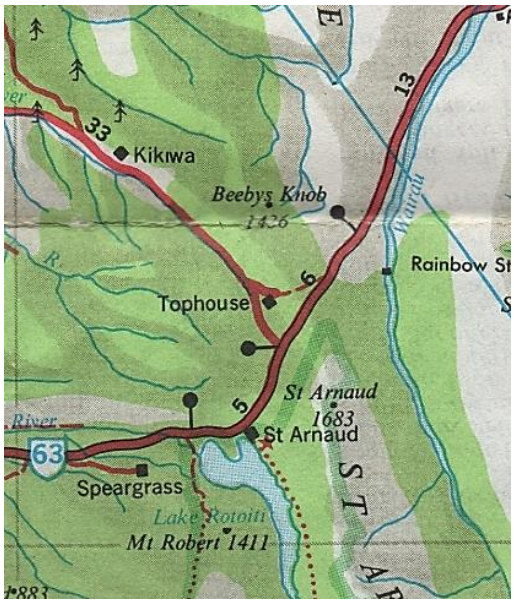
Norah Blechynden, eldest daughter of John Blechynden, engineer of Shanghai and his first wife, Isabella Lindsay. 'Bridgedale' collection

BLECHYNDEN SHELTER AT LAKE ROTOITI, SOUTH ISLAND, NEW ZEALAND:
https://www.roamingdownunder.com/lake-rotoiti.php.

Blechynden descendants still live in Nelson, Wellington and further south near Christchurch.

Details of the Blechynden Shelter at Lake Rotoiti, South Island, NZ.
This lake and adjoining area are where the Roundell and Blechynden properties referred to earlier were located.

Map showing where Nelson and Lake Rotoiti, near the village of St Arnaud, are located on the South Island of NZ.



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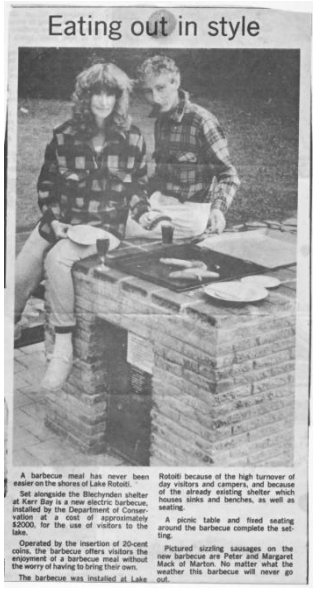
Eating out in style

A barbecue meal has never been easier on the shores of Lake Rotoiti.

Set alongside the Blechynden shelter at Kerr Bay is a new electric barbecue, installed by the Department of Conservation at a cost of approximately $2000, for the use of visitors to the lake.

Operated by the insertion of 20-cent coins, the barbecue offers visitors the enjoyment of a barbecue meal without the worry of having to bring their own.

The barbecue was installed at Lake Rotoiti because of the high turnover of day visitors and campers, and because of the already existing shelter which houses sinks and benches, as well as seating.

A picnic table and fixed seating around the barbecue complete the setting.

Pictured sizzling sausages on the new barbecue are Peter and Margaret Mack of Marton. No matter what the weather this barbecue will never go out.

The Blechynden Shelter – as at 2020 - near the edge of Lake Rotoiti.
It is located near St Arnaud on the lake at Kerr Bay Campground.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Launch of Blechypedia 1st Edition - 28 Aug 2023:

The first edition of *Blechypedia* was successfully launched at the Welcome Walls, near the Maritime Museum in Fremantle on 28 Aug 23. It incorporated a viewing of a pictorial display of the *Minstrel*, at the nearby South Metropolitan TAFE Offices and then a gathering at the Gage Roads Brewery. A few people from each family tree line were invited. Unfortunately, we could not invite everyone as it would have taken a whole oval. Perhaps another time in the future. It was wonderful to see everyone, all descendants or in-laws of Harrison and Charlotte Blechynden gathered together. *Blechypedia* was proudly displayed on a large screen. Ken Blechynden had printed off the whole book in 16 sections which proved very popular as everyone enthusiastically flipped though viewing and chatting amongst one another.

It was a wonderful experience as everyone gathered together chatting and exchanging their stories. That special family feeling of belonging was there in spirit and I am sure our ancestors would have approved.

A group photo was taken of family members gathered at the Welcome Walls, near the Maritime Museum in Fremantle. There were a few who came a bit later and are not in the photo. We have not attempted to name everyone due to privacy and confidentiality.

Photos taken at the launch, which show the enthusiasm and friendship as everyone chatted and enjoyed looking at their family tree line sections to which they had contributed in the book. Thank you to those who took the photos.

Appendix 2: Blechynden Agricultural Leases, 1915

It might be of interest to Blechynden descendants still on the land (and others) to see some historical data on Blechynden Agricultural and pastoral leases. Below are copies of the relevant pages from the 1915 Government Gazette of WA. These can also be accessed via the below websites, with the Blechynden entries starting on page 59.

https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/department/publications/publication/historical-agricultural-and-pastoral-leases

https://www.legislation.wa.gov.au/legislation/prod/gazettestore.nsf/FileURL/gg1915_008.pdf/$FILE/Gg1915_008.pdf?OpenElement

BLECHYNDEN AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL LEASES:

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, W.A. 59

Return of Leases, etc., showing Rent or Purchase Money due for first half of Year 1915.

Account No.		Name of Lessee or Licensee.	No.	Acreage.	Division or District.	Rent or purchase money.	Loc. No.	Date from which conditions start.	File No.	Plan No.
118	G1	Do	[illegible]	[illegible]	do ...	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
119	G1	Do	4537/68 ...	971	do ...	11 10 8	3770	27-1-09	7285/08	126/80 & 157/80
184	B1	Blechynden, Alfred ...	49/565 ...	155	Nelson ...	†1 10 0	..	1-9-94	2419/91	415/80, A2
185	B1	Do	1158/56 ...	77¼	do ...	0 19 6	1242	7-10-03	4214/02	415/80, A2
187	B1	Do	8496/56 ...	160	do ...	2 8 3	2921	1-4-10	4715/10	415/80, A2
186	B1	Do	4406/68 ...	1,340	do ...	38 5 3	2922, 3867	22-7-09	9511/08	415/80, A2
255	PL1	Blechynden, Art. ...	1304/93 ...	3,000	do ...	1 10 0	..	1-1-07	2525/07	437/80, B4
256	PL1	Do	1305/93 ...	4,000	do ...	2 0 0	..	1-1-07	2524/07	438/80, B4
189	B1	Do	3327/56 ...	100	do ...	1 5 0	1867	1-12-06	2857/05	438/80, B4
190	B1	Do	1647/55 ...	279	Avon ...	3 9 9	3589	12-8-01	11399/00	438/80, B4
764	N1	Do	2709/55w...	482	do ...	6 0 6	3827	29-7-02	9356/01	343/80, E4
12225	N6	Blechynden, Beatrice Annie	10704/56 ...	1,000	do ...	41 18 3	18916	1-4-12	17995/10	344/80, E1
7028	A4	Blechynden, B. G. M.	11596/56 ...	160	Plantagenet	1 2 6	3667	1-10-13	4754/13	451/80, B2
194	B1	Blechynden, Benjamin Harrison	4253/56 ...	500	Nelson ...	6 5 0	2250	1-11-06	3935/06	438 & 439/80
195	B1	Do	5119/56 ...	400	do ...	5 0 0	2135	1-1-07	11337/06	439B/40, F2
737	N1	Blechynden, Chas. E.	366/68 ...	2,000	Beverley ...	6 5 0	3075	1-4-01	1653/01	342A/40, A & B1
196	B1	Blechynden, Clayton Ashley	7739/56 ...	72	Nelson ...	0 7 5	5257	26-5-10	9865/09	443/80, A1
10105	HF2	Do	18506/74 ...	100	do S.F.	...	4391	1-7-12	5737/12	443/80 A1
		Do	,,	...	Survey fee ...	...	..	..	..	..
198	B1	Blechynden, Edwin ...	5146/55 ...	100	Nelson ...	1 5 0	1324	15-7-03	1826/03	415/80, B4
200	B1	Do	3525/68 ...	300	do ...	2 6 11	3236	4-8-08	10787/07	415/80, B4
199	B1	Do	4048/55 ...	300	do ...	3 15 0	1270	15-7-03	10502/02	443/80, D4
201	B1	Do	20837/55 ...	164	do ...	2 1 0	2722	26-11-08	6725/08	415/80, B2
202	B1	Blechynden, Ernest Chas.	15877/55 ...	184	do ...	2 6 0	2040	27-7-07	3257/06	415/80, A4
203	B1	Do	2126/55 ...	500	do ...	6 5 0	1152	1-7-02	3299/01	415/80, A4
741	N1	Blechynden, Ernest Walter	6751/56 ...	970	Avon ...	36 6 3	13626	11-3-10	9139/08	344/80, E1
738	N1	Do	6427/68 ...	1,001	do ...	46 9 4	18915	1-7-11	17994/10	344/80, E1
742	N1	Blechynden, Frank Harrison	1663/55 ...	488	Beverley ...	6 2 0	53, 54	1-10-01	11520/00	343/80, A & B3
743	N1	Do	406/68 ...	2,000	Avon ...	10 8 4	3899	9-8-02	4939/01	343/80, A & B3
744	N1	Do	1534/68 ...	300	do ...	1 15 0	5467	5-2-04	7749/03	343D/40, A & B3
745	N1	Do	46/772 ...	211	do ...	2 12 9	50	1-7-96	6812/96	342C/40
746	N1	Do	46/789 ...	247	do ...	3 1 9	51	1-7-96	7970/96	342C/40
206	B1	Blechynden, Geo. H. ...	48/2414 ...	294	do ...	3 10 6	..	1-7-96	1592/92	344/80, E1
205	B1	Do	15363/55 ...	294	do ...	3 7 6	1433	16-5-07	230/06	415/80, C3

* On leases marked thus, rent will be reduced by half on the furnishing of a stock declaration by 1st March. † Crown grant fee. ‡ On leases marked thus, rent will be doubled unless a stock declaration is furnished by 1st March. ‖ Signifies change of conditions. § Stock declaration required (see special note, first page).

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747	N1	Blechynden, Grace Emma	2215/56 ...	500	Avon ...	6 5 0	53, 54	1-10-01	11520/00	343/80, A & B3
2795	B2	Blechynden, Hazel Minna	10540/56 ...	200	Nelson ...	3 12 1	7115	1-4-12	10140/11	438/80, D4
750	N1	Blechynden, Henry Geo.	1320/55w	200	Avon ...	2 10 0	2426	1-7-00	8111/00	..
748	N1	Do	214/68 ...	1,004	do ...	5 4 7	3519	20-3-01	9008/99	Avon 17, C & D1
749	N1	Do	1884/55 ...	100	do ...	1 5 0	3639	27-4-01	14008/00	343 & 378/80
752	N1	Blechynden, Henry Herb.	367/68 w	991	do ...	5 3 3	3725	29-7-02	1614/01	..
751	N1	Do	2708/55w	118¾	do ...	1 9 9	3826	29-7-02	7360/01	343 & 378/80
6849	A4	Do	33029/55 ...	100	Plantagenet	1 5 0	3595	1-7-13	755/13	451/80, B2
753	N1	Blechynden, Horace E.	5370/55 ...	109	Beverley ...	1 7 3	64	1-4-03	2909/03	342C/40, E & F 3 & 4
208	B1	Blechynden, Jas. ...	424/56 ...	442	Nelson ...	5 10 6	1023	9-8-02	11763/99	..
209	B1	Do	4009/55 ...	300	do ...	3 15 0	1268	10-8-03	10001/02	342C/40, E & F 3 & 4
210	B1	Do	1909/68 ...	1,739	do ...	8 6 7	1468	23-3-05	11683/03	415/80, C4
212	B1	Blechynden, Jane ...	7381/56 ...	60	do ...	0 15 0	4410	8-8-10	3992/09	443/80, A1
211	B1	Do	8016/56 ...	123¾	do ...	1 15 6	4025	23-8-10	12871/09	443/80, A1
215	B1	Blechynden, John Wm.	48/5144 ...	100	do ...	1 5 0	612	1-7-98	13902/98	342C/40, E & F 3 & 4
257	PL1	Do	1419/93 ...	6,600	do ...	3 10 0	..	1-7-07	6281/07	415/80
214	B1	Do	187/61 ...	1,082	do ...	13 10 6	1850	1-7-05	6145/05	415/80, A3
754	N1	Blechynden, Jos. ...	5155/55 ...	340	do ...	4 5 0	4609	25-2-04	1877/03	..
755	N1	Do	5259/55 ...	234	do ...	2 18 6	4610	25-2-04	1877/03	342C/40, F4
756	N1	Do	8296/55 ...	100	do ...	1 5 0	5877	17-11-05	617/04	343/80, D4, E4
757	N1	Do	8508/55 ...	130	do ...	1 12 6	5878	19/5/05	617/04	343/80, D & E4
758	N1	Do	11542/55 ...	198	do ...	2 9 6	7103	12-6-05	552/05	378B/40, E1
759	N1	Do	2781/56 ...	100	do ...	1 5 0	7105	19-5-05	554/05	343/80, D4
760	N1	Do	3565/56 ...	110	do ...	1 7 6	8334	19-4-06	11511/05	343/80, E4
11708	N6	Do	10164/56 ...	130¾	do ...	2 6 2	18578	1-10-11	4605/11	343/80, E4, 378B/40, E1
761	N1	Do	2110/68 ...	456	do ...	2 17 0	7106	6-1-06	1413/04	378B/40
765	N1	Blechynden, Sydney Thos.	48/2779w	600	do ...	7 10 0	2370	1-6-97	1239/97	343/80, E4
766	N1	Do	1278/55w	400	do ...	5 0 0	3526	29-6-01	7530/00	343/80, E4
767	N1	Do	1627/56w	225½	do ...	2 16 6	4368	16-3-04	6598/03	343A/40, B1
				a. r. p.						
768	N1	Do	1703/56w	34 2 10	do ...	0 10 0	4629	10-8-04	6598/03	343A/40, B1
769	N1	Do	2296/68w	1,111	do ...	5 1 10	6271	7-6-05	4339/04	343A/40, B1
				a. r. p.						
13504	N7	Blechynden, Sydney Thomas	893/57 ...	3 3 23	Avon ...	4 3 10	2944 21247	23-3-05 1-10-14	5270/03 6153/14	343A/40, B1 343A/40, B1
770	N1	Blechynden, Thos. H.	5814/55w	100	Williams ...	1 5 0				
771	N1	Do	11316/55w	159½	do ...	2 0 0	5444	14-10-05	13250/04	409B/40, D2
216	B1	Blechynden, Walter	1837/55 ...	100	Nelson ...	1 5 0	1122	27-8-01	13587/00	409B/40, D2

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771	N1	Do	11316/55w	159½	do ...	2 0 0	5444	14-10-05	13250/04	409B/40, D2
216	B1	Blechynden, Walter Edward	1837/55 ...	100	Nelson ...	1 5 0	1122	27-8-01	13587/00	409B/40, D2
218	B1	Do	11076/55 ...	567	do ...	7 1 9	1700	31-10-05	12290/04	443/80, A1
219	B1	Do	5201/56 ...	200	do ...	2 10 0	2673	20-9-07	11973/06	443/80, A1
217	B1	Do	3804/55 ...	100	do ...	1 5 0	1258	1-4-02	8616/02	..
220	B1	Do	6694/56 ...	100	do ...	1 5 0	3818	1-10-08	8626/08	443/80, A1
221	B1	Do	7382/56 ...	103	do ...	1 5 9	4412	1-7-09	3994/09	443/80, A1
4273	PL3	Do	2307/93 ...	500	do ...	§0 10 0	..	1-1-12	102/12	443/80, A1
772	N1	Blechynden, Wm. H.	1669/55w	100	Avon ...	1 5 0	3593	27-4-01	11594/00	Avon 17C
763	N1	Do	2405/55 ...	300	do ..	3 15 0	3772	14-1-04	5649/01	343/80, E4
224	B1	Blechynden, John William, and Davies, Herbert	48/2589 ...	100	Nelson ...	1 5 0	551	1-8-97	8085/96	438/80, B & C1
225	B1	Do	48/3546 ...	150	do ...	1 17 6	691	1-4-98	8844/97	443/80, A1
226	B1	Do	6083/55 ...	124½	do ...	1 11 3	1368	13-12-04	6681/03	443/80, A1
228	B1	Do	195/61 ...	280	do ...	3 10 0	1366, 1914	1-10-05	11780/05	439/80
227	B1	Do	5293/56 ...	97¼	do ...	1 4 6	2680	9-9-07	876/07	439B/40, F2
775	N1	Blencowe, Arthur W.	3494/55 ...	100	Avon ...	2 16 0	4061	1-5-13	4480/02	2A/40, C1

Appendix 3: Relationship Calculator

When reading *Blechypedia*, Blechynden descendants might be interested to know the correct relationship terminology for their ancestors or current cousins. The below might help.
https://www.family-tree.co.uk/how-to-guides/relationship-calculator/relationship-calculator

How to use the relationship calculator:

First choose the most recent common ancestor that and your ancestor share. For example, for those in different lines of descendants from Harrison and Charlotte, this 'most recent common ancestor' will be Harrison.

Visualise that name in the 'common ancestor' box at the top left of the below calculator. Use the Blechypedia Table of Contents to easily figure out what level of grandchild you are and also what level of grandchild your Blechynden cousin is.

Using the above information, move your finger along the top row until you find your relationship to the 'common ancestor' (i.e., 3 x great-grandchild).

Then move your finger down the left-hand column until you find their relationship to the 'common ancestor' (i.e., 2 x grandchild).

The point at which the row and column meet show your relationship to each other (i.e., third cousin once removed).

common ancestor	child	grandchild	great-grandchild	2x great-grandchild	3x great-grandchild	4x great-grandchild	5x great-grandchild	6x great-grandchild
child	brother/ sister	nephew/ niece	grand-nephew/ niece	great-grand-nephew/ niece	2nd great-grand-nephew/ niece	3rd great-grand-nephew/ niece	4th great-grand-nephew/ niece	5th great-grand-nephew/ niece
grandchild	nephew/ niece	first cousin	first cousin once removed	first cousin twice removed	first cousin 3x removed	first cousin 4x removed	first cousin 5x removed	first cousin 6x removed
great-grand child	grand-nephew/ niece	first cousin once removed	second cousin	second cousin once removed	second cousin twice removed	second cousin 3x removed	second cousin 4x removed	second cousin 5x removed
2x great-grandchild	great-grand-nephew/ niece	first cousin twice removed	second cousin once removed	third cousin	third cousin once removed	third cousin twice removed	third cousin 3x removed	third cousin 4x removed
3x great-grandchild	2nd great-grand-nephew/ niece	first cousin 3x removed	second cousin twice removed	third cousin once removed	fourth cousin	fourth cousin once removed	fourth cousin twice removed	fourth cousin 3x removed
4x great-grandchild	3rd great-grand-nephew/ niece	first cousin 4x removed	second cousin 3x removed	third cousin twice removed	fourth cousin once removed	fifth cousin	fifth cousin once removed	fifth cousin twice removed
5x great-grandchild	4th great-grand-nephew/ niece	first cousin 5x removed	second cousin 4x removed	third cousin 3x removed	fourth cousin twice removed	fifth cousin once removed	sixth cousin	sixth cousin once removed
6x great-grandchild	5th great-grand-nephew/ niece	first cousin 6x removed	second cousin 5x removed	third cousin 4x removed	fourth cousin 3x removed	fifth cousin twice removed	sixth cousin once removed	seventh cousin

This website uses that same approach except that it automates the process:
https://www.famlii.com/tools/family-relationship-calculator/. Of course, you still need to work out what level of grandchild you and your cousin are to your common ancestor.

A bit of ancestral mathematics is also worth contemplating. In order to be born, you needed:

two parents
four grandparents
eight great-grandparents
16 second great-grandparents
32 third great-grandparents
64 fourth great-grandparents
128 fifth great-grandparents
256 sixth great-grandparents
512 seventh great-grandparents
1,024 eighth great-grandparents
2,048 ninth great-grandparents

So, for you to be born today from 12 previous generations, you needed a total sum of 4,094 ancestors over about the last 400 years.

How many struggles? How many battles? How many difficulties? How much sadness? How much happiness? How many love stories? How many expressions of hope for the future? – did your ancestors have to undergo for you to exist in this present moment…

The above concept caused much discussion between Blechynden cousins, Lindsay Adams and Ken Blechynden. Consider, for example, a reverse multiplication of the above figures. If each of the 2,048 sets of grandparents has (only) two offspring, and each of those offspring have two offspring (on average) for 11 generations, that equates to 4,194,304 cousins. That is also rather daunting!

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